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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at Newfield House, on Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs Clowes (Chair), Harwood, Lawton, Shaw, R Griffiths, B Griffiths, Brammer, Connolly and Cope
Mr G. Roberts (Clerk) and CEC Cllr P Redstone also in attendance.

- | <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Detail</u> |
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| 1738. | <u>Apologies for Absence</u>
No apologies were received. |
| 1739. | <u>Public Forum</u>
No issue were raised. |
| 1740. | <u>Declarations of Interest</u>
There were no declarations of interest. |
| 1741. | <u>Minutes of the Meeting of 16th March 2022</u>
Cllr Connolly proposed, Cllr R Griffiths seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the minutes as true and correct. |
| 1742. | <u>Matter Arising from the minutes</u>
There were no matters arising from the minutes. |
| 1743. | <u>Casual vacancies</u>
No applications had been received to date. It was agreed that members would encourage residents to apply. |
| 1744. | <u>Neighbourhood Development Plan</u>
Having considered the representations from the consultation, Cllr B Griffiths proposed, Cllr Lawton seconded that the following amendments will be made:
HOU3 – refer to locality maps rather than SADPD boundaries
HOU4 – reduce number & extent of green gaps and expand justification
COM 1 – list & identify assets on maps
REC1 – provide a list and on a map
REC 2 – reduce number & extent and add a LGS map
BUS 1 – remove policy and add relevant parts to community action
BUS 2 - remove policy and add relevant parts to community action
ENVR 2 – remove first bullet point in para 2 and remove map. Change to a key receptors policy to include Mow Co and the canals
HER 1 - remove policy and add relevant parts to community action
HER 2 - remove policy and add relevant parts to community action
TRA1 - remove policy and add relevant parts to community action
TRA 2 - remove policy and add relevant parts to community action
TRA 3 – amend in line with model policy
TRA 4 – identify sensitive localities where design and siting should minimise impact of such structures
TRA 5 – identify specific policies that relate to Mow Cop surface water issues only |

1745. **Accounts & Expenses**

Cllr Brammer proposed, Cllr Connolly seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the following payments:

PAYE + NIC	£493.13
Balancing payment for 21/22	
PAYE + NIC	£1,330.32
April payment*	
Mr G Roberts	£2,627.76
April salary inc	
£887.00 backdated payscale increase from 1 April 2021* (excluding 1.75% from 1 April 2021, already paid)	
Superannuation*	£1,044.77
April payment	
08 Direct	£111.99
Freephone number 1 month (booking line)	
Giff Gaff	£6.00
1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for booking line	
Adobe	£15.17
Monthly fee for Adobe Pro for editing/producing accessible documents.	
Mount Pleasant Village Hall	£30.00
APM booking fee	
Norton	£21.42
Upgrade	

* *Based on adoption of Annual Appraisal recommendations (below)*

1746. **Reports & Updates**

Committees & Working Groups – Brief reports were given from the committees and working groups: Planning (Little Moss Lane applications); Community Transport (2 new volunteers trained, with 3 more to come. Long trips have been reduced and minimum number of passengers increased); Grants - Cllr Harwood proposed, Cllr R Griffiths seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the following grants: Rode Heath Scouts £1,500 for two kayaks & associated equipment; Rode Heath Bowling Club £750 for a new mower and replacement green boundary boards; Rode Heath Village Hall £1,500 refurbishment of men's toilets; Rode Park & Lawton Cricket Club - £1,500 replacement picnic benches; Mount Pleasant Village Hall £1,500 towards creation of community garden; and Scholar Green Village Hall £670 adjustments to male & female toilets.

The Clerk's report on assets identified a number of obsolete and beyond repair items. Cllr Lawton proposed, Cllr R Griffiths seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to write off and remove the following items from the assets register: A frame board 1 (for surgeries) bought 18/2/11 for £25.00; Battery charger for redundant SIDs bought 12/2/10 for £55.60; Ebook & speed software for redundant SIDs (obsolete) bought 26/3/10 for £300.00; rechargeable battery pack for redundant SIDs bought 26/3/10 for £500.00; SDU 100 SID (redundant and beyond economic repair) bought 26/3/10 for £3,000.00; secondary desktop computer (old & obsolete) bought on 1/1/09 for £700.00. It was agreed that all were of no economic value and would be scrapped.

Bank account signatories – the following were agreed to be added Cllr Clowes, Cllr Harwood, Cllr Connolly and Cllr R Griffiths.

CEC matters – Cllr Redstone reported on CEC matters including: the use kerbstones on rural roads; and highways flooding in Clare Street, inc moss on the footway.

Cllr Clowes asked for an update on the A50/Sandbach Road junction improvements. Cllr Redstone replied that he would find out. Cllr Cope proposed, Cllr Harwood seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr Redstone request a weight restriction on Sandbach Road.

Police & Community Support officer – no report. There was now temporary PCSO cover shared with Sandbach.

Village Halls – Brief reports were given.

1747. **Correspondence**

A letter had been received from a Rode Heath resident regarding a site for a memorial garden of remembrance for local armed services personnel. The meeting thought that either the Church of the Good Shepherd or Millmead opposite the Christmas tree.

1748. **Annual Staff Appraisal**

The Annual Appraisal was received and recommendations agreed. Cllr Connolly proposed, Cllr Lawton seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED that, in line with the Clerk's contract & the national agreement between NALC & SLCC (and National Joint Council for Local Government Services terms), that the new pay scales be agreed (a 1.75% cost of living increase) and that, in recognition of the Clerk's work, the Clerk's salary increases 1 increment from new SC29 to new SC30, i.e. from £33,486 to £ 34,373 (a 2.6% increase) pa inclusive of cost of living increase, effective from 1st April 2021.

1749. **Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 8.56 pm

Signed by the Chairperson _____

Dated _____

