



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2024 AT NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk.

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor Richard Weilding

78. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

79. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 15th JANUARY 2024:

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

80. MATTERS ARISING:

Planters – Sites had been confirmed and the planters would be sited in due course as delivery was imminent.

Kissing Gates – response had been received from the Public Right of Way Officer of Cheshire East and unfortunately the landowner wishes to keep the stiles rather than install kissing gates. The Clerk to request that the stiles are cleared for access by the landowner.

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 -At a school event the Chair had 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 still not contacted the Council.
- Berkeley Academy – a donation had been made to the school for their reading area and the Chair had attended the opening on World Book Day which had been a very successful and enjoyable event. Information and photographs would be included in the impending Council newsletter.
- Wistaston Memorial Hall – The Memorial Hall had requested representation from the Council and discussion took place to nominate a councillor.
RESOLVED: that Councillor Chris Flaherty is elected as the Rope Parish Council representative for Wistaston Memorial Hall.

Boxes on posts in Hanbury Close and Charlcote Crescent – these had been related in relation to water meters and had now been removed.

Communications -

The Chair had formulated a draft newsletter, and the Clerk would arrange for it to be 'paper set' and printed by a local print company. The 'Postie Mates' had now been



received and were distributed to all present. An additional item on the mobile library presence on Fuller Drive and Councillor vacancies to be added. The Clerk to use the electoral role to organise delivery rounds for distribution.

81.. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

82. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:

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

83. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cheshire East Councillor Allen Gage was not in attendance.

84. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

Hedge on Whirlow Road– this was again overgrown and encroaching on the pavement. The Clerk to report

Tree Works – some tree works had taken place, but offcuts were abandoned in the brook. The Clerk to request if ANSA could inform the Council of any tree works in the area.

85. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

Rope Lane Bridge – the holes had now been filled in.

Wells Green – emergency work was now being carried out by Cadent.

Parking near Berkely Academy continued but some of the line marking had been carried out. Vehicles using the layby on Laidon Avenue were parking inconsiderately sticking out into the main highway causing obstruction especially to the bus service. This to be reported to local Police and on 'Fix My Street'.

86. POLICING MATTERS:

There were no officers in attendance. Councillors Sue and George Jones were to take part in Speedwatch training and asked if any other Councillors wished to join them and three were needed to conduct a session.

Councillor Sue Jones had spoken to PCSO Meggs regarding the use of cutouts outside schools to prevent speeding. It would appear that these were no appropriate so would not be purchased.

87. PLANNING MATTERS:

None

88. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

None.

89. REVIEW OF THE PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

The parish council risk assessment had been circulated to councillors for consideration and review.

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



90. FINANCE

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

None.

B. PAYMENTS

Section 137 Payments:

None.

General Payments:

S Togay Clerk's Salary – March	£169.50
HMRC - March	£ 42.40
S Togay Clerk's Salary – April	£169.50 to be issued post 31 st March 24 (24/25 financial year)
HMRC – April	£ 42.40 to be issued post 31 st March 24 (24/25 financial year)
Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00
S Togay- reimburse Postie Mates And ink cartridges (£128.34 = £14.94)	£143.28

75. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

76. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 20th May 2024.