



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AT NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Stefan Pyra -Chair (SP)  
Councillor Andy Pennance -Vice Chair (AP)  
Councillor Chris Flaherty (CF)  
Councillor Ben Wye (BW)

**In Attendance:**

Sue Togay – Clerk

**32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

None

**33. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Stefan Pyra with regard to Item15 – a request for financial assistance from Shavington Academy.

**34. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**35. MATTERS ARISING:**

None

**36. TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION TO OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

An application had been received from Sally Barton which had been distributed prior to the Meeting.

**RESOLVED:** that Sally Barton be co-opted to the office of parish councillor for Rope Parish Council.

**37. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**38. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Police – Posters and information had been requested from PCSO Vicky Moulton and had now been received. ASB in area off Edgewood Drive had been reported and further information had been provided regarding the burnt fence on Oak Tree Walk and report of youths setting fires in the area. The vandalism of the bench had also been reported.

Noticeboards – now complete but difficulty accessing board near NLCC as a different fitment. This had been reported to Zero for solution. Councillors requested Zero Signs inspect and make comment as some corrosion still evident.

Posters In Noticeboards. Request from Louise Couless to insert Slimming World Poster in noticeboards. She works from The Brittles but NLCC Group now finished. Approval requested. Unfortunately, this was refused as not appropriate.

Wybunbury Charity

Ref Trustees – response from Mr Clowes stating that a Trustee did not have to be a Parish Councillor, but it was advised to have more than one to safeguard transparency. The Clerk to write to local church to see if there are any volunteers

Kerbside Weed Control – response received from Paul Barratt but none from Mike Webster despite several requests. This item to be deferred until January

Fuller Drive Verge near Oak Tree Walk– a hole had been reported on Fix My Street. Response was no further action.



Plum Tree, Oakhurst Drive – inspected and pavement clear so no action taken. Monitor in future years.

Remembrance Wreaths – invitations had not yet been received. Two wreaths were to be obtained for Councillors to attend Crewe and Wistaston on behalf of Rope Parish Council.

Boundary Signs – have been inspecting. The small ones (Fuller Drive, Laidon Avenue, Rope Bank Avenue) are in good condition. The Clerk needs to inspect the 4 remaining large ones on Eastern Rd, Rope Lane x 2, Gresty Lane. Some of the large ones may need maintenance.

Finance:

**Wistaston Bowling Club** – response from Chairman received. To be considered under 15a.

**JDH Reissue** – request for cheque 1074 for £247.50 to be cancelled and reissued to JDH Business Services Ltd. JDH Business Services Ltd to be asked for return of original cheque.

**HMRC** – Letter ref tax credit of £134.34 received that had built up since 2013. An explanation of the calculations had been distributed. To balance the account, The Tax Office advised to cancel May (chq1067) and July (chq1071) HMRC cheques (total £145.80), issue £134.34 to the employee S. Togay with balance of figure to HMRC of £11.46 in tax. Sept figures as normal and moving forward.

Councillor Pyra's Signature – this needed attention as it was unlike that on original mandate and had not been accepted on the letter used to transfer monies from Business to Current Accounts.

Budget Setting for 2023/24 Will provide information early for Councillors to consider the Precept for 23/24.

#### **39. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

Councillor not in attendance and no report received.

#### **40. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:**

ANSA – No further feedback had been received regarding tree planting and meadow creation etc following a meeting with ANSA officers. The Clerk to ask for an update from Ruth Morgan.

Brook Crossing, Evergreen Way – the brook crossing had been renovated in the open space leading from Oaktree Walk but the one on Evergreen Way was in bad repair. The Clerk to request similar renovation from ANSA.

#### **41. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**

None

#### **42. POLICING MATTERS:**

20's Plenty for Us – Cheshire East BC had agreed a policy on speed management and a recent email had just been received from '20's Plenty for Cheshire East' offering remote training session giving more information on this campaign. The Clerk to circulate the email for Councillor's attention.

It was noted that there had been a serious robbery in Rope Lane.

#### **43. PLANNING MATTERS:**

None

#### **44. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:**

**None**

#### **45. TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROPOSED PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Various items were considered including '20's Plenty for Us', an article on bike training that Councillor Wye had been carrying out, encouraging residents to 'look after your patch; in relation to weeds in pavements etc. Councillors are requested to submit articles for inclusion to the Clerk.



**46. FINANCE**

See also Clerk's Report.

**A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**

1. A request had been received from Margaret Simon as Treasurer of Wistaston Memorial Bowls Club towards the purchase of junior bowls. Further information had been requested and had now been received from Neil Smith, Vice-Chairman of Wistaston Bowling Club

RESOLVED: That £100 be given as a contribution to the purchase of equipment (Local Gov (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19. Local Govt Act 1972, s133.)

2. A request had been received from Shavington Academy towards the provision of The Rope Parish Council Award for Service to the School

RESOLVED: A donation of £50 be given as a contribution to Shavington Academy for the Rope Award.

**B. PAYMENTS**

**Section 137 Payments:**

Shavington Academy £50.00

**General Payments:**

S Togay -Tax Rebate	£134.34
HMRC for May and July to amend account	£11.46
S Togay Clerk's Salary Oct	£291.62
HMRC Oct	£72.90
ANSA (benches)	£2,659.20
JDH Business Services Ltd	£247.50 (reissue – previous chq 1074 cancelled)
Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00
Wistaston Bowling Club	£100.00

**C. AUDIT PROCEDURE 21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT:**

The Internal Report was presented to Council at the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Details are included in the minutes for that meeting. Further information had been circulated and Councillors were now requested to formally confirm the receipt of the Internal Audit Report.

RESOLVED: That the Internal Audit Report be received, and items noted for action.

This action concludes the Audit procedure for 21/22/

**47. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councillor Flaherty felt that she was unable to update the website. The Chairman to approach Rob Hassall to request he take over the duties.

**48. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Provisional dates for 2023 to be discussed at the next meeting.