

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

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

Cllr P Travis – Chair (PT) Cllr T Morrow (TM) Cllr P Banwell (PB) Cllr A Cllr A Edney (AE) Cllr P Restorick (PR)

In attendance: Cllr Linda Oliver – County Councillor, Cllr Barbi Lund – District Councillor 4 members of the public

1. Public Participation:

Dr Andrea Dexter was welcomed as Green Party parliamentary candidate.

Bradford Road/Rode Hill sign a parishioner formally requested that the sign which says 'Give Way' be replaced by a 'Stop' sign. PC will write to Mendip to request this.

Buses - Resident requested information. PT reported that First Bus are planning to sell but the current management are trying to form a buy-out. D1, D2 & D3 were not making a profit but things are improving. There is a new bus timetable that PT has arranged to print and distribute with volunteers. Some changes in timing but consultation has enabled Rode to keep services. Faresaver have no planned changes but face pollution challenges. **It is reported that the D2 has great difficulty crossing the A361 at Woolverton** and it is hoped that anyone seeing this bus waiting would enable it to pull out.

Lower Street a resident with a caravan stressed that it was difficult to pass if cars were parked on the road. Cars that were just on the pavement enabled caravans, lorries or emergency vehicles to pass.

Scouts – Remembrance Parade as usual, service on the green and the chapel. Service personnel will also attend and food will be provided. There will be Carol Singing on the 16th December in aid of Julia's House in Devizes.

Playing Field and Scout Hut - they have applied for a grant through Linda Oliver and were successful. They will also apply to other PCs as the 86 children are from all around the area..

Peter Travis was thanked by a resident for giving up his time and all his efforts for PC despite health problems.

Mike Oldfield joined the PC and attended just one meeting before he sadly passed away. Condolences were expressed to Zoe.

2. Apologies for absence: Elaine Butler, Andy Hooker & Nicola Duke (Locum Parish Clerk) hence Pat Banwell took the minutes.

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

4. Co-option of a Parish Councillor Steve Eyles was proposed to return to the PC and was welcomed back. Declaration of Acceptance Forms and Members Interest Forms were completed.

5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2019: The minutes were approved and were signed by the Chair as a true record.

6. Report from County Councillor:

Bradford Road Improvement Scheme has been passed to another Traffic Engineer. Road Safety Audit will be issued next month and the Task Order is programmed .

Gateway Signs: Cllr Oliver asked that the PC advise Autograph where they would like these gates to enable them to agree it with Highways.

Church Farm Development: A resident had contacted the PC regarding the access roads to this site. Cllr Oliver suggested contacting Autograph Homes to discuss this.

Repeater signs for the 30 mph limit still required in High Street

Police have pointed out that the school bus is parking illegally on the zig zag lines and this has been raised with the Headmistress.

7. Report from District Councillor: New Administration Development Corporate Plan has been delayed because of the election. Now Feb/March to take to the full Council meeting.

Climate and Ecological Emergency Group – consultations also postponed

8. Actions from the previous meeting:

- i. **Quote for trees to be lopped at Halfpenny Row:** Contractor has now quoted and will be instructed.
- ii. **Litter Bin at The Mill:** Being discussed with management at The Mill.
- iii. **Online Banking:** The Bank is willing to authorise online banking. This to be discussed with the Clerk at next meeting.
- iv. **Lengthsman** PL Insurance is required. Suggested it would be good to liaise with other parishes.
- v. **Drain in Farthing Row** Still requires attention. Reminder will be sent.
- vi. **Buses update** See public participation
- vii. **Remembrance Service** It was agreed that TM will lay wreath with PB and PR attending.

9. Highways Issues and TAG; No follow up meeting as yet arranged. A vote of appreciation was given for the Speedwatch and TAG team.

10. Planning matters

a. New applications:

- i. **2019/2481/TCA** Works to cherry tree - Leave to Planning Officer
- ii. **2019/2497/TCA** Reduction of Leylandii – Leave to Planning Officer
- iii. **2019/2595/HSE** Replace existing sun room with rear extension and enclose front porch – Leave to Planning Officer.
- iv. **2019/2315/HSE** Proposed single storey rear extension , loft conversion, creation of 3 roof lights and relocation of front door – Leave to the Planning Officer

b. Mendip decisions:

- ii. **2019/2184/HSE** Approved with conditions.
- iii. **2019/2105/HSE.** Approved with conditions

c Mendip Local Plan Part II

This is being looked at by Inspector who requires a number of houses to be built in the NE of the region including some near Midsomer Norton and Radstock. The Inspector is questioning Mendip's 5 year supply and wishes the primary villages of Beckington, Norton St Philip and Rode to also be considered. The Inspector has rejected an appeal letter from the PC Chairmen of these villages but will invite comments at a later stage. The MP has also been contacted. The Neighbourhood Plan for Rode does protect the green space. Rode PC will continue to work with Beckington, Norton St Philip and Mendip Planning Policy Team.

11. Playing Field – Adoption of S106 land PB reported the transfer was now complete and had been submitted to the Land Registry. FDC Law will now draw up the Trust document.

12. Correspondence None received

13. Financial matters

(Note: the full month's accounts were not available due to the absence of the Parish Clerk)

Payment of Accounts

	£
• Eagle Grounds Maintenance Ltd – grass cutting (Inv. 6647)	698.12
• Rode & District Memorial Hall (rent for PC meetings July to Sept 2019)	24.00
• Somerset Association of Local Councils – Chairman training	60.00
• FDC Law – Legal Work – Transfer of land and trust	794.04
• Steve Eyles – River Walk signs	80.35
• Peter Travis – Repairs to Christmas tree stand on green	52.37
• Printing invoice Peter Travis/Frome Print Company for Rode Bus timetables	148.00
• Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath	20.00
• Pat Banwell – Flowers for pots on green	23.50

PC discussed approach that had been made regarding contributing towards the Scouts fireworks event. As this was a fund raiser but not a ticket event it was decided that PC could not contribute as this would create a precedent.

14.Items for next agenda / Items to Report:

- i Large Beech Tree in The Mead:** Will ask Tree Surgeon's opinion.
- ii Adding the 'missing name' to the Rode war memorial:** It was agreed the name should be added and the PC would consult with Howard Russell and Peter Bates to find the best way of displaying the name of this WW1 war casualty.
- iii Rode School –** It was noted that this had received a very good review. It was agreed to write congratulating the Head.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed _____

Date: _____

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Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at **7.30pm**

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