

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21st MARCH 2022
AT NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Andy Pennance -Vice Chair (AP)

Councillor Chris Flaherty (CF)

Councillor Ben Wye (BW)

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Stefan Pyra – Chair (SP) Councillor Rob Hassall (RH)

None

16. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

18. MATTERS ARISING:

Councillor Dodd –The Clerk had written to Robert Dodd informing him that the ‘Sixth month Rule’ would be applied as he had not attended.

Benches – The Clerk had met with Elaine Webster (EW) of ANSA and 2 sites had been identified as suitable: Fuller Drive by the noticeboard and bus stop, along the path on the green space behind Dunham Crescent. Order forms were completed and wording would be advised to EW. It was suggested that ‘Rope Parish Council, Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, 2022’ be used. EW had also suggested that the green open space was a suitable area for a wildflower area and planting of QPJ trees. She will copy the Clerk into the relevant ANSA Officer.

Noticeboards and Development of new Logo - The Clerk had asked for a classical design and a simple design for Councillors to make comment on. Once provided and comments received then instructions will be issued to Zero Signs to commence.

Co-Option Protocol – The Clerk had replied to the recent 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).

Berkeley Academy - Offer of litter picking – the Clerk had emailed the Head teacher offering a litter picking session by the Parish within the school grounds with no response. The Clerk to forward the email to Councillor Flaherty for information.

CEC Speed Management Strategy – Councillor Wye had provided a response which was emailed to the CEC Consultation email address. There had been 704 comments on the consultation and final feedback would be provided in late Summer/Autumn.

Oakhurst Drive – a request had been placed with CEC for a ‘no through road sign’ on Oakhurst Drive.

19.. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

20. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Councillor not in attendance and no contact received.

21. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Berkeley Academy – Councillor Wye suggested that the Parish may wish to offer to supply 2 no idling/no parking signs to the school. Cllr BW to supply further information.

22. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

It had been noted that there was a large pothole on Rope Lane Bridge as well as damaged/footpaths at the Whirlow Road/Fuller Drive Junction. The Clerk had noted a statement relating to Capital Investment from Cheshire East for road repairs which would address Level 2 issue – re-lay not patch. However, this would be over a three-year period.

23. POLICING MATTERS:

Councillor Flaherty may be able to attend the Town & Parish Council Meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner on April 6th at Alsager.

There were further incidents of suspicious activities relating to cars and potential drug use on Beechcroft Ave. Clerk to inform Police

24. PLANNING MATTERS:

Rope Garden Nursery was displaying a 'For Sale' stating 'subject to planning permission'. The Clerk to ascertain if there were any planning applications on CEC website relating to the site.

25. REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

The present risk assessment had been circulated prior to the meeting for information.

RESOLVED: After consideration of the Rope PC Risk Assessment, it was resolved that the present document was appropriate for the coming year.

26. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Crewe Town Board Transport Forum – Councillor Ben Wye was now in position as Chair for issues relating to transport.

27. CLERK'S REPORT:

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

The Clerk would now begin the Audit Process for 2021/2022.

28. 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
Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00
Clerk Annual Expenses	£380.55
S Togay reimbursement for payment to UK2 for Domain registration	£ 102.49

29. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

It was felt that a Ward Walk should take place on Sunday 8th May at 11am meeting at the New Life Community Church in order to ascertain any issues in the area. To be confirmed.

30. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 16th May 2022