



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2023 AT NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.

PRESENT:

Councillor Andy Pennance -Acting Chair (AP)
Councillor Chris Flaherty (CF)
Councillor Ben Wye (BW)

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

64. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Stefan Pyra (Chair) had sent his apologies and also his resignation with immediate effect. The Clerk to send a letter of thanks to his service.

65. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

66. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Acting-Chair, Councillor Andy Pennance.

67. MATTERS ARISING:

As there would be an increase in the number of Councillors required post the elections in May 2023 due to the Governance Review and the very recent resignation of the present Chair, discussions took place as to how the Parish Council could encourage other local volunteers to become Parish Councillors in the elections of May 2023 to fulfil the nine parish councillor places allocated to Rope. It was felt that a much more proactive approach should be adopted by the Council in the future. The Clerk to formulate some information posters and documents to display within the Parish and gain advice from Cheshire East and ChALC.

68. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

69. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk read out her report with updates on the following:

The Bridge over the brook at Evergreen Way had been reported to ANSA with as yet no further response. The Clerk to chase up again.

The Clerk mentioned the Election process and advised that she would be attending briefing sessions held by Cheshire East and acquire sets of nomination papers for present councillors wishing to stand

Parish Website – The Clerk to had spoken to a local website provider with no solution. She would contact the former web master for advice.

A thank you letter had been received from Wistaston Bowling Club for the contribution to junior bowls equipment.

The notice boards were now all in working order and the Clerk would bring up to date.

70. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Councillor not in attendance and no report received.

71. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

None.

72. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

None



73. POLICING MATTERS:

After discussions relating to the lack of communication with local officers, the Clerk to ascertain how we can improve the situation by contacting our local PCSO and The Cheshire Crime Commissioner.

59 PLANNING MATTERS:

None

60. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Councillor Wye had attended a meeting in relation to the 'Mini Holland Proposal' for Crewe. It was hoped that the Government would seed fund the area for a local consultation for a bold project in certain areas of Crewe to be proposed for delivery.

61. FINANCE:

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

None

B. PAYMENTS:

Section 137 Payments:

None.

General Payments:

S Togay Clerk's Salary Nov	£291.62
HMRC January	£72.90
Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00
SLCC Annual Subscription	£ 80.00
S Togay reimbursement for UK2 Email	£ 8.50

RESOLVED: That the above payments are approved for payment.

62. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

63. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 20th March 2023