



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.**

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Chris Flaherty – Vice Chair

32.. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

33. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

34. MATTERS ARISING:

Borough Councillor Attendance at Parish Meetings - The Clerk had again contacted Councillor Gage with no result.

RESOLVED: The Council had resolved to bring his lack of attendance and response to emails to the attention of the Conservative Leader of Cheshire East Borough Council.

Parish Footpaths (PROWs) – A response had been received from Richard Ankers relating to Rope FP1 and Willaston FP13 who was again going to inspect the area and contact the landowners regarding access due to heavy crop planting. Regarding stiles, there had been no positive response to a request that the landowner replace the stiles with kissing gates which was within the ownership of the landowners.

Standing Orders – the Clerk had provided the Chair with the present version of the Council's Standing Orders. This was with a view to potentially amending or adopting the NALC model version. This was however not available unless a member of NALC or ChALC. The clerk to obtain a quote for membership of ChALC for consideration when the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations could be reviewed if thought necessary.

Planters – these had been successful, and Councillors would like to install further ones in the parish. A suggested site is at the Rope Lane/Bankfield Avenue Junction and Salander Crescent/Rope Bank junctions. The Clerk to ascertain ownership of the area and any potential permissions needed.



Resolved: to request that JD Services attend to the existing planters to maintain the present planting and replant the annuals with some winter bedding. Agreed by the Council to the value of £300.

Speedgun - The Clerk had paid the invoice for the Speedgun to Cheshire Constabulary but as yet there was no sign of the equipment. Councillor Sue Jones to chase this up with PCSO Meggs.

Police & Crime Commissioner Meetings - Discussions took place with regard to the Police & Crime Commissioner meetings which had previously been held. The Clerk had contacted the PCC Office to ascertain if they are to recommence and it was confirmed that details would be provided when these were put in place.

35. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

36. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:

All relevant correspondence received since the last meeting had been forwarded electronically to Councillors for their attention. All other matters were included in the body of the meeting.

Remembrance Services -discussions took place with regard to attendance at the local Remembrance Services on behalf of Rope PC.

RESOLVED that Councillor Weilding attend the Crewe Ceremony and Councillor Sue Jones attend the Wistaston Memorial Hall Ceremony. The Clerk to obtain two wreaths on behalf of the Council and provide any relevant instructions.

37. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cheshire East Councillor Allen Gage was not in attendance.

38. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

None.

39. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Speeding on Eastern Road - The Clerk to contact Highways with regard to speeding.

Berkeley Academy – parents were parking in the gap between the yellow zig zag hatchings and obstructing the sightline from the car park. The Clerk to contact Highways to request remarking of the area.

Speed Indicator Device - The Chair suggested that the Council look into the cost of procuring a SID powered by solar.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to obtain costs.

Parish Boundary Signs – the sign on Eastern Road was again obscured. Councillors would cut back as previously. The Clerk to check the boundary sign on Gresty Lane.



40. POLICING MATTERS:

There were no officers in attendance.

PCSO Meggs had been attending the school at day end and Councillor Sue Jones was liaising with her to be in attendance. The Head of Berkeley Academy had issued a letter to parents regarding inconsiderate parking and engine idling outside the school.

Councillor Sue Jones felt that the Community Cohesion Group that was taking place on 26th September could be interesting and would attend if possible.

41. PLANNING MATTERS:

24/3101N

35 Rope Lane, Wistaston, CW2 6RB

Outline approval for the erection of one no infill dwelling with use of existing access.

RESOLVED: No objections but make comment with regard to removal of substantial trees.

42. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Wistaston Memorial Hall and Community Centre – Councillors Flaherty had provided an update on the August meeting where main items discussed were the 75 Year Celebration of the Hall and the rebuild of the hall which is in the design stage.

Cheshire Constabulary – Councillor Crook had attended speedgun training and was now able to join the other qualified Councillors.

43. FINANCE

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

New Life Community Church - Further information had now been received for consideration.

B. PAYMENTS

Section 137 Payments:

New Life Community Church:

RESOLVED: £300 to be donated to New Life Community Church for their youth activities.

General Payments:

S Togay – reimbursement for Speedgun	£284.00
S Togay – reimbursement for stamps	£ 8.50
JDH Business Services (internal auditor)	£310.20
S Togay Clerk's Salary - September	£169.50
HMRC – September	£ 42.40
S Togay Clerk's Salary – October	£169.50
HMRC – October	£ 42.40
Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00

44. TO CONSIDER THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2024/25

The internal audit report had been provided and comments noted.



RESOLVED: then Internal Audit Report was fully noted, and relevant documents would be reinstated on the Parish Council website in order to address the issue of publication requirements due to an error loading the correct documents to the website.

45. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

46. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18th November 2024