



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2020 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

56.. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Rob Hassall

57. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Councillor Stefan Pyra in relation to Shavington Academy

58. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th October 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

59. MATTERS ARISING:

Rope Garden Nursery – Even those several avenues had been followed up via Rope PC, including contact by Councillor Simon to our Cheshire East Ward Councillor and a personal complaint by Councillor Flaherty relating to the site, no progress had been made. Direct contact with Planning was a suggestion but it was pointed out by Councillor Simon that the workload was overwhelming at Cheshire East and it may be better to go down the official complaint route at Cheshire East and/or contact the Conservative Leader of Cheshire east to discuss the lack of communication with Councillor Allen Gage.

Rope Bank Hump – This had now been completed but Councillors felt that it was coming back. The area to be visually monitored.

Tree Fuller Drive/Dunham Crescent – There was till no feedback from this from Cheshire

East.**Hedge Laidon Avenue** – No feedback from Cheshire East.

Boundary Signs – The Clerk had confirmed the order and would report on progress.

Remembrance Wreaths - these had been obtained from RBL and had been passed on to Councillor Simon and Crewe Town Council to be laid the Parish's behalf.

Rope Lane Medical Centre - A letter draft had been supplied by the Chair and sent to The Medial Centre.

Parish Website - this had been handed over to Councillor Rob Hassall and information on public access to remote meeting was now posted. Councillors were requested to look at their contact entry and confirm they were happy with the entry. In addition to look at the content of the website to see how it can be improved.

60. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

61 FINANCE:

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

None.

B. PAYMENTS.

Section 137 Payments:

None

General Payments:

£281.90 Clerk's Salary

£ 70.47 HMRC Tax Payment

Please note that the £50 cheque approved for payment at the meeting on October 19th for wreaths for Remembrance day was paid for by The Clerk and cheque made out to her for reimbursement of same amount.



C. CONSIDERATION OF PRECEPT REQUEST FOR 2021/2022.

The Clerk Provided a Financial Projection to the year end plus a letter from Cheshire East relating to the Taxbase Arrangements for 21/22 in order for Councillors to make an informed decision. After discussion the following resolution was made: **RESOLUTION:** That Parish Council agreed to request a precept amount of £6,619.00.

Consideration of the budget also highlighted the need for an upgraded Parish Council laptop, printer and anti virus plus a Microsoft Word Package. The Chair would ascertain the costs and report back to a future meeting.

62. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Councillor Pennance had some small trees that could be planted in the walkways of the Parish as we had lost trees in these areas. Discussion took place as to whether permissions were needed plus tree guards etc. Councillor Simon to contact CEC to suggest site and obtain further information.

63. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Covered in other items.

64. POLICING MATTERS:

Emails to Sergeant Caldwell had been bouncing back which may be because of the high firewall on the Police System. The Clerk to test via the main parish email address. .

65. PLANNING MATTERS:

None

66. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

None

67. CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence - All relevant correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors electronically. She pointed out that if the Parish hold another meeting in December then it has caught up with the number of scheduled meetings as per Standing Orders of the Parish..

Other matters were already covered in other items.

068.. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Ben Wye requested an item on road closures at the next meeting.

69. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 14th December 2020 via Zoom