

The PARISH of ODD RODE

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Newfield House, on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.30pm

Present Cllrs Connolly (Chair), Harwood, Lawton, Shaw, Cope, Griffiths, Brammer, Ford, Howard, Whitehead, Flynn, Massey and Loughran.
CEC Cllr Redstone, PCSO Watson, two residents and Mr G. Roberts (Clerk) also in attendance.

Item No. Detail

1905. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Frost.

1906. **Public Forum**

Mr Ford addressed the meeting regarding water running off agricultural land onto his father's property. The flooding was getting worse and the rust coloured water was seeping into the public gullies. Whilst not the responsibility of either the Parish Council nor CEC, Cllrs Redstone and Whitehead agreed to meet the land owner as soon as possible with a view to assisting in finding a resolution to the problem.

1907. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1908. **Minutes of the Meeting of 19th July 2023**

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

1909. **Matters Arising from the minutes**

The following matters were considered:

a) Rode Heath Village Hall grant application – Cllr Harwood reported that three extra quotations had been sought none received. It was unanimously RESOLVED that the applicant had complied with the procurement requirements and that the grant be paid.

1910. **Co-option of a councillor**

There were no applicants for the vacancy in the Rode Heath ward.

1911. **Accounts & Expenses**

Cllr Shaw proposed, Cllr Harwood seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree the following payments:

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| <i>HMRC PAYE + NIC</i> | £941.55 |
| <i>Aug payment</i> | |
| <i>Mr G Roberts</i> | £2,285.60 |
| <i>Aug salary</i> | |
| <i>Superannuation</i> | £849.24 |
| <i>Aug payment</i> | |
| <i>HMRC PAYE + NIC</i> | £941.55 |
| <i>Sept payment</i> | |
| <i>Mr G Roberts</i> | £2,285.60 |
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Initialled by Chair

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| 08 Direct | £11.99 |
| <i>Freephone number 1 month (Rode Runner booking line)</i> | |
| Giff Gaff | £6.00 |
| <i>1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for Rode Runner booking line</i> | |
| Adobe | £19.97 |
| <i>Monthly fee for Adobe Pro for editing/producing accessible documents.</i> | |
| 08 Direct | £11.99 |
| <i>Freephone number 1 month (Rode Runner booking line)</i> | |
| Giff Gaff | £6.00 |
| <i>1 mobile monthly at £6.00 for Rode Runner booking line</i> | |
| Adobe | £19.97 |
| <i>Monthly fee for Adobe Pro for editing/producing accessible documents.</i> | |
| BT | £302.75 |
| <i>Office phone & internet 3 months</i> | |
| Norton | £149.97 |
| <i>Internet security & backup annual fee</i> | |
| K W Trevelyan | £48.00 |
| <i>20 litres addblue for minibus</i> | |
| Atos (Fuel Genie) | £70.01 |
| <i>Fuel for minibus</i> | |
| Atos (Fuel Genie) | £118.00 |
| <i>Fuel for minibus</i> | |
| Newfield Holdings | £2,073.60 |
| <i>Office rent 6 months</i> | |
| Defibrillator Shop | £547.20 |
| <i>4 x batteries & pads</i> | |
| RBL Poppy Shop | £331.40 |
| <i>60 event poppies for street lights</i> | |
| C Bell | £17.50 |
| <i>Rode Runner volunteer expenses</i> | |
| The Leaflet Team | £898.00 |
| <i>On The Rode print & delivery</i> | |
| Planning Portal (CEC) | £295.00 |
| <i>Mount Pleasant play area planning application</i> | |
| PKF Littlejohn LLP | £504.00 |
| <i>External audit</i> | |

Cllr Loughran thought that NWS would supply batteries & pads for the CPADs. The Clerk will ask them.

1912. **Reports & Updates**

PCSO report – PCSO Watson gave a report on crime and policing issues. He noted that the beat constable had still not been replaced and that he was increasingly being called to Alsager and Congleton.

Cheshire East matters – Cllr Redstone reported on CEC matters including: waste collection charges and consultation on parking charges,

Committees & Working Groups – brief reports were given from the committees and working groups: Christmas & Remembrance Working Group (Cllr Whitehead estimated that six leisure batteries and lights would cost about £1,000. Cllr Lawton proposed, Cllr Ford seconded and it was unanimously RESOLVED to purchase these). Office Working Group (property had been sold subject to contract), Planning (Bleeding Wolf Lane and Woodlands Ave refused); Community Transport (November & December trips had been agreed);

Village Halls – brief reports were given.

1913. **Correspondence**

PKF Littlejohn – The external audit had been completed and certificate received. There were no issues raised. The report and certificate were accepted.

1914. **Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm

Signed by the Chairperson _____

Dated _____