

PARISH of ODD RODE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Newfield House, Brook Lane, Astbury, on Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present Cllrs Clowes (Chair), C Harwood, S Harwood, Robinson, Shaw, Somerville, Cope, Johnson, Connolly, Cook, R Griffiths and B Griffiths.

Mr G. Roberts (Clerk) and CEC Cllr P Redstone in attendance.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Action</u>
1539.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lawton, Moller & Meakin.	
1540.	<u>Public Forum</u> There were no members of the public present.	
1541.	<u>Declarations of interest</u> Cllr Johnson declared an interest in that his brother has submitted a quotation for professional services (valuation of land that the Council is considering purchasing). Cllrs C & S Harwood declared an interest in the request for funding of VE Day celebrations in Rode Heath (as members of the VE Day committee). These councillors abstained from taking part in the decision on the relevant item of business.	
1542.	<u>Minutes of a meeting held on 8th January 2020</u> Cllr R Griffiths proposed, Cllr B Griffiths seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to pass the minutes of the meeting held on the 8 th January 2020 as a true and correct record.	
1543.	<u>Matters arising from the Meeting of 8th January 2020</u> It was reported that the bins in Station Road were now being collected at the right times.	
1544.	<u>Accounts and Expenses</u> Cllr Johnson proposed, Cllr C Harwood seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the following: <i>PAYE + NIC</i> £769.37 <i>Feb payment</i> <i>Mr G Roberts</i> £1,936.49 <i>Feb salary</i> <i>Superannuation</i> £707.16 <i>Feb payment</i> <i>ATOS Fuel Genie</i> £58.00 <i>Minibus diesel</i> <i>08 Direct</i> £11.99 <i>Freephone number 1 month (booking line)</i> <i>Giff Gaff</i> £6.00 <i>1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for booking line</i> <i>Auto Price Locks</i> £254.00 <i>New key & transponder for minibus</i>	

Initialled by Chair

<i>Newfield Holdings</i>	£1,072.00
<i>Office rent Sept to Oct & Conf room Sep to Nov</i>	
Mount Pleasant Village Hall	£37.50
<i>Room hire Annual Parish Meeting</i>	
The Leaflet Team	£678.00
<i>Feb/March On The Rode</i>	
One.Com	£49.72
<i>NHDP website annual domain fee</i>	
Ansa	£6,272.16
<i>3 Christmas trees, dressing, power & removal.</i>	
Post Office Ltd	£70.00
<i>100 first class stamps (for Rode Runner user survey)</i>	

1545.

V.E. Day

The organisers of the Rode Heath V.E. Day celebrations had asked for support (approx. £300) to allow them to provide for a fun day with a climbing wall, face painting and maybe an activity bus – Cllr Somerville proposed, Cllr Lawton seconded and it was resolved nem con (two abstentions) to agree the £300 in principle subject to a breakdown of costs being provided.

1546.

Speedwatch Signs

The Clerk reported that a number of Community Speedwatch signs had disappeared over the past few years. It will not be possible to replace these signs as Highways' policy is now not to have permanent speedwatch signs. Residents had asked the Council to remove the posts in Chapel Street. The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council might like to utilise these posts (and possibly ones on Congleton Rd North) for village name signs rather than remove them. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk seek Highways' permission for such signs and get costings (inc 2 in Scholar Green).

1547.

Reports & Updates

A) Report from committees & working groups – Planning (applications previously circulated to members): Grants (meeting in the next week to review the scheme); PEEP (meeting once replies from Canal & River Trust and Robinsons Brewery received); Community Transport (there had been an increase in users); Newsletter (latest edition out to print). Office WP (the Clerk had asked three companies for quotations for a valuation and it was agreed nem con, with 1 abstention, that the Clerk shall award the contract to the company with the lowest quotation).

B) PCSO Report – No report was received. It was reported that Matt has moved post and Odd Rode is being temporarily covered by a number of PCSOs until a permanent replacement is found. Residents can keep up to date by following them on Facebook or Twitter (drop in sessions at Glebe Farm & traffic enforcement will continue as usual).

C) Cheshire East matters – Cllr Redstone reported on CEC matters including the proposed reduction in road gritting, flooding of Station Road, planning enforcement in Scholar

Green, Rode Heath Primary School and pedestrians crossing Sandbach Road (the school did not like the idea of a walking bus, which would be funded from the Education Department budget) and the suggestion of a basic zebra crossing for pedestrians.

Councillors wanted to know when the Thurlwood speed reduction was going to be implemented? Also, where are we regarding the A50/Sandbach Road and A50/Poolside road junction improvements? How much would a basic zebra crossing cost? It was noted that the Scholar Green 30 mph sign was still not illuminated. Cllr Redstone would follow up these issues.

D) Village halls – The Council's representatives reported on the recent activities in the halls.

1548. **Correspondence**
There was no correspondence.

1549. **Conclusion**
The meeting concluded at 20.38 pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____