

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT RODE & DISTRICT MEMORIAL HALL ON
TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30pm**

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

Cllr T Morrow - Chair (TM)	Cllr P Travis (PT)	Cllr A Edney (AE)
Cllr P Restorick (PR)	Cllr P Banwell (PB)	Cllr E Butler (EB)

In attendance: Joy Book - Clerk 2 members of the public
Cllr Linda Oliver – County and District Councillor (LO)

1. **Parishioners' Participation:** Tim Gibbs, inventor of the Automatic Speedwatch Device explained how the device is installed and what type of data it records. The units are currently in production and should be available in a few months. Rode PC has been offered them at the discounted price of £250/unit (normal price £295) as they were part of a recent trial. The units can be set to any speed threshold and the data uploads securely to the Cloud. Data can currently only be collected during the day subject to weather conditions as the units are solar powered. All data would need to be verified by the Community Speed Watch Team (CSW) and then passed onto the Police who would issue letters in the normal manner. It is hoped that the recent increase in the Police precept will help fund more staff to facilitate the administration of this. The data collected would help the Police target their resources better as repeat offender times are flagged up by the units enabling mobile police surveillance to be deployed at those times. The Police do not wish to see CSW's disbanded as their presence is an important deterrent. TAG would like a minimum of 6 units.

LO asked whether Highways would accept the speeding data from the units as a means of providing evidence for changes to speed limits which they would fund. There is no confirmation of this but Highways are interested in the units.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Hooker
3. **Councillor's Declarations of Interests in Items on Agenda:** None
4. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 3 January 2019:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.
5. **County and District Councillors reports:**
- i. **SCC briefing sheet:** LO will forward this information when relevant to the PC or area.
 - ii. **Lower Street development appeal document:** LO highlighted the need to check the conditions of the appeal to ensure they are being adhered to.
 - iii. **Wall rebuilding works on A361:** The works had caused unnecessary disruption, especially in the evenings when the repairs were not being carried out but the lights were still controlling the traffic. There was a notable increase of traffic going through the village as drivers detoured to avoid the delays. The lights have now been removed so the traffic conditions should return to normal. PT to write to Traffic Management to highlight the issues. LO and Clerk reported that they did not think they had received notification of the works. *Post meeting note: Clerk/LO receive 'road closure' notices but not warning of potential short term works.* Autograph Homes may need to use traffic lights during their works. PT will contact them and request that should they be required, their use is limited to the times the necessary works are being carried, with them being switched off when they are not required. LO advised that the PC look thoroughly at any proposed road closures to highlight any issues prior to the works commencing.
 - iv. **Flytipping – Straight Lane:** LO had noticed a white transit van in the area but had not been able to get a registration number. MDC have not removed the previously reported rubbish despite it being reported on several occasions. Flytipping should be reported to MDC Enforcement **0300 303 8588**.

- v. **Gritting:** LO has been in contact with David Peake SCC who has indicated verbally that if suitable public liability insurance needs are in place, the use of a local contractor would be acceptable to them. Written confirmation is awaited. Clerk will contact the PC insurance company. PT will speak with Andy Fussell regarding his insurance.
 - vi. **STOP sign Bradford Road:** To be pursued if necessary once the SIS works have been implemented and the impact assessed.
 - vii. **Church Farm development – drainage:** A legal document appears to be delaying the process.
 - viii. **Speed data – High Street:** LO had forwarded a SCC speed summary for various locations. Very few vehicles were recorded as being over 20mph (mean speeds 17-19mph). LO felt that Church Lane was more of an issue due to the lack of visibility on the bends/narrowness.
 - ix. **Small Improvement Scheme:** PT to chase Juan Gomez regarding the broken drainage pipe.
- 7. Traffic calming - Bradford Road/Rode Hill junction:**
- i. **Update on Small Improvement Scheme:** As 6. ix.
- 8. Handyperson:** EB enquired whether a list of people who were willing to do small jobs around the village could be put together so they could be called upon when required. Small jobs often fall to the councillors although residents have come forward to help in the past which has been greatly appreciated.
- 9. Auto Speedwatch Units:** As 1. i.
- 9. Actions from the previous meeting:**
- i. **Snow clearance and changes to SCC gritting service:** As 6. v.
 - ii. **Playing Field – Adoption of gifted S106 land:** PB reported that the solicitor in Frome is now on extended leave and the matter is now being dealt with from the Keynsham office. PB has ensured that the new solicitor has all the information. PB to forward details of new solicitor to Autograph Homes.
 - iii. **PC owned land – identifying and registering:** No further information.
 - iv. **The Bell – deterioration of site:** No further information.
 - v. **Beckington Medical Practice – quality of service:** Dr John Bevan has written an update in the Link which addresses most concerns.
 - vi. **Application for naming and numbering 8 new residential dwellings at 14 Lower Street:** After many emails and suggestions between the developer, MDC, PC and Royal Mail, it has been agreed to name the new development 'Providence Place'.
- 10. Planning matters:**
- New applications:
- 2019/0128/TCA:** Works to Ash tree – thin crown by 20% and reduce crown by 25%. Prune to shape – Tynwald, 1 Halfpenny Row – No objections
- Mendip decisions:
- 2018/2922/TCA:** Damson – fell – 38 High Street. TPO not required. No objections.
- Other planning matters:
- 2018/2776/HSE:** Proposed two storey rear extension and loft conversion – 1 The Sportsman – application withdrawn.
- 2018/2239/LBC:** Replacement of existing aluminium downpipes with cast iron – 5 Langham Place – application withdrawn.
- Church Farm development:**
- i. **30mph/40mph zone:** No further information.
 - ii. **Drainage issues:** As 6. vii.
- 11. Highway issues:**
- i. **Speeding vehicles - High Street/Straight Lane – extension of 20mph/30mph zone:** There is no data to support the need for this extension.

- ii. **30mph/20mph signage - Rode bridge:** No further information.
- iii. **Rode 20mph zone:** There is no data to support the need for a 20mph zone around the village.
- iv. **Churchfields – No Through Road:** MDC has replaced the nameplate and included a No Through Road symbol.

12. Correspondence:

- i. **Mendip Community Transport:** Thank you for donation. EB reported that Frome Community Cars is no longer being run by Mendip Community Transport as it was too expensive. Frome TC is in communication with Active and in Touch to see if they are willing to take over the service. A co-ordinator for the service is being sought. An article will be put in the Link to promote the service once the service provider is resolved.
- ii. **D J Kelly Homes Ltd – mud on road, Lower Street:** Mr Kelly has spoken to most of the adjacent residents and is using a tractor and road sweeper to ensure the road is cleaned as best as can be during the day and at the end of the day to mitigate the situation for all concerned. Once the initial excavation works are completed the day to day works will be much quieter for residents.

13. Financial matters / Financial Position at 25 January 2019

- i. **NatWest Reserve Account – £35,326.96 NatWest Current Account £10.00**

Clerk’s salary (January)	£223.16
HMRC PAYE (Period 11)	£52.00
Rode & District Memorial Hall	£24.00
Idverde/Landscape Group – outstanding invoices	£445.70

- ii. **Receipts:** Interest: £6.60.

14. Items for next agenda / Items to report:

- i. **Flagstones outside the old shop:** These have been recently dug to undertake some works and concerns were expressed that the flagstones would not be replaced in the same manner. PT reported that some flagstones have already been replaced.
- ii. **School bus stopping in High Street:** PR to ask if the bus can pull into the school as it unnecessarily delays traffic.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Joy Book

Clerk to Rode Parish Council

Signed _____

Date: _____

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Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 7.30pm