

PARISH of ODD RODE

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held at Newfield House, on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs Clowes (Chair), Harwood, Shaw, B Griffiths, Brammer, Cope and Connolly. Mr G. Roberts (Clerk) and PCSO S Watkins, and Mrs D Reynolds also in attendance.

Item No. Detail

1750. **Election of chairman**

After a discussion in which Cllr Clowes noted that he would be leaving the area during the Summer, and with no one else prepared to stand, Cllr Shaw proposed, Cllr Brammer seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Clowes as chairman until he moves from the area. It was noted that Cllr Clowes had done a tremendous job. Cllrs Connolly and Cope (and any other member who wanted to) would shadow him with a view to standing at a future date.

1751. **Election of vice-chairman**

Cllr Shaw proposed, Cllr Griffiths seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Harwood as vice-chairman.

1752. **PCSO Report**

PCSO Watkins, who is based at Sandbach, introduced himself. He noted that speeding traffic was a local issue and invited members to let him know of particular roads of concern.

Arising from the report, it was agreed to ask CEC to mark Sandbach Road at the access points into Rode Heath with 30 mph roundels (as the signs are often obscured by tree growth).

1753. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Griffiths and Lawton.

1754. **Public Forum**

No issues were raised.

1755. **Co-option of members**

Cllr Brammer proposed, Cllr Shaw seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to co-opt Mrs Diana Reynolds onto the Council. Cllr Reynolds signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

1756. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1757. **Minutes of the Meeting of 20th April 2022**

Cllr R Griffiths proposed, Cllr Connolly seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the minutes as true and correct.

1758. **Matters Arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

1759. **Appointment of Internal Auditor**
Cllr Shaw proposed, Cllr Griffiths seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to re-appoint JDH Business Services as internal auditor for 2022/23.

1760. **Council insurance**
It was unanimously agreed to renew with Zurich Municipal.

1761. **Accounts & Expenses**
Cllr Shaw proposed, Cllr Cope seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the following payments:

PAYE + NIC £913.30

May payment

Mr G Roberts £2,081.93

May salary

Superannuation £797.74

May payment

08 Direct £11.99

Freephone number 1 month (booking line) May

Giff Gaff £6.00

1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for booking line May

Fuel Genie (Atos) £109.00

Minibus diesel May

DVLA £165.00

Annual minibus road tax

Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers £1,079.00

Minibus insurance

Zurich Municipal £816.74

Council insurance

ChALC £1,487.04

Annual affiliation fee

Newfield House £1,728.00

Office rent Jan to May

Vinyl Banners £117.07

Annual Parish Meeting banners x 3

Leaflet Team £859.00

On The Rode April/May

Mount Pleasant Village Hall £1,500.00

Grant

Rode Heath Village Hall £1,500.00

Grant

Scholar Green Village Hall £670.00

Grant

Rode Park & Lawton Cricket Club £1,500.00

Grant

Rode Heath Scouts £1,500.00

Grant

Rode Heath Bowling Club £750.00

Grant

Legal & General £411.38

Ill Health Liability Insurance

1762. **Appointment of Committee, Working Groups & Council Representatives**
The following were appointed:

- a) Planning Committee - Cllrs Clowes, Connolly, R Griffiths, Lawton & Shaw.
- b) Community Transport Management Committee - Cllrs Clowes, Harwood, Lawton, Shaw & Cope.
- c) Grants Committee - Cllrs Clowes, B Griffiths, Lawton, Harwood & Brammer.
- d) Police & Community Support Officer cluster meetings - open to all members to attend but those named as regular attendees - Cllrs Clowes, B Griffiths, R Griffiths & Cope.

- e) Policy, Procedures & Personnel Working Group - Cllrs Clowes, Harwood, B Griffiths & Brammer.
- f) Newsletter Working Group - Cllrs Clowes, Cope, Harwood, Lawton, Shaw & Reynolds.
- g) Parish Environmental Enhancement Projects - Cllrs Clowes, Lawton & Reynolds.
- h) Office Working Group - Cllrs Clowes, Harwood, Lawton & Connolly.
- i) Scholar Green Village Hall - Cllr Shaw.
- j) Mount Pleasant Village Hall - Cllr Lawton.
- k) Rode Heath Village Hall – Cllr Harwood.
- l) YPCC (vacant)
- m) Cheshire Association of Local Councils - Cllrs Clowes, Lawton & 1 vacancy.

1763. **Reports & Updates**

Committees & Working Groups – Brief reports were given from the committees and working groups: Planning (nothing contentious); Community Transport (passenger numbers are up, more trips are local to reduce fuel costs and it was agreed that dogs could not accompany passengers); Grants (all grants have been paid).

Cheshire East matters – no CEC councillor present.

Village Halls – Brief reports were given.

1764. **Correspondence**

There was none.

1765. **Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 8.47 pm

Signed by the Chairperson _____

Dated _____

