

# PARISH of ODD RODE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Scholar Green Village Hall on Wednesday 20th June 2018 at 7.30pm.

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Present Cllrs Lawton (Chair), Clowes, Robinson, Shaw, Moller, Cook, Cope, Meakin and Alcock

Mr G. Roberts (Clerk), CEC Cllr Liz Wardlaw & 1 member of the public in attendance.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Action</u>
1329.	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Smith, Cllr S Harwood & Cllr C Harwood.	
1330.	<b><u>Public Forum</u></b> No members of the public raised any issues.	
1331.	<b><u>Declarations of interest</u></b> None.	
1332.	<b><u>Minutes of a meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018</u></b> Cllr C Shaw proposed, Cllr Meakin seconded and it was RESOLVED nem con to pass the minutes of the meeting held on the 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 as a true and correct record.	
1333.	<b><u>Matters arising from the Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018</u></b> a) Playing fields – Cllr Clowes reported that WREN’s sign off on the agreement for Rode Heath was awaited and work is likely to be in August. Cllr Cook reported that the opening ceremony will be 3.30 pm on 6 <sup>th</sup> July. The litter bin had not yet been erected and there were no “no dogs” signs up. The grass is due to be cut soon. Cllr Cook proposed, Cllr Meakin seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain a small sign for both entrances stating that ORPC had supported the refurbishment. b) Trees at Mill Mead – the Clerk reported that he had made the request again to CEC property services (on the basis that ANSA could not consider tree work for the benefit of neighbouring residents) and was awaiting a response. Cllr Wardlaw would take the issue up with CEC. c) Hedges – Cllr Cope reported that CEC were enforcing hedge cutting on Sandbach Rd by Chapel Lane. Cllr Cook reported that the hedges by the Wharf and 57 Spring Bank were in need of cutting.	
1334.	<b><u>Co-option of Councillor</u></b> There were no applications.	

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**Accounts and Expenses**

Cllr Moller proposed, Cllr Cope seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the following:

<b>PAYE + NIC</b>	<b>£647.14</b>
<i>June payment</i>	
<b>Mr G Roberts</b>	<b>£1,813.36</b>
<i>June salary and exp £83.41</i>	
<i>mileage 94 @45ppm £42.30</i>	
<i>recorded mail £2.11</i>	
<i>Cllr expenses (M. Cook) £39.00</i>	
<b>Superannuation</b>	<b>£647.14</b>
<i>June payment</i>	
<b>Fuel Genie</b>	<b>£53.16</b>
<i>Diesel for Rode Runner</i>	
<b>PJ Leafleting</b>	<b>£171.60</b>
<i>Newsletter delivery</i>	
<b>08 Direct</b>	<b>£11.99</b>
<i>Freephone number 1 month</i>	
<b>Giff Gaff</b>	<b>£7.50</b>
<i>1 mobile monthly £7.50 credit.</i>	
<b>Netwise Training</b>	<b>£22.47</b>
<i>Balance on previous web package</i>	
<b>Netwise Training</b>	<b>£300.00</b>
<i>Annual fee on new web package</i>	
<b>Crazy Domains</b>	<b>£12.00</b>
<i>Back order for oddrode.org.uk domain name</i>	
<b>BT</b>	<b>£212.95</b>
<i>Office phone &amp; internet 1/4</i>	
<b>Royal Mail</b>	<b>£262.80</b>
<i>Freepost licence to June 2019</i>	
<b>Cheshire County Playing Fields Assoc</b>	<b>£22.00</b>
<i>Annual subs</i>	
<b>Legal &amp; General</b>	<b>£19.17</b>
<i>Ill Health Liability Insurance balance on year</i>	
<b>CPRE</b>	<b>£36.00</b>
<i>Annual subs</i>	

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**Reports & Updates**

A) *Report from committees & working groups* – Reports were received from Planning (2 applications were commented on), Community Transport (trips for August, September & October had been agreed), Newsletter (Cllr Alcock will submit a meet the councillor piece) and Neighbourhood Development Plan (councillors were invited to submit photos and location details of views in their ward that they felt were worthy of protection).

B) PCSO – a written report had been received.

C) *CEC Report* - Cllr Wardlaw reported on CEC issues including; New Homes Bonus; environmental health; consumer protection; Congleton Link Road; and anti slavery activities.

Cllr Clowes asked a question about the timing of the proposed school parking restrictions and the possible Thurlwood speed limit changes. Cllr Wardlaw believed that the school restrictions were imminent and that the speed limits were being considered this month.

Cllr Shaw noted that there were still parking problems around Scholar Green school.

Cllr Cope asked when the “slow” sign was going to be repainted and when was the count for the possible pedestrian crossing going to be undertaken? The Council had asked for this to be done before the school holidays. Cllr Wardlaw said she’d chase this up.

D) Village Halls – The Council’s representatives reported on the village halls.

**1337. Correspondence**

An email from Mr & Mrs Ball was received, requesting help in funding repairs to the unadopted road Belvedere Terrace.

After much discussion, it was felt that, whilst the Parish Council is very sympathetic to the situation that residents find themselves in, unfortunately, the Council cannot contribute towards repairs to, or maintenance of, unadopted streets.

Councillors felt that they could not justify the expenditure to the other residents in the parish who have either paid for their roads to be made to adoptable highway standard (in the case of new estates) or have paid for a property the price of which reflected its location on an adopted highway. It was noted that Council Tax banding also takes into account whether a dwelling is in an adopted road or not.

The Councillors were also concerned that any contribution would set a precedent for the large number of private streets in the parish and may be seen as an acceptance of a responsibility to maintain these streets.

It was also noted that the proposals didn’t include drainage and that the correspondents be made aware of the need for drainage in road design.

Cllr Cook asked whether the Council would make a donation to a charity that supports a local child. It was agreed that this would need to be put on the next agenda.

**1338. Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.

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