



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

Councillor Stefan Pyra – Chair
Councillor Ben Wye – Vice Chair
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Andy Pennance
Councillor Rob Hassall

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

30.. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

31. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

32. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th August 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

33. MATTERS ARISING:

Attendance at Meetings – As meetings were now being held remotely by ZOOM, it is important that councillors do acknowledge the invitation from the Chair and send apologies if necessary. Attendance at remote meetings are still subject to the 'Six Month Rule'.

Rope Garden Nursery - It was felt that a meeting should be held with the Cheshire East Ward Councillor and an email sent to Councillor Gage requesting an on-site meeting.

Rope Bank Hump – Notice had been provided that this work was to go ahead on 11th October.

Evergreen Way – ANSA had been back to recut this area.

Tree Fuller Drive/Dunham Crescent – this had had some cut back but it may have been carried out by the resident at Dunham Crescent who had complained. Chase up present situation.

34 FINANCE:

A. Audit Procedure

The Audit Procedure is now complete. The Notice Of Exercise Of Public Rights are now in the noticeboards and electronic photographic evidence taken and relevant documents are on the website.

B. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

1. **Wistaston Green Allotment Holders** -A request had been received via Councillor Simon from Geoffrey Bolt on behalf of Wistaston Green Allotment Holders requesting a contribution of £129.50 towards planning consent fees for siting a portacabin on the allotment site which had been donated for use by Bellway Homes. The Clerk to request information on how many Rope Residents were tenants of these allotments.

2. **Shavington Academy** – A request had been received in relation to the purchase of outdoor seating.

C. PAYMENTS.

Section 137 Payments:

Resolved: That a donation of £250 be made to Shavington Academy.

General Payments:

Resolved: That the following payments are made:

£281.90 S Togay, Clerk's Salary

£70.47 HMRC

35. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Overgrown Hedges – It was suggested that a 'Parish Walk' take place in order to identify any overgrown hedges or other environmental matters. It was also felt that Councillors would like to go ahead with a litter pick or clean up as in the past. The Clerk to ask whether Councillor Simon had managed to obtain any litter pickers or bag hoops from ANSA. If not, then some to be purchased.

36. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Speedwatch - Councillor Wye asked if anyone would like to carry out Speedwatch sessions in the parish as he was not allowed to do so alone. BW to inform AP of any forthcoming sessions.

37. POLICING MATTERS:

There was no regular attendance at Rope PC meetings. It was suggested that Sergeant Martin Caldwell be invited to the meetings.



38. PLANNING MATTERS:

There was evidence of a 2 storey extension on 30 Oakhurst Drive with no sign of planning permission on the CEC website. The Clerk to recheck CEC website and then contact Planning.

39. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

None

40. CLERK'S REPORT:

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

The Pension Regulator - The Clerk had completed a requirement by The Pension Regulator in relation to provision of pension which had to be completed every 3 years.

Boundary Signs – The Clerk had looked at all the boundary signs and assessed that a new one was needed on the lamp column on Fuller Drive and also in an appropriate site on Towers Close.

Noticeboards – these had been inspected and needed cleaning and vegetation cut back. The Clerk in the first place would attempt to complete this job.

Question From Brian Silvester – a question had been received by Brian Silvester and this would be accommodated at the next meeting.

Capital Reserve – The clerk had provided a document which analysed the Capital Reserve of Rope PC in order to ensure that it was not holding too high an amount based on Auditor advise. In addition, a Register of Assets had been provided as discussed. It was suggested that both schools in the Parish be asked if there was any financial assistance required. This could also be an item on any forthcoming newsletter. Councillor Pennance suggested we revisit the need for a second defibrillator in the Parish if a suitable site could be found.

41.. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Wybunbury Charity – Councillor Flaherty had received a request and the Clerk would obtain a voucher on her behalf.

42. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Monday 19th.October 2020 via Zoom