MINUTES OF ROSTHERNE PARISH COUNCIL
Bi-MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 8PM
AT THE SWAN HOTEL, BUCKLOW HILL

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Present: Cllr J. Gate (JG), D. Fenton (DF), K. Burgon (KB) P. Robinson (PR),
S Booth, Parish Clerk (PC)

1. OPEN MEETING:
The Chair opened the meeting at 8pm.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Apologies received and accepted for this meeting were from B. Beverley (BB), E. Wakefield (EW), A. Marsland (AM) Cllr C Leach .

3. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT:
There was no representative or report received for this meeting.

4. REPORT FROM TG:
Ms C Blackburn attended the meeting and updated the Cllrs that there will be filming taking place at Ashley Hall and Millington over the forthcoming weeks. There may be loud noises so don't be alarmed.
All Rostherne properties will be occupied over the Christmas period.

5. CEC WARD CLLR CHARLOTTE LEACH:
Due to work commitments apologises were received from Ward Cllr C Leach, no report was received.

6. REPORT FROM FISHER GERMAN:
Mr Burgon (KB) updated the Council that a decision has been made for Egerton Hall to remain as a village hall and it will stay under the control of the estate; administration work and discussions with 'Friends of Rostherne are underway.
The Cllrs agreed that this is a positive move for Rostherne and going forward the PC would like to make use the building for meetings and village events. Use of Rostherne website is also available.
Reports of flooding in the area have been bad and KB spoke with Cllr Fenton and they will liaise with each other. Marsh Lane has not been dry at all through the summer months.
The Clerk will also escalate this to a higher level.

7. HS2 UPDATE:
Carol Evans (CE) and Jayne Willetts (JW) had offered apologises and sent a brief update.

At the last meeting, CE and JW discussed the Oakervee Review and the timescales that this review would take. HS2 are still waiting for the outcome from the Department for Transport, as the review is still ongoing and so are unable to give any further update now.

The Design Refinement Consultation (DRC) has now closed, and the responses are currently being reviewed, HS2 are awaiting the Secretary of States instruction on the next stages.

The next IAG North meeting will be 5th December at 7pm Mere & Tabley Community Centre (TBC)

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest from the attending Cllrs were declared for this meeting.

9. OPEN FORUM:

There were no members of the public in attendance at this meeting.

10. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS BI- MONTHLY PARISH MEEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes from the bi-monthly meeting held on the 11th September 2019 was a true & accurate record. They were approved by the council members present and then signed by the Chair.

11. MATTERS ARISING:

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no matters arising from the above both set of minutes presented at this meeting.

12. PLANNING MATTERS:

It was RESOLVED that there were no active planning applications to report for this period.

13. GATEWAY SIGNAGE:

The Clerk updated the Council that she had enquired with DF if the gateway signs and highway issues have been completed; the answer was no. The Clerk then emailed Mr Davies at CEC a follow up response was also received from Cllr K Parkinson.
The following responses were received;

CEC - May I apologise for the delay with the installation of the gateway feature signs. I can confirm that none of the planned gateway feature signs have been installed for any of the parishes affected by the A556 Mitigation works, however I must highlight that all gateway feature works are with our construction team awaiting programming. Within the Cheshire East area there have been multiple events over the past couple of months that have required assigned resource for various projects (including this one) to be redistributed elsewhere to ensure a timely and appropriate response is delivered- many projects have been effected as a result, and therefore delays to planned works are inevitable. Once these works are programmed for delivery and a date is confirmed I will inform you as soon as possible.

WCKP - High Legh's pathways (cleaning and repairs) will possibly be done at the same time as the signage, and I suspect that is what is causing a delay as it have been referred for a secondary costings review.
The Clerk will be responding to the above and will be asking for details on where the funds have been allocated and why the verges have not been dealt with.

14. CASUAL VACANCY:

There has been no interest shown in the Parish Council vacancy, It will continue to be advertised in the local newsletter and on the website. If there is local resident that is interested please contact the Clerk or Chairman or send a letter of interest to the Parish Clerk; Cllrs will also spread the word.

15. UPDATE FROM THE CLERK:
The Clerk updated that she has been in touch with CEC regarding the Gateway signs and will be following this and highways issues up.
The 2020 dates were issued and the Clerk will keep the parishioners updated on venue.

16. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION:
As there were no members of the public in attendance the Chair did not have to exercise the right to ask members of the public to leave the meeting.

17. ANNUAL PRECEPT:
Council discussed and agreed that there will be no changes to the precept charges for 2020/2021.

18. BI-MONTHLY FINANCE:
The Clerk updated the Council with the up to date bank balance and presented the following remittance/cheques for signing.

Remittance Advice paid:

- RPC/RA/59 – PKF Littlejohn - £48.00 - Chq 000418 (chq sent 11/10/19)

Remittance Advice to be paid

- RPC/RA/60 – Enable Media.com - £419.99 - Chq 000419
- RPC/RA/61 – Clerk Salary - £AR - Chq 000420
- RPC/RA/62 – HMRC PAYE - £99.99 - Chq 000421

Chq book and remittance have been signed.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:
JG: Updated the Council that Rostherne have been awarded 'Winner' in the 2019 Best Kept Village competition. JG also congratulated DF for the 'Little Gem' award that he and his wife received for their farm shop. DF and his wife attended the presentation evening and enjoyed the evening; photos of the awards are on the website.

DF: Asked the Clerk what is the last date we can add items to the agenda.
A. The Clerk said the agenda can be changed 3 days before the meeting.

- There are problems with dog walkers letting the dogs run in the crops can we look at signage for this issue?
- Can the PC donate towards a bench in memory of Mr Norbury.
  A: Both will be items to discuss on the next agenda.

KB: Enquired can we find out how many people access the website and if users can subscribe to notifications?
A. The Clerk will liaise with KB and send the contact at Web.com to KB.

It was agreed that the Christmas get together will be on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at The Swan Hotel.

20. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING
The next bi-monthly parish meeting has been scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 8th January 2020** and will take place at 8pm at **THE SWAN HOTEL, BUCKLOW HILL**, [unless otherwise notified].

Following meeting dates are as follows:
Wednesday 18th March 2020: 8pm
Wednesday 13th May 2019: 8pm - AP & AGM
Wednesday 8th July 2019: 8pm
Wednesday 9th Sept 2020: 8pm
Wednesday 11th Nov 2020: 8pm

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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Councillor J Gate
Chairman

LIST OF ACRYONIMS

RPC – Rostherne Parish Council
CLLRS – Councillors
AR – Agreed Rate
CEC – Cheshire East Council
CEG – Cheshire East Gateway
FG – Fisher German
TE– Tatton Group
CC – Cheshire Constabulary