

MINUTES OF ROSTHERNE PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL OPEN PARISH MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM
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Present: Councillors E. Wakefield (EW), D. Fenton (DF), A. Marsland (AM), P. Robinson (PR), T. Burgess (TB), K. Burgon (KB) & S Booth

Also Present: Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk), C. Blackburn (TG), L Nelson & J Pettman from (AMEY SRM).

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm.

1. Minutes Silence:

A minute's silence was observed in memory of The Duke of Edinburgh before Council business ensues.

2. Welcome and receive apologies:

2.1 Apologies for absence were given from the following Councillors:

2.1.1 Cllr J Gate (JG) – Isolating.

2.1.2 Cllr B Beverley (BB) – Isolating.

2.1.3 Ward Cllr C Leach (WCCL) – Unforeseen circumstances.

3. Declarations of interest:

3.1 Councillors are to declare if they hold any interest on any agenda item for this meeting.

3.1.1 **Resolved** that no interest was declared at this meeting.

4. Council to agree the 2020 Annual Open Parish Council minutes:

4.1 To agree the 2020 AP meeting held on 13/05/20, [P211], was a true and accurate record.

4.1.1 **Moved** by DF, seconded by EW.

5. To discuss any matters arising from the afore mentioned set of minutes.

5.1 **Resolved** that no matters arose from the set of minutes.

6. Opening comments from the Vice Chairperson:

6.1 Recap:

6.1.1 The Vice Chair recapped that last year had been difficult and a strange year for us all. However, the Parish Council have consciously tried to keep a visible and active profile in Rostherne.

6.2 Visitors:

6.2.1 There have been lots of people visiting Rostherne and Tatton Park since the lockdown ensued but we have continued to monitor the community and report the areas that require attention.

6.3 Sheep:

6.3.1 Cllr Fenton reported there have been a few attacks on the sheep recently.

7. Invitations sent requesting representation from the following speakers/groups.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, it was requested, that if a guest speaker could not attend. could they furnish the PC with an up-to-date report that could be circulated ahead of the meeting?

7.1 Tatton Group:

7.1.1 Mr. Brooks passed on his thanks to all the Cllrs that attend his father's funeral. He wants to assure RPC that he and his wife will continue to look after the village.

7.1.2 Conservation work to integrate new ponds and dams, which will filter water before it reaches 'The Mere'. Trees will also be planted in Mobberly.

An update will be offered when the work commences.

Q: Cllr Burgess asked if Natural England (NE) owns The Mere.

A: Only the car park belongs to Tatton.

7.2 Highways England/Amey SRM (HE/ASRM):

L Nelson & J Pettman attended the meeting and introduce themselves and delivered a short presentation detailing the following points.

7.2.1 The regional network and is one of the most diverse area of motorways and major A roads in the country to maintain. The region is home to Manchester and Liverpool major international airports and big shopping centres attracting hundreds of thousands of people every day. HE/ASRM are looking at ways to increase capacity improve connections from the northern gateway to the Pennines whilst making sure your journeys are as reliable as possible. HE/ASRM will use the latest technology to improve journeys safety and the environment.

7.2.2 The scheme involves the construction of a new bridge, providing two new dedicated links between the M6 and the A556. Improvements to the local roads south of the junction, including new traffic signals to improve safety and a better route at across the roundabout for pedestrians can cyclists.

7.2.3 HE/ASRM will be addressing predicted increases in congestion and queuing at the M6, Jct 19, by improving safety due to an increase in vehicles per day by 2036, which will likely increase accident rates. The scheme will reduce congestion and queuing that would stretch back onto the motorways. Installing traffic lights on local roads are to reduce the risk of collision after exiting the junction. This will shorten journey times through the junction. Pedestrian and cycle routes across the junction will be a benefit to local people as it will improve the connectivity for local communities.

7.2.4 HE/ASRM is progressing towards being open to traffic by summer 2021 although in the meantime the following overnight road closures will take place on; 4,5,6,13,14,15 and possibly 18,19,20 June. There will also be 5 to 7 overnight closures from 9pm to 6am on the 17th & 19th.

Questions & Answers:

7.2.1.1 DF: reported that the soil that is being used is full of ragwort this is being moved to the Jct 19 an M6 project. PR asked if the soil could be sterilised?

A: Contaminated soil can be sterilised by using other organic matter.

Action: JP said he will take this back to the head office and LN took note of DF email address.

7.2.1.2 KB: Reported that due to a diversion route a property is experiencing distressing noise levels from vibrations from construction lorries. This is also causing damage to the drains.

Action: JP said he will take this back to the head office.

7.2.1.3 DF: reported that the curbs at the roundabouts are just being completely damaged. In addition, the installed chevrons are damaged and are not visible, this creates no warning signs to the vehicles exiting the A556 therefore resulting in the vehicles driving over the roundabout at speed. This has been reported to CCE and HE England on numerous occasions.

Action: JP said he will try to put temporary road management in place.

7.2.5 Community Events:

LN asked if there were any community events that would benefit from manpower or funding for a project?

7.2.5.1 TB: updated on the work that has been carried out at Egerton Hall.

7.2.5.2 PR: St Pauls church would benefit greatly from the road being tarmacked and other works such as renewing fencing and helping with decorating.

7.3 CEC Highways:

There were no representatives at the meeting.

7.3.1 TB: Reported that council should have given the Parish Council an explanation as to why the dangerous roads at Ashley mile has not been dealt with.

7.3.2 KB: Requested that the PC writes to NE and the Transport Secretary to enquire what their duty of care policy is, in reference to this invasive weed 'ragwort' being left untreated.

DEFRA will also be contacted because of the danger the weed poses to animals.

Action: PC will write to NE and Defra.

7.4 Cheshire Constabulary:

There were no representatives at the meeting.

7.5 Ward Cllr Leach:

Offered apologies before the meeting.

8. Open Forum Q & A:

8.1 **Resolved**; no questions had been received about any local issues.

9. Annual Risk Register (ARR):

9.1 The ARR was presented to the Cllrs at the meeting.

9.1.1 **Proposed** by EW, seconded by DF.

9.1.2 **Resolved** no questions were asked by the Council members.

10 Annual Parish Council Meeting 2022.

10.1 **Proposed**; that the 2022 Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Councillor E Wakefield
Vice Chairman
Rostherne Parish Council