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Minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held at Newfield House, on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm

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Present Cllrs Connolly (Chair), Lawton, Shaw, Griffiths, Brammer, Howard, Whitehead, Flynn and Massey.

Mr G. Roberts (Clerk).

- | <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Detail</u>   |
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| 1864.           | <b><u>Election of chairman</u></b><br>Cllr Lawton proposed, Cllr Shaw seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Connolly as chairman.  |
| 1865.           | <b><u>Election of vice-chairman</u></b><br>Cllr Shaw proposed, Cllr Brammer seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Cllr Harwood as vice-chairman.  |
| 1866.           | <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b><br>Apologies were received from Cllrs Ford, Harwood, Cope and Frost.  |
| 1867.           | <b><u>Public Forum</u></b><br>No members of the public were present.  |
| 1868.           | <b><u>Casual Vacancy</u></b><br>The Clerk reported that Cllr Reynolds had resigned from the Council and the vacancy had been notified to CEC.   |
| 1869.           | <b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b><br>There were no declarations of interest.   |
| 1870.           | <b><u>General Power of Competence</u></b><br>Cllr Flynn proposed, Cllr Whitehead seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED under the Parish Councils (General Power of competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 (SI 2012/965) that, at this precise moment, the Parish Council is eligible to adopt the general power of competence by having 13 out of 15 seats by elected councillors (greater than the two thirds requirement) and that the Clerk is suitably qualified by holding the degree in Local Policy from the University of Gloucestershire and has successfully completed the relevant training in the exercise of the power, and to adopt the General Power of Competence. |
| 1871.           | <b><u>Minutes of the Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023</u></b><br>Cllr Howard proposed, Cllr Whitehead seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the minutes as true and correct.   |
| 1872.           | <b><u>Matters Arising from the minutes</u></b><br>Re flooding at Birch Tree Lane: it was noted that the field drains had been rodded, the silt was cleared and clear water was running through them. The situation will be monitored.   |

1873. **Appointment of Internal Auditor**

Cllr Massey proposed, Cllr Griffiths seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to re-appoint JDH Business Services as internal auditor for 2023/24.

1874. **Council insurance**

It was unanimously agreed to renew with Zurich Municipal.

1875. **Accounts & Expenses**

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

HMRC PAYE + NIC	£941.55
May payment	
Mr G Roberts	£2,285.60
May salary	
Superannuation	£849.24
May payment	
08 Direct	£11.99
Freephone number 1 month (Rode Runner booking line)	
Giff Gaff	£6.00
1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for Rode Runner booking line	
Adobe	£19.97
Monthly fee for Adobe Pro for editing/producing accessible documents.	
Zurich Insurance	£915.94
Council insurance	
ChALC	£1,510.87
Annual membership	
AJ Gallagher	£1,473.08
Minibus insurance	
Atos (Fuel Genie)	£128.64
Fuel for minibus	
Legal & General	£429.66
Ill Health Liability Insurance	
DVLA	£165.00
Minibus road tax	
CPRE	£60.00
Annual membership	
Mount Pleasant Village Hall	£15.00
AMP hall hire	
Keates Hulme	£420.00
Property Valuation	
Leaflet Team	£898.00
On The Rode printing & distribution	
Norton	£17.92
Internet protection	
Rode Heath Bowling Club	£500.00
Grant	
Mount Pleasant Village Hall	£500.00
Grant for play area	
Scholar Green Village Hall	£1,460.00
Grant	
Rode Heath Scout Group	£1,500.00
Grant	
Mount Pleasant Village Hall	£1,500.00
Grant	
Rode Park & Lawton Cricket Club	£1,500.00
Grant	
Rode Heath Village Hall	£1,500.00
Grant	

1876. **Appointment of Committee, Working Groups & Council Representatives**

The following were appointed (the Chairman is ex-officio member of all committees):

- a) Planning Committee - Cllrs Shaw, Connolly, Lawton, Whitehead, Howard, Flynn & Massey.
- b) Community Transport Management Committee - Cllrs Harwood, Lawton, Shaw & Flynn.
- c) Grants Committee - Cllrs Griffiths, Brammer, Flynn & Massey.
- d) Police & Community Support Officer cluster meetings - open to all members to attend but those named as regular attendees - Cllrs Connolly, Griffiths & Howard.
- e) Policy, Procedures & Personnel Working Group - Cllrs Griffiths, Harwood and Brammer.
- f) Newsletter Working Group - Cllrs Lawton, Howard & Ford.
- g) Parish Environmental Enhancement Projects - Cllrs Shaw, Lawton, Ford & Flynn.
- h) Office Working Group - Cllrs Connolly, Shaw & Whitehead.
- i) Scholar Green Village Hall - Cllr Shaw.
- j) Mount Pleasant Village Hall - Cllr Howard.
- k) Rode Heath Village Hall – Cllr Harwood.
- l) YPCC – Cllr Flynn
- m) Cheshire Association of Local Councils - Cllrs Connolly, Lawton & Brammer.

1877. **Reports & Updates**

*Committees & Working Groups* – Brief reports were given from the committees and working groups: Planning (57 Wood Street refused) and PEEP (new goal posts had been damaged).

*Cheshire East matters* – no CEC councillor present.

*Village Halls* – Brief reports were given.

1878. **Correspondence**

There was none.

1879. **Confidential matter**

There was a short discussion on the potential purchase of a property. Cllr Flynn proposed, Cllr Massey seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to pursue the purchase through the Office Working Group. Cllr Flynn proposed, Cllr Shaw seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to fund the purchase from reserves.

1880. **Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 9.10 pm

Signed by the Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

