

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT RODE & DISTRICT MEMORIAL HALL ON
TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30pm**

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

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

In attendance: 5 members of the public

1. Public Participation:

i. **Parking on Lower Street:** Resident reported a car was parked on the pavement of Walnut Close and Lower Street. Resident to supply details of the car and its owner. Resident said most cars were no longer parked on the pavement. Stated that parking on the pavement was not necessarily illegal and was matter for interpretation by the police. It was reported that a number of Lower Street residents had contacted Councillors complaining of both the tone and content of the notices being posted and as the posting of No Parking notes had achieved its effect, this practice should now be discontinued. **Playing Field** Residents reported on the deteriorating condition of the ageing Scout Hut and also on concern over subsidence/pot holes developing in the immediate vicinity of Scout Hut. Cllr L Oliver is applying for funding to carry out an investigation. Reported that Rode Scouts had 86 young people (plus a waiting list) and that as a result the Scout Hut is hardly big enough for the numbers it has to accommodate. Another resident reported a drainage ditch by the Playing Field was becoming blocked and this matter to be referred to Playing Field Committee to investigate and advise, **20mph on High Street** Resident said speeding was a continuing and growing problem and it was agreed the Parish Council would survey residents in the immediate vicinity on their views on possible speed reduction measures. PC working with TAG on this issue and on many other traffic issues, one priority is to get 20 mph repeater sign installed on High Street. **Rode Bridge:** Resident stated there was too much signage clutter and objected to any further signage going up. **Parish Assets Register:** Resident reported that some 30 mph signs in village had been shown to have been bought by the Parish but ownership now was uncertain.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Linda Oliver – County Councillor, Cllr Barbi Lund – District Councillor, Zoe Symonds (Parish Clerk) hence Peter Travis took these minutes.

3. Councillor’s Declarations of Interests in Items on Agenda: Peter Travis declared an interest in Planning Application Consultation 2019/2105/HSE.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2019: The minutes were approved and would be signed by the Chair as a true record at the October meeting.

5. Report from County Councillor:

Halfpenny Row: Cllr Oliver emailed to say she had sent a report to SCC on the damage to the road. It was noted the roadway had now been repaired.

Gateway Signs: Cllr Oliver reported that the issue of future maintenance has to be resolved for this project to proceed. The Parish Council agreed they would take responsibility for the future maintenance. Gate installation is being funded by Autograph Homes but was subject to permissions from SCC and Mendip.

SID authorisation: Cllr Oliver had obtained clarification from SCC on future operational responsibility for Rode’s SID. This matter was referred for consideration at the next PC meeting so as to allow the careful reading of legal documentation from SCC.

6. Report from District Councillor: No report for this month’s meeting.

7. Actions from the previous meeting:

- i. **Plum Tree at Farthing Row:** PC decided not to propose any action.
- ii. **Quote for trees to be lopped at Halfpenny Row:** Waiting for contractor to quote.
- iii. **Felled tree by The Mead:** Landowner had taken action.
- iv. **Litter Bin at The Mill:** Being discussed with management at The Mill.
- v. **Online Banking:** The Bank is willing to authorise online banking. This to be discussed with the Clerk at next meeting.

8. Highways Issues and TAG; Reported a very constructive meeting had been held with TAG, the meeting had been attended by five Parish Councillors and members of TAG. It was recognised that progress on road management matters had been painfully slow. This is because of the complex procedures required to change speed limits, road improvements and signage and limited funds being available at SCC. Next joint meeting of TAG with Rode PC to be organised for second half of October.

- i. **20 mph on Church Lane:** This being discussed with TAG to determine whether to try and go for all Church Lane to be governed by a 20mph limit or pursue just the lower section of Church Lane, which reportedly was previously approved for as a 20mph zone. Discussion to continue.
- ii. **20 mph roundels:** Until repeater signs installed on High Street this speed limit could not be enforced. A survey of immediate residents for their views on the issue of roundels on the road plus on other options to find out what remedies would be supported.
- iii. **Rode Bridge:** No action.

8. Planning matters

a. New applications:

- i. **2019/1941/TCA** Recommended before this could be approved a professional report needs to be provided that shows evidence of rot and decay. This to be sent to Mendip.
- ii. **2019/1951/TCA** Recommended Mendip decides this application based on legal precedent.
- iii. **2019/2184/HSE** Recommend for approval.
- iv. **2019/2105/HSE** Recommended for approval.

b. Mendip decisions:

- ii. **2018/2961/FUL:** Approved with conditions.
- iii. **2019/0545/HSE & 2019/0546/LBC.** Approval with conditions
- iv. **2019/1422/S106:** Approval.

9. Playing Field – Adoption of gifted S106 land PB reported a legal document was still awaited from the other party's solicitors.

10. Rode Bus Services: PT said with the help of residents and councillors the new September 2019 Rode bus timetable had been delivered to every house in the village ahead of the new bus times becoming operational. PT was thanked for his efforts on the timetable.

11. Correspondence Because of the absence of the Parish Clerk, no correspondence was available.

12. Financial matters: Financial position at 25 June 2019

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

<u>Payment of Accounts</u>	<u>£</u>
• Eagle Grounds Maintenance Ltd – grass cutting (Inv. 6508)	725.12
• Rode & District Memorial Hall (rent for PC meetings April to June 2019)	24.00
• Zoe Symonds – Clerk's salary and expenses August 2019	224.35
• HMRC – PAYE Month 05/20, August 2019	53.60
• Printing invoice Peter Travis/Frome Print Company for Rode Bus timetables	150.00
<u>Receipts</u>	7.53

15. Items for next agenda / Items to Report:

- i Lengthsman:** To be considered again at next meeting once it is known which of the local candidates have the necessary liability insurances.
- ii Paths on Andy Fussell's land.** TM reported he had been in email contact with the farmer to try and ensure footpaths are restored as required.
- iii Drain on Farthing Row:** This needs attention.
- iv 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.

The Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Zoe Symonds
Clerk to Rode Parish Council

Signed _____

Date: _____

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Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st October 2019 at **7.30pm**

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