



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2024 AT NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.

PRESENT:

Councillor Andy Pennance -Chair
Councillor Chris Flaherty
Councillor Richard Weilding
Councillor Nick Churchill
Councillor Sue Jones
Councillor George Jones
Councillor Malcolm Crook

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk.

62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

63. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

64. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 20TH NOVEMBER 2023:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair with the following amendment:

Item 50 -Amend the spelling of September.

Item 51 – The Chair had cut back the hedge not the sign.

65. MATTERS ARISING:

Planters – the Clerk provided quotes from Amberol Limited for the supply of two planters and also a quote from JD Services relating to the siting and planting of the planters. Councillors approved the ordering of two planters with one logo attached only. JD Services would receive the planters and site and fill them with soil. Planting would then be an additional cost when appropriate. It was advised that sustainable plants would be used. The Clerk to liaise with both contractors regarding delivery and siting. Siting confirmed on Fuller Drive between the bench and noticeboard opposite New Life Community Church and between noticeboard and pathway at Oaktree Walk.

Kissing Gates – Richard Ankers of PROW Department of Cheshire East had now contacted the owner of the land to request permission to install the gates and would provide further information when received.

Partnership Working – the Clerk had previously contacted Wistaston Memorial Hall, Wistaston Sports & Leisure Association, and St Mary's Wistaston in relation to Parish representation and/or donations plus the two schools in the Parish. Updates were as follows:

- Shavington Academy -The Chair had attended the recent prize giving event there and discussed a contribution to a S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Event at the school which the Council could support with a donation.



The school had also sent a thank you letter to the Council for the donation to the school prize.

- St Mary's Church – a letter had been received requesting a donation to the upkeep of the graveyard which would be dealt with under Item 14a.
- Berkeley Academy – a letter had been received from the Headteacher requesting consideration for a donation towards a reading room project. This would be dealt with under Item 14a.
- Wistaston Memorial Hall – their Chair had responded, and the matter of parish representation would be discussed at their next meeting.

Communications - the website had now been updated and Councillor Churchill had a key to the Berkeley Academy Noticeboard. Councillors also agreed to a Rope Parish Council 'Whatsapp' Group for Councillors/Clerk use only.

Councillors agreed to produce a newsletter as previously discussed for issue at Easter. The Chair would collate and produce the leaflet and it was requested that any articles are provided by the end of February.

RESOLVED: that in order to expedite delivery of the letters by hand, the Clerk would purchase 'POSTIE Mate' devices for use by Councillors.

Councillor Crook expressed his thanks relating to the reporting of a vehicle continually parking opposite Rope Bank Avenue which had now ceased.

The Clerk to enquire if the Mobile Library still visited the Fuller Drive Estate.

The Clerk to ascertain what the box was on the lamppost on Hanbury and Charlcote Crescent.

66.. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

67. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:

All relevant correspondence received since the last meeting had been forwarded electronically to Councillors for their attention.

Councillors Sue and George Jones had attended a ChALC online training course and Councillors were urged to look at the training programme on their site. The Clerk to provide any useful information to Councillors.

68. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cheshire East Councillor Allen Gage was not in attendance.

69. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Eastern Road – there was continued flooding on Eastern Road. The Clerk had reported this issue.

Wells Green -Councillor George Jones confirmed the roadworks conducted by Cadent at Wells Green had now been delayed until during the school Summer Break 2024.



70. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

No through Road Sign, Oakhurst Drive – this had been reported some time ago and the response was that it was to be considered within a larger re-signing project for the area. This had been reported again.

71. POLICING MATTERS:

There were no officers in attendance. The Clerk had spoken to PCSO Meggs who had confirmed that training could be given to any volunteers if names could be supplied to her. All sites for speedwatch to be conducted had to be risk assessed and three people had to conduct the sessions. She could provide a speedgun for use but then the Council would be reliant on her attendance and may wish to procure one for the Parish.

Councillor Sue Jones had spoken to PCSO Meggs regarding the use of cutouts outside schools to prevent speeding. Further information to be obtained.

The Clerk to report a van continually parked at the Laidon Avenue/Crewe Road junction.

72. PLANNING MATTERS:

None

73. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

None.

74. FINANCE

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

1. St Mary's Church - A request had been received in relation to the upkeep of the graveyard.
2. Berkeley Academy – A request had been received in relation to a Reading Room Project.

B. PAYMENTS

Section 137 Payments:

1. RESOLVED: Rope Parish Council resolved to donate £300 to St Mary's Church for the upkeep of the graveyard.
2. RESOLVED: Rope Parish Council resolved to donate £3,000 to Berkeley Academy towards the Reading Room Project.

General Payments:

S Togay Clerk's Salary – January	£169.50
HMRC - January	£ 42.40
S Togay Clerk's Salary – Feb	£169.50
HMRC – Dec	£ 42.40
Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00
S Togay- reimburse Renewal Of email account	£ 8.50



Amberol Ltd (planters)	£948.17
JD Services (siting of planters)	£250.00
SLCC Membership	£ 80.00
ChALC Training	£ 20.00
(£60 credit note used)	

75. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

A request for inclusion of posters for a commercial venture was refused.

76. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 18th March 2024