



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2019 AT SHAVINGTON ACADEMY

PRESENT:

Councillor Stefan Pyra – Chair
Councillor Ben Wye – Vice Chair
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Robert Dodd

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Margaret Simon, Mr Rob Hassall.

70. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

71. COUNCILLOR VACANCY:

Mr Rob Hassall had unfortunately had a death in the family therefore this item to be deferred until the January 2020 Meeting.

72. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

73. MATTERS ARISING:

Ref 30: Overgrown Walkways. These had now been cut back. The Clerk had sent a thank you to ANSA.

Rope PC Clean Team – The Clerk had procured 10 hi-viz vests which she now distributed. The Clerk had paid direct and now needed reimbursement.

Re-siting of Rope Noticeboard in Berkeley Academy – the Clerk had sent an enquiry to ANSA with no response (FS142071348). A second enquiry had been sent with no response.

Bank Mandate - now completed.

Newsletter - A quote had been received from Shavington Academy for print of the newsletter which is £50 which was felt was acceptable. It was agreed that an edition should be published in the New Year. Suggestions for items were: Speedwatch, New Head at Shavington, Precept Spend, Shavington Youth Club, request for street name plates and highway signs obscured and maintenance of weeds in gutter, Rope PC Meetings – come and meet us.

74. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Evergreen Way/Acorn Bank – there had been some fly tipping of garden waste at the bottom of the path.

Gresty Lane – recent flooding problems on Gresty Lane had been badly signposted.

Rope Lane Nursery – the car park had still not been developed despite the previous planning application. The Clerk to chase up the present situation.

Tree File – Councillor Andy Pennance asked if the Tree File was in the hands of the Chair amongst documents from previous chair.

75. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

CEC Councillor Allen Gage was unfortunately not in attendance. The Clerk to send him an email to ask him if he will be attending in the future and if unable to, to provide an update on any Rope PC related issues.

76. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Councillor Robert Dodd carried out a litter pick on Rope Lane. Councillor Ben Wye offered to join when possible.

77. POLICING MATTERS:

Speedwatch Sessions – Councillors Ben Wye and Andy Pennance had been carrying out speedwatch sessions. It was requested that the Clerk contact PCSO Nigel Hobbs and provide Councillor Wye's contact details so that joint sessions can be arranged.

78. PLANNING MATTERS:

Planning App19/1517N, 16 Beechcroft – erection of boundary fence to the front. The Clerk to provide update on the final planning decision which had gone to appeal.



79. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

ST Mary's Church Remembrance Service – The Chair had attended and it had been a very good service. Councillors Pennance and Wye offered to lay a wreath at the Crewe Service on behalf of the Parish next year.

Crewe Town Centre Place Making Event – The Vice-Chair had attended and found it extremely interesting

80. CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence - All relevant correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors electronically. A letter had been received from Shavington Academy thanking Rope PC for its donation for the Rope School Prize.

81. FINANCE

The Clerk provided a financial report showing spend and income to date and projected spend and income to financial year end. This would assist in any financial decision making and would be updated and provided at each meeting.

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

1. At the last meeting, resolution had been given to pay for one wreath to the RBL for a remembrance wreath. Due to an oversight, the cheque had not been issued and had been paid for directly by the Clerk who would now be reimbursed.
2. A request had been received from St Mary's Wistaston requesting a contribution to the upkeep of the graveyard.
3. Further information had been received with regard to a potential contribution towards Shavington Youth Club. It was felt that once further funding had been sourced and definite plans were underway for new flooring, then a financial contribution could be given at that time.
4. Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association had given a brief outline regarding a contribution towards a new septic tank. It was felt that once further funding was received and work underway that a contribution could be given at that time.

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

Resolved that a payment of £25.00 for Remembrance Day Wreath be issued to S Togay Clerk for reimbursement – see 81A for further information

General Payments:

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£ 281.90	S Togay – Clerk's Salary
£ 70.47	HMRC
£ 10.00	Annual fee for Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association.
£ 81.35	Reimbursement to Clerk, S Togay for procurement of 10 hi viz vests
£ 164.50	Shavington Academy Room Hire
£ 300.00	St Mary's Wistaston contribution to graveyard (Under Open Spaces Act 1906, Sections 9 and 10. Local Government Act 1972, s214, Local Govt Act 1972, s214(6) cemeteries and crematoria.)

C. Consideration Of The Precept 20/21

The Clerk Provided a Financial Projection to the year end plus a letter from Cheshire East relating to the Taxbase Arrangements for 20/21 in order for Councillors to make an informed decision. After discussion the following resolution was made based on a Band D Property amount remaining the same:

RESOLUTION: That Parish Council agreed to request a precept amount of £6,619.00.

82. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Ben Wye was taking up a post as The Co-Op Community Pioneer for 4 hours per week.

83. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 20th January 2020.

Please note the following dates for 2020 Rope PC Meetings:

Monday 20th January 2020 Monday 21st September 2020
Monday 16th March 2020 Monday 16th November 2020
Monday 18th May 2020
Monday 13th July 2020
Rope Parish Council Meeting – 18th November 2019.