



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2023
AT NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, FULLER DRIVE.**

PRESENT:

Councillor Andy Pennance -Acting Chair (AP)
Councillor Chris Flaherty (CF)
Councillor Ben Wye (BW)

In Attendance:

Sue Togay – Clerk

79. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

80. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

81. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It is noted that the meeting held today 4th April 2023 was deferred from the original date of 20th March due to covid which made the meeting non-quorate as there was lack of members and would be considered in the 22/23 financial year.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Acting-Chair, Councillor Andy Pennance.

82. MATTERS ARISING:

None

83. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

84. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk read out her report with updates on the following:

- Recent contact with HMRC had recommended that the Clerk be paid monthly instead of every two months. The payroll would be run monthly and payment for two separate months approved/signed at meetings with the cheques issued to staff at the appropriate date approximately 3rd week of the month.
- The Election process was now underway and due to successful public campaigning and efforts by present Councillors, there were four new nominees and a potentially two candidates for co-option.
- Parish Website – The Clerk had spoken to the previous Chair and Webmaster who had kindly agreed to service the website on a temporary basis.
- The Crewe Chief Inspector had contacted the Clerk with regard to arranging a phone call regarding local policing.
- The complaint ref the bridge over the brook down Evergreen Way which was in bad repair and had been reported to ANSA had now been forwarded to Cheshire East Environmental Department by them.

85. 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.

86. CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Councillor not in attendance and no report received.



87. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

There had been some tree cutting occurring down Evergreen Way. The Clerk to request if notification can be given of any work in the Parish by ANSA.

The rubbish bins in the area seemed to be overflowing at present.

88. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

There was a problem with potholes in the parish which seemed to be patched rather than resurfaced.

89. POLICING MATTERS:

There had been a house fire in Oakhurst Drive and the resident had lost all belongings. Councillor Flaherty in her role as Wybunbury Charity had spoken to the administrator and monies were to be donated from that source to assist.

Councillor Flaherty had reported a pick-up truck which was continually parked at the corner Of Oakhurst Drive/Acorn Bank Close.

90 PLANNING MATTERS:

None

91. FEEDBACK ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS:

Councillor Wye had attended a meeting in relation to the 'Mini Holland Proposal' for Crewe and reported that areas in Crewe being considered were Edleston Road and Buchan Grove areas.

Councillor Pennance was now Chair of the Crewe Heritage Committee which planned a heritage week in September.

92. FINANCE:

A. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

None

B. PAYMENTS:

Section 137 Payments:

None.

General Payments:

S Togay Clerk's Salary to end March (2 months)	£291.62
HMRC March (2 months)	£72.90
Room Hire NLCC	£ 36.00
S Togay reimbursement for Weebly Website fee	£199.57
S Togay Annual Expenses 22/23	£453.27
S Togay Clerk's Salary April (in advance)	(£145.80 *see item 84. Relates to 23/24 financial year as will not be submitted or issued until then.
HMRC April	(£ 36.46

RESOLVED: That the above payments are approved for payment.

93. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

As Councillor Ben Wye was not standing for election post May, Councillors thanked him for all his contributions and wished him well in the Borough Council Elections.

94. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 15th May 2023