

20mph zone. LO pointed out that NSP is currently in the process of reducing their 20mph zone as it has been noted that if the zone is too long drivers start to increase their speeds going through it and are therefore often going too fast at the very point you wish them to be at their slowest. The new auto speedwatch units will be used to report high end speeders and repeat offenders. There would be too much information for the police to process if everyone over a certain tolerance were reported. Clerk will receive the data periodically which will be forwarded to Traffic Management. TAG have provided costings for 20mph signs but these cannot be installed unless there is a TRO in place.

- vi. **5G mobile phone technology:** Residents raised concerns that the proposed rollout of 5G had not been fully investigated for its possible health, environmental or biological impact that it may have. The radiation is reported as being 20 times more powerful. Resident has submitted a Freedom of Information document which was given to the PC. PT has researched the issue and feels that as it is a government led initiative it will be hard to stop the rollout as 5G is likely to revolutionise the world. PT advised to lobby local MP's. As the infrastructure is very expensive to install it is unlikely that rural areas will have access to the service for many years.
- vii. **Training for SID:** Chapter 8 training is required for anyone working on the highway eg. installing the SID. Approval was given for Alan Shipton to undertake the training at a cost of £250.
- viii. **Temporary 'Access Only' signs:** TAG wondered whether 'Access Only' signs could be put out when road works are being undertaken on the A361 to deter drivers using the village to avoid the works. Concerns were raised about the cost.
- ix. **Accident Black Spot sign:** TAG enquired whether a sign could be placed near the A361/Bradford Road junction detailing the number of accidents at that point. LO pointed out that unless the number of accidents changed fairly frequently, people begin to ignore the information.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr E Butler, Cllr A Hooker

3. **Councillor's Declarations of Interests in Items on Agenda:** PB declared an interest in Item 14. ii. When it was tabled and took no part in the discussion.

4. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2019:** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

5. **County and District Councillors reports:**

Planning applications:

2019/0160/HSE: Proposed single storey rear extension. Retrospective garage conversion to kitchen and additional off street parking – 1 The Sportsman. Concerns were raised that the existing parking provision was too small for a car to realistically park on the indicated space. No objections, for Planning Officer.

2019/2961/FUL: Erection of a 1 no two storey dwelling house to replace existing static home/conservatory - Land at Rode Common Farm, Frome Road, Southwick. The principle of development has already been established for this plot. The planning officer would like to see a more barn like design and has raised concerns about the chimney. There is very little amenity space and no parking provision indicated on the plan. The application states that the boundary will be increased to accommodate the proposed property. If the boundary line has to be moved significantly to accommodate the amenity space, this would appear to indicate that the dwelling is too big for the plot and the dwelling size should be decreased.

6. **Traffic calming - Bradford Road/Rode Hill**

The SIS has been altered and no longer requires the use of the land at both ends of Bradford Road. The visibility splay will be improved by removing vegetation back to the location of the existing timber post as it has been identified that this is obscuring the sightline.

7. **Trees in garden of 16 Lower Street:**

Resident has raised concerns about some conifer trees that were recently cut down on the boundary of 16 Lower Street and is worried that a silver birch in this garden will be cut down too. As the tree is in a

conservation area, planning permission would be required. A TPO could be placed on the tree if its removal would have a visual impact.

8. **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council after election** (to be held 6th – 16th May): The Parish Council elections are being held on Thursday 2nd May and the PC is required by law to meet between 4 and 14 days after that date. PC's May meeting falls on 7th May. Clerk will submit election information already received from MDC to the Lin. It will be placed in the noticeboard and on the website. TM will write a supporting article.

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

- i. **Snow clearance and changes to SCC gritting service:** Regretfully this service cannot be carried out as the PC insurance company will not cover it and the contractor is unwilling to take out further insurance for this very intermittent service.
- ii. **Playing Field – Adoption of gifted S106 land:** As 1. iii.
- iii. **PC owned land – identifying and registering:** No further information.
- iv. **The Bell – deterioration of site:** The pub lease is being advertised.
- v. **School bus stopping in the High Street:** As 1. ii.

10. **Planning matters:**

New applications:

2019/0160/HSE: Proposed single storey rear extension. Retrospective garage conversion to kitchen and additional off street parking – 1 The Sportsman. As 5.

2019/2961/FUL Erection of a 1 no two storey dwelling house to replace existing static home/conservatory – Land at Rode Common Farm, Frome Road, Southwick. As 5.

Mendip decisions: None

Other planning matters:

- i. **Local Plan Part II – Site and Policies Update:** MDC has refused the objections by The Strategic Partnership. The document has now been passed onto the inspector.

Church Farm development:

- i. **Drainage issues:** The legal aspect appears to be progressing.

11. **Highway issues:**

- i. **Speeding vehicles - High Street/Straight Lane – extension of 20mph/30mph zone:** As 1. v.

12. **Correspondence:**

Eagle Grounds Maintenance Ltd quote for 2019: (Shows an increase of 3%)

Playing Field quote: Annual cost - £2,373.12 + VAT (monthly cost £148.32 + VAT to be paid equally over 8 months March – October)

Village quote: Annual cost - £2,768.64 + VAT (monthly cost £173.04 + VAT to be paid equally over 9 months March – November)

PC were very impressed with the service received last year and approved the above. Eagle have sent a copy of their insurance for 2019 and will do the first village cut within the next week.

13. **Financial matters / Financial Position at 25 February 2019**

- i. **NatWest Reserve Account – £34,588.30 NatWest Current Account £10.00**

Clerk's salary (February)	£222.96
HMRC PAYE (Period 12)	£52.20
Mrs P Banwell – flowers for pots	£9.90

- ii. **Receipts:** Interest: £6.20.

iii. **Provisional year end total:** £34,233.43 + interest for March

14. Items for next agenda / Items to report:

- i. **Utility works – High Street:** Planned works Sunday 10 March for half a day. PT will post a notice on FB and in the post office to advise people not to park nearby so traffic can still bypass the works as they take place.
- ii. **Cars parking on pavement – The Mead:** PR removed herself from the discussion. It has been noted that one, and sometimes two cars are being parked on the pavement at the top of Rockabella which is forcing people into the road. Clerk to write.
- iii. **Dog waste bin – The Mill:** A request has been made for a bin at The Mill. PB will discuss with The Mill and also Anthony Battersby, Chair of Tellisford parish to see if there are any objections.

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Joy Book

Clerk to Rode Parish Council

Signed _____

Date: _____

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Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.30pm