

**MINUTES OF THE RIXTON WITH GLAZEBROOK PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, HOLLINS GREEN, AT 7.45
P.M. ON THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2011**

Present: Councillor Banner (Chairman)
Councillors Bailey, Barnard, Clarke, Mee and Westbury
WB Councillors Brinksman and McCarthy
I M Lowe, Parish Clerk

The Parish Council will take account of Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act in all their discussions and decisions.

109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rainford and WB Cllr Bretherton

110. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A: Police

3 Burglaries (sheds on business premises)

1 Theft – from a vehicle

Youth Club – have monitored the site, no problems since the issues with youths at the Scout Hut.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

B: WB Cllr McCarthy

The way planning will work is to be changed from 12 on full and 5 on sub-committee. This will be changed to 12 and 7 and will have to go to full Committee if more than 10 objections not 50 as at present. WB Cllrs had a meeting over Enforcement Issues not being followed up. Have said to Officers to enforce to show the weight of Enforcement Action. Have been given an assurance will take forward in 2012.

Woolston High School – still going through procedures. A private school has approached to see if site could be shared but not thought to be practical. Decision on use due in the New Year.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received and noted.

C: Cllr Brinksman

Prospect Lane has asked to go to full Committee and also for a site visit. Next Meeting is 5/1/12 no report yet prepared.

Talks on-going with Colliers, this is with the Legal people. Cllr McCarthy has asked for a Meeting with the Company as the time periods and reinstatement has not happened.

Holly Bank Lane – plant hire – site visit showed tracks but no machines on site.

RESOLVED:- That the report be received and noted.

D: Community Hall Committee

Cllr Barnard reported that due to the cost of maintaining the woodland proposed selling to Hamilton Davies Trust. The Clerk advised need to have clauses re no housing/development and check re transfer of Covenant re trees.

RESOLVED:- That the PC has no objections but suggest clauses regarding no development, and the report be received and noted.

111. MINUTES

The Minutes of the PC Meeting held on 17 November 2011 were submitted to the Meeting.

RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the PC Meeting 17 November 2011 be accepted as a true record.

112. CHALC NEWSLETTER 141, CARE & COMPANY PARISH MATTERS, ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, SUSTAINABLE GOV (2 ISSUES), SLCC NEWSLETTER.

RESOLVED:- That the aforementioned be circulated.

113. SYCAMORE CRESCENT GARAGE SITE – FUTURE OF THE SITE

The Clerk submitted letter from WBC dated 18/11/11 consulting the Parish Council for their views on the possible use of the garage site.

RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council has no views on the possible use of the site.

114. CHARGING POLICY FOR PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Clerk submitted letter from WBC dated 2/12/11 stating :-

“In my letter of the 3rd October 2011 I indicated that the Borough Council would receive a report at their meeting on the 12th December 2011. However in view of the complex and sensitive nature of the decision Members have decided that there is strong case for the figures and final scheme to be scrutinised further before a final decision is made on the 5th March 2012.

Please note that should the proposal be accepted on the 5th March it is still the intention that the policy would be introduced with effect from 1st April 2012. Therefore you are recommended to continue to make provision for recharges for parish elections as part of your budget setting processes.”

RESOLVED:- That the letter be received and outcome awaited.

115. REVIEW OF WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCILS EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURES

The Clerk submitted letter from WBC dated 28/11/11 explaining their proposals and asking for the Parish Council's views. Details of the Structure of other Local Authorities were also presented. The Parish Council considered the documents and:

RESOLVED:- That the Parish Council's view was that no change needed to be made.

116. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

The Clerk submitted e-mail and copy of Questionnaire & Policy comments needed by 24.2.2012.

RESOLVED:- That as the Parish Council has none of the Assets referred to no comments to make.

117. CONNECTING CHESHIRE UPDATE – RDPE RURAL COMMUNITY BROADBAND FUND LAUNCHED

The Clerk submitted copy of the update:-

“CONNECTING CHESHIRE UPDATE

RDPE Rural Community Broadband Fund Launched

DEFRA have just launched the Rural Community Broadband Fund and it is open for communities covered by the Connecting Cheshire partnership to access.

The Rural Community Broadband Fund (RCBF) has been set up to enable communities within the remaining 10% 'hard to reach' areas to establish Superfast Broadband services over and above the 2Mbps service where they can demonstrate local need/demand, and the capacity to make it happen at a reasonable cost.

£20M of funding has been made available by the Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), through the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) through Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK).

The 10% hardest to reach area has not been clearly defined and we are keen to hear from anyone who wishes to take forward a project in their community early so we can make sure it qualifies. We will also need to establish how your project fits with wider network developments across Cheshire, Warrington and Halton to ensure integration, sustainability and value for money.

The deadline for expression of interest for the first round is the 31st Jan 2012 but we believe there will be a further round of funding later in 2012.

Please follow the link below for further information and contact:

Chris Capes 01244 973164

Lauren Kelly 01244 976955

Cheshire Community Action (which is part of the Rural Community Action Network (or RCAN) is working with the Local Authorities to offer support on potential projects. If you would like to discuss the application process further, Cheshire Community Action may be able to help. Please contact us before 13th January 2012.

John Heselwood 01606 350042

<http://rdpenetwork.defra.gov.uk/funding-sources/rural-community-broadband-fund>. “

RESOLVED:- That the information be received and noted.

118. CHALC

The Clerk submitted email updating the Parish Council regarding Capping stating that will not affect Parish Councils. The Clerk also submitted an E-Bulletin which gave details of the National Conference and a Masterclass Session.

RESOLVED:- That the above be received and noted.

119. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CORE STRATEGY – PRE PUBLICATION DRAFT CONSULTATION

The Clerk submitted copy of the document which requires comments by 20 January 2012.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk read and inform Members at the next Meeting of any comments she feels are related to the Parish.

120. MEETINGS

Opportunities for your Council 11th January 10.30 – 1.00 or
17th January 7 p.m – 9 p.m.

- The Clerk & Cllr Banner attend if possible, any other Member wishing to attend contact the Clerk.

Cheshire Training Courses 2012.

121. PROJECTS UPDATE

A: Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

B : Diamond Jubilee

The Clerk reported that the order has been confirmed for the Chelsea Bower – colour agreed by Sean Kelly (WBC) cost is £2,264.00 + VAT. The Clerk submitted letter from Friends of Hollinfare Cemetery stating that they did not think it was the correct time (the AGM) to discuss the Parish Council's proposal for an Arbour but hoped to discuss at the 10.1.12 meeting and inform the Parish Council of the outcome after the meeting.

RESOLVED:- That the report and letter be received and noted.

122. NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

The Clerk submitted Neighbourhood Bulletin . Cllr Clarke attended the Meeting when Joint Strategic Need assessment was discussed. Cllr Banner reported that the funding of the production and launch of the Parish Plan was £3,230 and £378 for trolleys for library had been agreed.

RESOLVED:- That the reports be received and noted.

123. BUDGET

The Clerk submitted letter from WBC asking for the Parish Council's Precept by 13/1/12 and giving a Working example of the Tax Base – Band D equivalents.

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a) Your Tax Base – Band D equivalents	745	750
b) Your Band D Charge (based on current year)	£25.88	£25.88
c) Your Parish Precept	£19,282	£19,411

The amounts relevant to the other bands are
Calculated as follows:-

Band A = b) multiplied by 6/9	£17.25	£17.25
Band B = b) multiplied by 7/9	£20.13	£20.13
Band C = b) multiplied by 8/9	£23.01	£23.01
Band D = b) multiplied by 9/9	£25.88	£25.88
Band E = b) multiplied by 11/9	£31.63	£31.63
Band F = b) multiplied by 13/9	£37.38	£37.38
Band G = b) multiplied by 15/9	£43.14	£43.14
Band H = b) multiplied by 18/9	£51.76	£51.76

The Clerk submitted a working document to settle the budget and also the amount the Parish Council will Precept to WBC. Members looked through the document and the proposals for expenditure agreed. See Appendix B.

RESOLVED:-

- (a) That the budget be agreed as per Appendix B;
- (b) That the Precept to Warrington Borough Council be set at £24,150

124. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

A: RESOLVED:- That the following six accounts be paid :-

I M Lowe (copy charges & postage)	£ 33.81	100045
“ (3 month's salary)	£1129.00	100046
HM Revenue & Benefits (3 months tax)	£ 282.20	100047
I M Lowe (3 month's Internet)	£ 22.50	100048
“ (3 month's telephone rental)	£ 50.00	100049
SLCC (Annual Subscription)	£ 97.00	100050

B: Bank Reconciliation (Appendix A)

The Bank Reconciliation has been checked and agreed by Cllr Barnard.

RESOLVED:- That the Bank Reconciliation be agreed, - see Appendix A.

125. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A: RESOLVED :-

2011/19169 – 270 Glazebrook Lane – Proposed Horticultural Unit in the form of an earth bunded “pod” constructed using sustainable materials and practises with associated hard and soft landscaping.

RESOLVED:- That further information is required before the Parish Council can make comments. The Clerk to speak to Warrington Borough Council regarding this.

B: Hollingreave Farm

The Clerk submitted pre application information for development of this site :-

“Demolition of existing farmhouse and erection of replacement dwelling, conversion of two existing agricultural buildings to create 5 dwellings, including one affordable dwelling; removal of the redundant structures and provision of significant landscaping.”

The agent for the applicant also requests attending a meeting to fully explain the proposals.

RESOLVED:- That the Clerk invite the Agent to attend prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 19 January 2012.

126. GENERAL PARISH ISSUES

(a) Request for grit bins :

(1) by the bridge on Dam Lane

(2) junction of Chapel Lane, School Lane, Moss Side Lane

(b) Street light No 20 School Lane

No 11 Manchester Road on all the time

(c) Flooding Dam Lane and School Lane