



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MAY 2019 AT SHAVINGTON ACADEMY

PRESENT:

Councillor Stefan Pyra – Chair
Councillor Ben Wye – Vice Chair
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Margaret Simon

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk, CEC Councillor Allen Gage, Part Meeting – Councillor Bob Squirrell

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

27. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

28. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th March 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29. MATTERS ARISING:

Ref Item 5: Floodlighting and Complaint of Football Activity To Adjacent Residence at Berkeley Academy - Resolved.

Hump On Rope Bank Avenue/Bankfield Ave: This was still a problem. CEC Councillor Allen Gage to look into the status of this complaint.

30. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Evergreen Way - Councillor Chris Flaherty advised that there was overhanging growth on Evergreen Way

Neglected Property, Oakhurst Drive - Councillor Chris Flaherty raised concerns about a neglected uninhabited house in Oakhurst Drive which was causing problems with rat infestation. Unfortunately, it was not considered a Parish Matter and Councillor Flaherty was advised to bring to the attention of Cheshire East along with other concerned neighbours.

Weeds In Gutters – it would seem that the gutters were no longer sprayed or weeded by the Borough and therefore some discussion took place with regard to the formation of a 'Clean Team for Rope'. It was considered a great idea to help our community and also raise the profile of the Parish Council. The Clerk to look into the procurement of branded hi viz vests, litter pickers, hoops and hoes.

31. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

CEC Councillor Allen Gage was attending for the first time and would provide a report at future meetings.

32. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

None

33. POLICING MATTERS

PCSO Vicky Moulton had provided a Beat Report which had been circulated. The Clerk to ask of PC Tim Clark if there would ever be some Police attendance at Rope Parish Council Meetings in the future..

Councillors had noticed an abundance of small plastic bags near Beechcroft Ave, and Berkeley Crescent and the open space at Glaisdale Close and Farndale Close plus a black BMW in the vicinity of the layby near Evergreen Way, Fuller Drive. The Clerk to report this to PCSO as well as the car vandalism on Whirlow Road.

Councillor Ben Wye had been informed that Shavington Youth Club had some problems with the building and may cease. This may be the reason why there was an increase in the number of youth groups hanging about in the area. It was requested that we consider supporting the Youth Club in some way which would hopefully prevent this. Councillor Wye to find out more information and report back to the Council.

34. PLANNING MATTERS:

The Clerk to contact CEC Planning to make sure that planning applications from neighbouring parishes are notified to Rope PC for consideration.



Discussion also included the Boundary Review of the area. CEC Councillor Allen Gage to look into any details that would affect Rope Parish.

35. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

None

36. CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence - All relevant correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors electronically.

A thank you letter had been received from Wistaston Sports and Leisure Association thanking the Parish for its donation of £200

A thank you letter had been received from Wistaston Memorial Hall thanking the parish for its donation of £100.

Elections 2nd May 2019:

Various Documents now had to be considered now that Elections had taken place:

- **Acceptance Of Office Forms** – these had been distributed to all Councillors and were now signed and countersigned by the Clerk.
- **Code Of Conduct** – The Clerk provided a letter from the CEC Monitoring Officer and a copy of the advised Code of Conduct based on CEC model. A report was presented to Councillors in order for a resolution to be made adopting the Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED: That the Model Code of Conduct provided by Cheshire East BC be adopted by Rope Parish Council

- **Register Of Members' Interests** – The Clerk provided a copy of the Register of Members' Interest Forms and some guidance notes for completion and return at the next meeting.

There were now 2 vacancies on the Parish Council and the Clerk had taken advise from Cheshire East Electoral Office and Rope PC can now co-opt. The Clerk will supply a notice of this in the noticeboard and on the website and applications for co-option can be considered at the July Meeting.

37. FINANCE

A. Requests for Financial Assistance:

None

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

None

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£281.90 S Togay – Clerk's Salary

£ 70.47 HMRC

C. Audit Procedure

The Clerk had provided various documents in relation to the audit to Councillors prior to the meeting and now explained the new procedure as a smaller authority where the higher of gross annual income or gross annual expenditure does not exceed £25,000 which meets the qualifying criteria for exemption. This meant that Rope PC are exempt from sending the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) to the external auditor for a limited assurance review provided the authority completes certain documentation and publishes specific documents on its website.

The Clerk requested that the Council approve Section 1- Annual Governance Statement and following Approve Section 2 Accounting Statements of the AGAR 2018/2019.

RESOLUTION: That Rope Parish Council approve the following for the Financial Year 2018/2019:

Section 1- Annual Governance Statement was approved by Councillors

Section 2 – Accounting Statements were approved by Councillors. These documents were then signed and dated by the Chair on behalf of the Authority.

All Audit papers would now be sent to the internal auditor JDH Business Services for inspection and the procedure for the Exercise of Public Rights would also be followed.

38. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Simon mentioned that there had been some defamatory posters on post boxes etc in relation to a former Councillor. After discussion it was decided that if Councillors saw them that they were to remove.

39. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 15th July 2019.

Rope Parish Council Meeting – 13th May 2019.