

PARISH of ODD RODE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Newfield House, Brook Lane, Astbury, on Wednesday 20th November 2019 at 7.45pm.

Present Cllrs Clowes (Chair), C Harwood, Robinson, Shaw, Connolly, S Harwood, Cope, Moller and Johnson.

Mr G. Roberts (Clerk) & CEC Cllr Redstone, Mrs S Clewlow in attendance.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Action</u>
1511.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lawton, Cook, Meakin, Somerville, R Griffiths and B Griffiths	
1512.	<u>Public Forum</u> Mrs Clewlow raised the problems of speeding vehicles on Sandbach Road, particularly large vehicles. She felt that the number of speeding vehicles had increased over recent years and a car parked outside the post office had been written off by a speeding vehicle. She was particularly worried about the safety of children crossing the road to get to the school bus. Councillors highlighted the action taken by the Council and police to date. It was agreed to request that the PCSO carry out a speed gun check on the road, that there is a need to measure the speed of vehicles near to the Broughton Arms public house and that the survey for a pedestrian crossing needed to be completed. Cllr Redstone was asked to pursue these last two matters.	
1513.	<u>Declarations of interest</u> Cllr Shaw declared an interest in an item of correspondence as he was a school governor at Scholar Green Primary School.	
1514.	<u>Minutes of a meeting held on 16th October 2019</u> Cllr Shaw proposed, Cllr C Harwood seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to pass the minutes of the meeting held on the 16 th October 2019 as a true and correct record.	
1515.	<u>Matters arising from the Meeting of 16th October 2019</u> Cllr Shaw reported that the owner of The Rising Sun was willing to site an AED on the wall of the pub. A number of members expressed concerns that the Christmas trees were smaller than the previous years' trees.	
1516.	<u>Accounts and Expenses</u> Cllr Robinson proposed, Cllr C Harwood seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the following: <i>PAYE + NIC</i> £769.37	

<i>Nov payment</i>	
Mr G Roberts	£1,953.49
<i>Nov salary plus expenses, petty cash: £17.00 Remembrance Sunday Wreath</i>	
Superannuation	£707.16
<i>Nov payment</i>	
Fine Mesh Metals Ltd	£115.84
<i>Gabion baskets for planters at Mount Pleasant</i>	
Royal Mail	£0.71
<i>FREEPOST letter.</i>	
The Leaflet Team	£678.00
<i>Printing & delivery Dec/Jan On The Rode</i>	
08 Direct	£11.99
<i>Freephone number 1 month (booking line)</i>	
Giff Gaff	£6.00
<i>1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for booking line</i>	
ATOS Fuel Genie	£133.33
<i>Diesel for minibus (Oct)</i>	
PMS Instruments Ltd	£92.99
<i>Battery & pads for ORPC AED (old out of date)</i>	
John H Gardner	£570.00
<i>Fitting two benches to slabs</i>	
Gordon Nightingale (The Handyman)	£270.00
<i>Annual invoice for cutting grass at The Rise</i>	
Safe Fence Ltd	£232.30
<i>5 x 2.5m crowd barriers for MP Christmas tree</i>	
John H Gardner	£312.00
<i>Sanding & oiling 3 benches & repairs to 1 bench</i>	
The Community Heartbeat Trust	£2,460.00
<i>Cabinet, 2 x AEDs, signs & safety kits</i>	
Blachere Illuminations Ltd	£820.80
<i>Christmas lights for MP Christmas tree.</i>	

1517.

Reports & Updates

A) Report from committees & working groups – Planning (applications previously circulated to members); Community Transport (puncture issue discussed and the issue of spare tyre storage will be considered at the next meeting); PEEP (awaiting response from Canal & River Trust re Thurlwood Locks towpath. Councillors raised the issue of disabled access by the Broughton Arms – this will be considered by PEEP); Grants (report & recommendations previously circulated).

There was a brief discussion on the proposal for a children's home in Scholar Green. No planning application had been received.

Cllr Clowes proposed, Cllr C Harwood seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the following recommendations from the Grants Committee:

AWARD OF GRANTS FOR 2019/20: The Committee considered the applications (previously circulated to all councillors) and makes the following RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mount Pleasant Village Hall: It is believed that an application will be made to FCC Communities Foundation for the kitchen refurbishment and that the Council will be approached to provide the community contribution element of this. With this in

mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £1,160.00 be made for the windows part of the grant.

Scholar Green Village Hall: The volume of crockery included in the bid was considered excessive. With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £750.00 be made for the ladder and towards crockery.

Rode Heath Village Hall: It was felt that all elements of the application were acceptable. With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £1,178.39 be made.

Rode Heath YPCC: It was felt that all elements of the application were acceptable. With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £600.00 be made.

Rode Heath Scout Group: It was felt that all elements of the application were acceptable. With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £1,500.00 be made.

Mow Cop Runners: It was felt that the Killer Mile aspect of the group's activities was of particular value. However, the figures suggest that the group made a good surplus in the year. With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £750.00 be made for the road closure and towards the Killer Mile.

Rode Park & Lawton Cricket Club: It was felt that all elements of the application were acceptable and it was noted that the Club did not apply for a grant last year. With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £1,000.00 be made.

Woodcocks Well School: It was noted that this application is from a school (not the PTA) which is a statutory body and not a community and voluntary group and, as such, is not eligible for a Community Development & Engagement Grant (s 2 of Guidance and Criteria). Furthermore, no accounts were provided. There were concerns that the design of the barriers was not in keeping with the historic environs and that highway safety was an issue for the School to resolve with the Highways Authority. However, tree planting to improve the local environment is to be supported. With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that, as an exception, an award of £100.00 be made towards tree planting.

St Luke's Church: It was noted that the details of the work needed was vague and that no specific project was identified. Furthermore, no accounts were provided (limiting an award to £100). With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £100.00 be made towards work that will benefit the local environs.

All Saints Church: The application comprised two elements – a new bench and landscaping. It was noted that the old bench was not fixed to slabs. With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £377.00 be made to purchase a new bench.

Good Shepherd Church: It was noted that the building is used by a number of community groups. With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £671.42 be made to purchase the ventilation units.

Mount Pleasant Friday Club: It was felt that all elements of the application were acceptable. With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £100.00 be made.

Rode Heath 'S' Club: It was felt that all elements of the application were acceptable. With this in mind, it is

RECOMMENDED that an award of £100.00 be made.
Wednesday Lunch Club: It was felt that all elements of the application were acceptable.
However, no accounts were provided. With this in mind, it is RECOMMENDED that an award of £100.00 be made.

2020/21 BUDGET FIGURE: It is RECOMMENDED that the Council allocate £10,000 for grants in the 2020/21 budget.

An item of correspondence was received from Scholar Green Primary School (a request for a grant towards the purchase of two buddy benches at £400). Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr S Harwood seconded and it was RESOLVED by 7 votes for and 2 against to allow a late application from the PTA (but not the school). Cllr S Harwood proposed, Cllr Johnson seconded and it was RESOLVED by 8 votes for and 1 against that the provision of buddy benches was within the scope of the Community Development & Engagement Grants scheme provided that the PTA applies (and not the School, a statutory body).

B) Cheshire East Matters – Cllr Redstone reported on CEC matters including: the Tartan Rug; Our Community Bright Ideas & My Bright Ideas; Remembrance Services; cessation of this year’s discretionary spending; and flooding by the Wharf.

C) Policing Matters – a written report had been received from the PCSO.

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

1518.

Correspondence

Notification from BT of proposal to remove payphone at junction of Heath Avenue and Sandbach Road – It was not felt suitable for an AED based and the proposed closure was noted.

1519.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 20.53 pm.

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