

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT RODE & DISTRICT MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 1 May 2018 AT 7.30pm**

**UNCONFIRMED**

**Present:**

Cllr P Banwell - Chair	(PB)	Cllr A Cllr A Edney	(AE)	Cllr P Restorick	(PR)
Cllr N Russell	(NR)	Cllr J Leeves	(JL)	Cllr T Morrow	TM)
Cllr P Travis	(PT)	Cllr S Eyles	(SE)		

**In attendance:** Joy Book, Clerk

12 members of the public

**1. Parishioners' Participation:**

- i. Dog waste bin to be purchased for attachment to Keith Sharman's shed subject to approval of the location by MDC. Dog waste is a problem along the shortcut in The Mead. PC has requested approximately 15 dog fouling signs to be installed around the village by MDC.
- ii. PC gave their support for works to some trees on the playing field which are causing residents issues. However, the final decision will be taken back to the Playing Field committee for their re-consideration.
- iii. Resident was unhappy about comments passed at a previous meeting. Noted.
- iv. Clerk will ask SCC to fill the pot holes in the High Street.
- v. Rex Eastment will look into getting police staff to monitor the speed of vehicles exiting the village via Straight Lane. A site for the new SID in this vicinity will also be assessed.
- vi. The ditches in Marsh Road have been cleared but due to various areas being concreted over the works will not resolve all the drainage issues.
- vii. Clerk will contact SCC to cut back the verge between the Ashford Homes site and the first house on the A361. The rubbish on the Ashford Homes site was deemed not to be an issue at present but will be monitored.
- viii. TAG has recently undertaken 12 sessions on Bradford Road and recorded 4,396 vehicles. 85 were HGVs and 24 motorbikes. The data is being gathered so it can be presented to SCC in May to support the need for speed cushions rather than the build outs. Independent assessors are being sent out by SCC to re-evaluate the proposed works. TAG requested permission to send out a leaflet to inform all residents of their presence/role and to ask a couple of questions regarding the SIS for Bradford Road. AE proposed and SE seconded. All were in favour. PC will pay the costs (£85).

**2. Playing Field committee update:** AE reported that the committee would be continuing as previously but with a new chair.

**3. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Linda Oliver – County and District Councillor

**4. Councillor's Declarations of Interests in Items on Agenda:** None

**5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2018:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

**6. County and District Councillors reports:** None. Cllr Oliver is on 6 months dispensation.

**7. Election of Officers:**

Vice Chair: PT for four months – Proposed PB, seconded TM

Responsible Financial Officer: Clerk to continue in role. Proposed AE, seconded SE

Parish Environment: PB

Conservation and History: PB

School: PR

Playing Fields and Green Spaces: AE

Community Policing: PB/AE

Public Path Liaison Officer: TM

Footpath passes: JL

Highways: NR

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**8. Traffic calming - Bradford Road/Rode Hill junction:** As above. Clerk will chase the quote for moving the telegraph pole.

**9. Future of Village Shop/Café and Post Office:** Negotiations are still ongoing.

**10. Playing Fields – Adoption of gifted 106 land:** The Playing Field committee would like to accept the land but propose only using a section of it at present as there is a pylon in the middle of the field which will need to be moved before the whole area can be used safely. They would like to keep the option of obtaining the remainder of the land open for the future. Andy Fussell will continue to farm the unused land for the foreseeable future. PT proposed that in principle the PC agrees the acceptance of the S106 land with some of the land being fenced off and it not being used by the Playing Field at present. All in favour. PB will look into solicitors.

**11. Tree maintenance on the Playing Field:** As above.

**12. Rode Fete:** Preparations have been taken on at short notice and are progressing well. It is hoped that several organisations will be involved next year. The current organiser is short of funds so the PC agreed that they would be willing to offer a small amount of financial support. PB to speak with the organiser.

**13. Faresaver & First Bus Update:** PT reported that the 267 has been rebranded and is now the 'Discover - D2'. First has put on an extra bus half hourly which runs 7 days a week and in the evenings which will be a challenge for Faresaver. Up to 85% of buses going through Rode currently are Faresaver buses. PB thanked PT for arranging the printing and distribution of the new timetables.

**14. New General Data Protection Regulations:** Clerk has received a considerable amount of information regarding this matter over the past couple of months from NALC. Clerk has arranged to attend training on 22 May. Clerk asked for the PC to cover her travel expenses based on travel from Frome (approx. £22). Approved.

**15. Actions from the previous meeting:**

- i. **Speed Indicator Device:** Rex Eastment is happy to help set up the SID and do basic training however at least two people are required to undertake the training to obtain the necessary licence to move the SID around.
- ii. **Snow clearance:** Beckington PC has expressed an interest in this service.
- iii. **Pediment repairs:** Clerk to write to the owners of the structure to request that the quoted works are carried out.

**16. Planning matters:**

- i. **2017/2582/FUL:** 6 Frome Road – Revised plans for replacement of existing dwelling with erection of 3 No. detached dwellings and associated works. No objections.

**17. Highway issues:**

- i. **Nutts Lane parking:** This seems to have improved recently. To be monitored.
- ii. **Fenced footpath – Ashford site to A361:** TM reported that the fence is approximately 3m from the hedgerow but there is a large ditch which is filled with water/nettles. It is assumed it is the preliminary demarcation of the footpath from the Ashford Homes site. A wide area of gravel has been noted from the back of the new FABS site. To be monitored.

**18. Correspondence:**

- i. **Community Speedwatch in Mendip - Request for grant:** After a vote (6 in favour, 2 abstentions) it was agreed that a grant of £250 would be given which would be reviewed annually.
- ii. **Rode Bridge:** Contractors were unable to complete the works and plan to return to site by mid May to fix the stones on the top of the bridge.

**19. Financial matters / Financial Position at 25 April 2018**

- i. NatWest reserve account as at 23 April 2018 - £50,976.64 Current account £10.00.

Clerk's salary, expenses (April)	£149.71
HMRC PAYE (Period 2)	£33.60
Eagle Grounds Maintenance Ltd – Village and playing field	£601.60
Rode & District Memorial Hall	£24.00
Zurich – annual insurance	£710.58
Westcotec – SID device and brackets	£3,900

- ii. **Receipts:** Interest - £1.34, Precept, Allotment rent - £30

iii. **Internal audit:** Documents are now with the Internal Auditor.

**20. Items for next agenda / Items to report:**

- i. **Thank you to organisers of litter pick:** Clerk to write a letter of thanks.
- ii. PR reported that the extension in The Mead does not appear to be to plan.
- iii. NR requested permission for TAG to have its own website which would report data and matters of interest. All in favour.
- iv. SE offered his apologies for the next meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Joy Book

Clerk to Rode Parish Council

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.30pm