

**MINUTES OF ROSTHERNE PARISH COUNCIL
Bi-MONTHLY MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 8PM
AT EGERTON HALL.**

Present: In the Chair Cllr J Gate, Cllrs D Fenton, , L Connaughton, E Wakefield & Clerk S Booth.

1. CHAIR TO OPEN THE BI- MONTHLY MEETING:

The Chair Cllr J Gate opened the meeting at 8pm. Formal introductions were carried out.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Jamie McCrae D McKeegan, B Beverly, P Robinson
IT WAS RESOLVED by all Councillors that the above apologies was received and accepted.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

IT WAS RESOLVED that no declarations of interest were declared at this meeting.

4. SMART MOTORWAY:

Dave West (Project Manager) and Richard Lee (Traffic Management Manager) both from Galliford Try, attended the meeting. Points that were covered within the proposal of the smart motorway were;

- Hard shoulders will be converted into running lanes thus creating a four-lane motorway between junctions 6 & 8 on the M56.
- New speed warning signage will be installed.
- Four emergency access areas 2 kilometres apart will be created, this will cause carriageway works for 6 to 7 kilometres.
- Current ecological and geological surveys are being carried out, activity will have been noticed.
- Site clearance will soon to be started. Phase 4 has been completed. Phase 5 will be detailed and then phase 6 will be carriageway work. All diversions will be clearly signposted.
- The general design principles will be the same as the M6. The principle of works is to maximize the amount of traffic that is on the carriageway by using controlled flows without causing disruption.
- Projected timescales are; East bound carriageways start Jan 19, then over to west bound/middle carriageways, working towards a completion date of Dec 19.
- CCTV is constantly monitoring the carriageways. In case of an incident, lanes will automatically be closed to minimise disruption to the flow of traffic.
- Closures will happen overnight.
- The compound at the Bowdon roundabout will more than likely be the site but not confirmed as yet.
- An emergency contact number will be circulated to the Parishes and a public liaison officer will be the first point of contact.

Cllr Fenton asked if the ragwort would be dealt with. Mr West indicated it will be dealt with and that they have also encountered, Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed.

5. CHERRY TREE LANE:

Mr Blair from WYG updated the meeting on a letter received from Highways England regarding issues with Cherry Tree Lane Highways England. Mr Blair confirmed that he had entered into dialogue with HE, but they have now ceased with any further dialogue with him going forward. It was requested that if the Parish Council are unhappy with the standard of this road then an official letter detailing the issues they have, should be actioned . A few of the issues that were discussed are as follows;

- On many occasions we have been informed about numerous incidents and hair raising near misses on this bend. There is nowhere to pull in to avoid oncoming cars, as the curbs are too high. There has been many curb strikes, of which are evident.
- In addition there is no forward stopping sight distance; at one point the hedges obscure any line sight and it is only a matter of time before a very serious accident occurs.
- This road/bend is in our opinion, sub standard and unsatisfactory, it is also used a feeder road in Tatton especially when shows are on.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council will write an official letter to Mr Blair to support the unacceptable road. A letter will also be sent to MP E McVey office.

6. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT:

There were no representatives from Cheshire Constabulary at this meeting, however the following Issues were discussed.

- Travellers have been seen near The Nags Head.
- The Parish needs to be extra vigilant; a WhatsApp group for quick communication will be set up.
- A blue van with red wheels has also been seen driving around.
- Fly tipping on Manchester Road is becoming a problem and needs to be tackled.

No more incidents of note.

7. OPEN FORUM:

There were no public in attendance.

8. MINUTES FROM THE 10TH JULY 2018 APM:

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes from the bi-monthly parish meeting held on the 10th July 2018 were a true & accurate record, passed by Cllrs DF & LC and then signed by The Chair.

9. MINUTES FROM THE 8TH AUGUST 2018 APM:

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes from the extraordinary meeting held on the 8th August 2018 were a true & accurate record, passed and signed by the Chair Cllr J Gate.

10. MATTERS ARISING:

IT WAS RESOLVED that there were no matters arising from the above bi-monthly and extraordinary Parish minutes.

11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** Council RESOLVED there were no concerns with the below planning application.

- **18/4173M – Proposal – Banner Signage: Rostherne Lodge, Ashley Road, Mere, WA16 6SG**

12. CEC CLLR MACRAE REPORT:

Apologies were offered and the Clerk is to request an informal meeting for Wednesday 3rd October.

13. REPORT FROM CEC SIMON SKATES:

I have been waiting for the designer to provide the location plans and proposals for any additional road markings that may be included to compliment and reinforce the village gateway. Unfortunately, he is on leave until the 18th September and I will push them to confirm progress as soon as they return.

Please find attached the Rostherne mock-up for the locations at Rostherne Lane as you come off the B5569/Chester Road heading towards Rostherne. Available verge width is limited on Rostherne Lane so the gateway feature has been reduced in width so it will fit without compromising the highway use.

The Bucklow Hill one will sit back to back with Bucklow Hill and will be located near the junction of Mereside Road and Cicely Mill Lane.

I have also attached the plan used for the works information to the designer which does identify the indicative locations although final position will need to be confirmed and agreed once the designer has provided their comments. Also attached is a mock-up for a gateway feature we are looking at installing at Handforth which incorporates a planter. Whilst I can instruct these to be installed I would need confirmation from the Parish that they would be able to look after the planting.

We would not be able to include a planter in the Rostherne Lane feature due to its restricted width but the one at Bucklow Hill can.

I do not believe that the locations will alter very much and would welcome your thoughts on the proposals.

14. REPORT FROM TEM:

Rachel Wilbraham attended and proceeded to inform the Cllrs that the new name will be 'Tatton Group'. The following updates were given.

- The planning permission for the banner must be sought, however the only changes will be the graphics due to the name change, there will be no other changes.
- There will be some more filming in the area.
- There will be two Halloween events taking place Scarewood and Cacklewood.
- There will also be job vacancies that could be advertised in the parish magazine

15. REPORT FROM FISHER GERMAN:

There were no representatives from Fisher German at this meeting as Kayne was on holiday

16. CASUAL VACANCY:

Cllrs were presented with the letter of interest from Mr Burgon. It was discussed, however due to the absent Cllrs the decision has been left in abeyance until full Council can meet and vote.

17. WEBSITE:

A Rostherne address is required to register the Rostherne Website address. It was therefore PROPOSED by Council that the Clerk is to ask Rev Robinson if the church address could be used.

18. NATWEST LETTER:

Signatures are required on a letter requesting a copy of bank statement P159 for the Clerks records.

19. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

There were no residents in attendance therefore this item was not required.

20. FINANCE:

There is no expenditure to be authorised at this bi-monthly meeting;
The Clerk confirmed that the Certificate of Exemption in the 17/18 audit has been completed and filed with PK Littlejohn

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

EW- Informed the Cllrs that he has had a site meeting with the builders at the church and work will soon start on the toilets.

Christmas party will take place on Wednesday 12th December.

22. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Annual Parish meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14th November 2018** and will take place at 8pm at Egerton Hall.

Subsequent meeting dates will be:

Meeting closed at 22pm.

Signed _____ 14th November 2018
Councillor J Gate, Chairman

LIST OF ACRONYMS

RPC – Rostherne Parish Council
CLLRS – Councillors
CEC – Cheshire East Council
CEG – Cheshire East Gateway
FG – Fisher German
TG– Tatton Group
CC – Cheshire Constabulary
MAP – Manchester Airport