



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT SHAVINGTON ACADEMY

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk, Mr Robert Dodd, Linda Buchanan and Sandy Dutton, (Shavington Youth Club).

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Andy Pennance

55. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

56. COUNCILLOR VACANCY:

Mr Robert Dodd was in attendance and had provided Rope PC with an application for co-option onto the Council.

RESOLUTION: That Rope PC co-opted Mr Robert Dodd onto the Council. Mr Dodd completed the Declaration of Acceptance in order for him to take part in the rest of the meeting. 'Register Of Interest Forms' and Code Of Conduct Information was provided to be completed and returned to the Clerk at the next meeting.

There had also been a letter of application from Mr Rob Hassall. Councillors agreed to invite Mr Hassall to the next meeting in order to consider his co-option onto the Council.

57. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th July 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58. MATTERS ARISING:

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

Rope PC Clean Team – The Clerk had had a response from ANSA stating that litter picking equipment can be provided to the Parish. Councillor Simon will follow this up and the Clerk to procure ten hi-viz waistcoats.

Re-siting of Rope Noticeboard in Berkeley Academy – the clerk had sent an enquiry to ANSA with no response (FS142071348). The clerk to chase up.

Bank Mandate – the clerk had been to National Westminster Bank and logged on to the site to obtain the relevant form. All present signatories to sign again and Cllr Flaherty to complete and then take to bank with ID.

RESOLUTION: In accordance with resolution procedure on the new Bank Mandate, it was resolved that: 'The Authorised Signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts in section 1.3 be changed in accordance with section 'Authorised Signatories and the current mandate will continue as amended.'

59. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Shavington Youth Centre – Linda Buchanan and Sandra Dutton had come to the meeting to explain the current situation regarding the Youth Club. The building belongs to Cheshire East and had gone into a state of disrepair and was to be sold. However, CEC Councillors Flude and Marren have intervened and given support and now the roof was repaired and a new lease negotiated. Ongoing projects were now in place to refurbish and address the funding and use of the building. Some refurbishment had been undertaken by the young people of the National Citizen's Scheme and funding was being sought from grants and outside bodies to enable the building and its facilities to be improved for use not just by the Youth Club but other outside groups within the community. Regarding the Youth Club itself, all policies and the constitution had been written, finances audited with Open Evenings and Club Dates to be confirmed. A Youth Leader and support workers had been appointed. Councillors suggested that an extensive publicity campaign be carried out. The Chair to supply the contact details of Shavington Academy as he felt it an important source of potential users. Other suggestions included increasing hire fees to make small profits and other general potential sources of grants. Rope PC discussed the issue of supporting the Youth Club Further and felt that its support could be best given under its powers and duties not by target funding



'a per person from the parish' approach' but target requests for specific projects. Mention had been made of the need to relay a floor. The Clerk to contact Linda Buchanan to request an application towards this cost of flooring.

60. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

CEC Councillor Allen Gage was unfortunately not in attendance.

61. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Councillor Wye had attended the Area Highways group and the extension of the Berkeley Academy Zig Zags had been approved. Councillor Simon mentioned that there was some change in the Winter Treatment of roads but there seemed to be none in the Parish.

62. POLICING MATTERS:

There had been a change of staff in the area and PCSO Vicky Moulton had now been allocated to another area. PCSO Nigel Hobbs was now our allocated PCSO and The Clerk had introduced herself to him as well as asking the discussed question regarding the level of service now provided in Rope. Sergeant Martin Caldwell had responded indicating the PCSO Hobbs is the point of contact for any issues that do not require an emergency response or criminal investigation and would also be patrolling in the area. Any crimes should be reported on the relevant 101 or 999 numbers. Councillors asked the Clerk to thank PCSO Vicky Moulton for the hard work she had carried out in the parish over the years.

63. PLANNING MATTERS:

Planning App: 19/3925N 57 Eastern Road – demolition of existing building and erection of 4 detached dwellings. This had been received and distributed. Rope PC have no objection.

Overgrown Hedge Rimsdale Close – This was being followed up by CEC Allen Gage and there had been no feedback.

64. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Cheshire East Single Point Of Contact Scheme for Parish Councils – the clerk had attended a meeting with regard to proposals for a single point of contact with Cheshire East for town and parish councils which was being planned in line with the new 'Members' Enquiries Service' which had already been rolled out within the Borough. This would not replace the Highways and Planning Portals. further information would be provided in due course.

65. CLERK'S REPORT:

General Correspondence - All relevant correspondence had been forwarded to Councillors electronically. A letter had been received from SureCare Central Cheshire requesting placement of posters in our noticeboards. Unfortunately, Councillors felt that this was not appropriate.

66. 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:

It was decided that The Chair would attend St Mary's Remembrance Service only therefore the Clerk to procure one wreath.

B. Payments

Section 137 Payments:

£ 25.00 RBL for Remembrance Day Wreath

General Payments:

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

£ 281.90 S Togay – Clerk's Salary

£ 70.47 HMRC

C. Audit Procedure

With regard to the Internal report on the 2018/2019 Audit, a recommendation was given from JDH Business Services in relation to Section 137 'Free Resource' which was normally used when requests were received by Charitable or Non Profit Making Bodies related to the Parish. John Henry of JDH had now clarified the position in relation to 'Powers and Duties' wherein if the expenditure is relevant to another Statutory Provision Category, then it should not be categorised in the S137 'Free Resource'. This could however be used in the case of no other relevant provision category. The Clerk had supplied information to all councillors.

67. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Ben Wye informed Councillors of a history project at Berkeley Academy in relation to exploring the experiences of local residents in WW1 with an aim to provide a pop-up exhibition and
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civilian memorial in the future. The school had requested a letter of support from Rope PC in order to apply for a Heritage Lottery Fund. Councillor Wye to provide a draft and Clerk to prepare for issue.

68. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 18th November 2019.