



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 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)
Councillor Rob Hassall (RH)

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Councillor Stefan Pyra in relation to Shavington Academy
Councillor Rob Hassall in relation to Shavington Academy

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th November 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Councillor Dodd –The Clerk had spoken to Councillor Dodd who has stated he would attend the next meeting in January 2022. No further communication had been received and therefore the 'sixth month rule 'would have to be applied' and the Clerk would write to him.

Benches - The Clerk had spoken to ANSA to discuss appropriate sites, work required and permissions. The Clerk to make arrangements for a site visit with the ANSA Officer. Councillor Pyra and Pennance would like to attend also and would be advised of time and dates.

Noticeboards and Development of new Logo - The Clerk had provided information on history of the parish and the Rope medieval glass at St Mary's Church, Nantwich. She had spoken to Zero Signs and given the Parish's requirements and historic information in relation to development of a Rope coat of arms. A meeting had been arranged for 18th January to inspect the boards and discuss further. Once a quote was received then it would be circulated so that Councillors could approve as would any logo designs.

Wistaston Memorial Hall Request for Feedback - an email had been sent requesting further detailed information on the proposal for the build of a new memorial hall before any comment could be provided by the parish.

St Mary's Request for grant towards Graveyard upkeep - an email had been sent asking that a future request be sent in the New financial year as a donation had already been made in 2020/2022..

Co-Option Protocol - best practise guidance had been strictly adhered to in relation to the co-option considerations. The Clerk would formulate a code for consideration by the Council. The Clerk to provide further feedback at the request of an unsuccessful candidate.

Mr Maunds - The Clerk had responded as per discussions and Mr Maunds had also been advised of future proposed meetings of the Council (subject to change).

Precept request to CEC - this had been sent and confirmation received.

5.. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

6. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Councillor not in attendance and no contact received. The Chair will speak with CEC Councillor Janet Clowes again regarding non- attendance and lack of contact.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Woodland Trust Free Trees relating to Platinum Jubilee - The Vice-Chair had provided information on the availability of trees from the Woodland Trust for planting in the Parish. Unfortunately though mentioned to both Berkeley Academy and Shavington Academy there had been no response to obtain trees for planting within the school grounds.



Litter In Berkeley School Grounds - Councillor Flaherty mentioned the abundance of litter in the Forest area of Berkeley School which the school seemed not to address. The Clerk to write to The Head and offer litter picking help for the Parish Council.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Following on from previous discussions relating to 20mph zones in residential areas, further discussions took place with especial regard to the Cheshire East Speed Management Strategy. Councillor Wye had looked at this in detail and shared some of the important points but found the survey extremely complex. It was felt that the Parish should make comment.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Wye provide a draft response to be sent by the clerk to the Consultation email address expressing support for 20mph zones.

Councillor Flaherty mentioned that there was a lack of a 'no through road' sign at the end of Oakhurst Drive junction with Whirlow Road. The Clerk to contact with CEC Highways about having one installed.

9. POLICING MATTERS:

Councillor Flaherty had attended one of the local Police Cluster Meetings. It was also noted that the Police Facebook page for the area had improved..

10. PLANNING MATTERS:

A resident had made strong comment by telephone message in relation to the tree works being undertaken on an oak tree at 41 Rope Lane. However as previous discussions had taken place with this resident with regard to this matter, the Clerk had responded again with reassurances that it felt the present resident had followed the correct planning procedure with Cheshire East as the planning authority and confirmed that the Parish did not receive notification of these works as it did with ordinary planning applications.

11. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Although not an external meeting, Councillor Penance had taken part in an online session relating to Crewe's Local history in relation to 'Crewe Local List' which was in conjunction with Cheshire East and Crewe Town Council. It would seem that there were no structures of historical interest in the parish but note of the project should be shared on the Parish FB page..

12. CLERK'S REPORT:

All relevant correspondence had been forwarded electronically to Councillors for their attention.

An up to date copy of the Electoral Register was now available from Cheshire East. The Clerk had applied for a paper copy

The Clerk noted that she would be acting as a temporary Clerk to Willaston Parish Council until their recruitment process for a new officer was completed.

13. FINANCE

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

None

B. PAYMENTS

Section 137 Payments:

None

General Payments:

S Togay Clerk's Salary	£291.62
HMRC (£72.90+£10)	£ 72.90
Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00
SLCC Membership	£ 80.00
S Togay reimbursement for payment to UK2 for Domain registration and email account	£ 31.28



14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Flaherty mentioned that there was an unspent amount in the Wybunbury Charity Account and asked for thoughts on how it could be distributed. The Chair and Councillor Hassall would make contact with Cheshire College South and West.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21st March 2022