



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 AT  
NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Andy Pennance -Chair  
Councillor Andy Chris Flaherty -Vice Chair  
Councillor Richard Weilding  
Councillor Nick Churchill  
Councillor Sue Jones

**In Attendance:**

Sue Togay – Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor George Jones

**2. Declaration Of Acceptance Of Office**

At the Annual Meeting prior to the Parish Council Meeting, all Councillors had signed an acceptance of Office except for Councillor George Jones who was unfortunately absent.

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor George Jones may sign his 'Acceptance of Office' before or at the next meeting of the Council.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

None.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair with the following amendments:

Item referring to a house fire under 89: Police Matter to be transferred to 92 Matters Arising.

Item 91: Councillor Pennance was a member of the Crewe Heritage Committee and not the Chair.

**5. MATTERS ARISING:**

None.

**6.. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

**7. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

Councillor Allen Gage had been re-elected as the Cheshire East Ward Councillor for Rope and it was requested that the Clerk contact him offering congratulations and inviting him to future meetings.

Councillors wished to bring the following to his attention:

- The continual parking problem in and around Berkeley Academy at school drop off and pick up time.
- An update with regard to the flooding on Eastern Road.

**8. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:**

Bridge over stream Evergreen Way – the Clerk to obtain an update on this.

Pilot Scheme to remove Gully Weeds in the Parish – the clerk to contact Mike Webster & Son to reinstate the potential weed removal.

**9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:**

Potholes near Rope Lane Medical Centre – Clerk to report to 'Fix My Street'

**10. POLICING MATTERS:**

The Clerk to contact PCSO Vicki Moulton to ascertain the contact details of the designated Sergeant and Police Constable for the area and request information for the noticeboards/website.



#### **11. PLANNING MATTERS:**

None

#### **12. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:**

None.

#### **13. CLERK'S REPORT:**

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

The Clerk advised Councillors regarding the return of the 'Candidate Spending Form' either direct to Cheshire East or to her address. In addition, the 'Register of Interest' Forms were distributed to all for completion and return to the Clerk. These would then be copied and sent to Cheshire East for publication on the website.

Co-Option – the Clerk was awaiting instruction relating to the co-option procedure post the recent election as there were potentially two candidates who wished to be co-opted onto the Council.

Parish Boundaries - From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 the Governance Review had meant that the boundaries of the Parish had changed and it was uncertain if the area which had been in Shavington Parish on Fuller Drive was now Crewe South. The Clerk to re-send the mapping link to all Councillors which though useful was not very clear and also ascertain where a clear copy of the Parish Boundaries could be found.

#### **14. FINANCE**

##### **A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**

None

##### **B. PAYMENTS**

###### **Section 137 Payments:**

None

###### **General Payments:**

S Togay Clerk's Salary - May	£145.80
HMRC - May	£ 36.46
S Togay Clerk's Salary – June	£145.80
HMRC – June	£ 36.46
Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00

##### **C. AUDIT PROCEDURE:**

A briefing note and other relevant documents had been supplied to Councillors prior to the meeting in order that the following items could be approved:

To approve Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement (P5) of the AGAR 2020/2021

To approve Section 2 - Accounting Statements (pages 3(Exemption Certificate) and 6)

###### **RESOLUTION:**

Rope PC approve the following for the Financial Year 2022/2023 -

Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement (Page 5) was approved by Councillors.

Section 2 - Accounting Statements (Pages 3) was approved by Councillors.

The AGAR Pages 3, 5 and 6 was signed and dated including The Certificate Of Exemption (Page3) by The Chair and Clerk as appropriate in order to be included in the Audit Procedure to be sent to the Internal Auditor.

Discussions took place with regard to the reserves that were held by the Council and Councillors discussed projects they would like to deliver to reduce this reserve which included:

- Goalposts on the green open space
- Planters in the parish.
- Resurrection of project to replace stiles with 'kissing gates' on parish footpaths.



- Rewilding and tree planting on the green open space leading from Oaktree Walk. The Clerk and Councillor Pennance had met with Ruth Morgan of ANSA some considerable time ago and despite requests for an update this had not progressed further. The Clerk to request an update on any potential rewilding and planting of trees in the green open space.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023