

**MINUTES OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
ON TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2018 AT 7.00 PM**

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**Presiding: Cllr S Eyles**

**Clerk: Miss M J Book**

12 Parishioners, 7 Councillors

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Cllr Eyles welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

**Apologies for Absence:** None

**Minutes of 2017 Parish Meeting:** The minutes were taken as read and signed by the Chair.

**Matters arising:** None

**District Councillor and County Councillor's Report:** None. Cllr Linda Oliver is currently on 6 months dispensation but hopes to return in July.

**Memorial Hall Report:** Currently unavailable but will be forwarded in due course.

**Playing Field Report:** (Read by retiring Chair Pam Palmer)

General improvement works have been undertaken to the toilet/shower area. Trees have been felled due to disease. Health and safety inspections are undertaken regularly. The gates are open from approximately 8.00am until dusk. The cricket club has moved to Beckington however Freshford Football Club has a regular booking which may expand to the use of two pitches. New furniture is being purchased for the pavilion. A piece of the S106 land donated by Andy Fussell has been accepted in principle with a view to accepting the rest in the future. The pylon in the field is an issue and will be fenced off. The daffodil bulbs planted year have produced a lovely display.

The Chair thanked Pam Palmer who resigned from the committee on 22 April for the fabulous job she had carried out during her tenure.

**Financial Report:**

The Clerk presented the accounts and reported that the Internal Auditor is currently reviewing this years account. Carry forward total £33,505.52.

**Chairman's Report**

The Chair thanked the following people:

Keith Sharman for being the font of all knowledge who always lends support whenever he can and is a real asset to the village.

Howard Russell and his helpers for all the work he does with the Scouts by shaping their futures.

Traffic Action Group & Speed Watch Team who are out in all weathers.

Lucy Travis for all her work she did with the Link and all she's doing with FavBug. A real unsung hero.

Pam Palmer has already been thanked and she will be a hard act to follow.

Cllr Linda Oliver Linda has taken six months "time out" but will be returning in July. The Parish Council have really missed her. She has a great passion and commitment to the village and we look forward to your return.

**Thanks to Parish Council:-**

Joy Book, Clerk who seems to be on call 24/7 and we are really lucky to have her.

Richard Castle who did a considerable amount of work on highways issues and it was a real shame due to illness Richard had to leave

Jon Leeves who has just joined us. We are now at full complement with a waiting list to join the PC which is a nice position to be in!

Ann Edney & Pat Restorick for all their fund raising and work on the playing fields. They have been involved with the PC for many years.

Nick Russell has lived in the village all his life and represents a younger element and is a great addition to the team.

Terry Morrow who looks after footpaths, has been involved in the Neighbourhood Plan and is currently responsible for planning .

Peter Travis who is involved with a huge list of projects and tackles them with great energy.

Pat Banwell who is our current Vice Chair. Pat is not only involved with everything on the PC, she does so much more for the village, she's also president of the Ladies' Group and seems to know everyone. We would be lost without her.

The Chair concluded that he had really enjoyed his time as Chairman – most of the time! - and had met some great people and learned new skills. After much discussion he had decided to stay on the Parish Council but announced that it was with some sadness that he now resigned as Chairman of Rode Parish Council.

Peter Travis thanked Steve Eyles for being the biggest optimist in the village for saying that the Neighbourhood Plan would be completed in a few months when the reality was 6 years. Steve has made tremendous achievements with his ability to negotiate - the walk by the Mill, Ashford Homes and First Bus and being a strong force for getting the Neighbourhood Plan through along with the rest of the team.

Ann Edney thanked Steve and everyone for the work they do on the PC.

**Comments from the floor:** None

There being no other motions the meeting closed at 7.15pm

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**Nominations for Chair were called.**

After discussion it was decided that Peter Travis, Pat Banwell and Terry Morrow would rotate chair duties on a four monthly rota to maintain continuity.

Pat Banwell then took on the role of Chair for the months of May – August inclusive.

Joy Book

Clerk to Rode Parish Council

**Chairman's  
Signature**

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