

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 pm**

CONFIRMED

Present:

Cllr Mike Salmon (MS) – Chair, Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Peter Travis (PT), Cllr Jim McAuliffe (JM), Cllr Andy Pickett (AP), Cllr Pat Restorick (PR) and Cllr Moira Punt (MP).

In attendance: Hugh Williams – Clerk, Cllr Adam Boyden and Cllr Dawn Denton (County Councillors) and 6 parishioners.

1. Parishioners Participation: It was b

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr J Bowler

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th October were approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. County Councillors Report

6. Climate Change Group: The meeting agreed to pay meeting costs incurred by the Climate Change Group as this Group was reporting back to the PC.

7. Actions from previous meeting:

- i. **The Mill:** The new licence was granted at the He
- ii. **Defibrillator:** It was agreed to

8. Highways issues:

- i. **Street Lights Turn off:** There was still concern that Somerset had indicated that on any street, lights either had to be on or off and there coul
- iii. **Bradford Road/Rode Hill:** It was reported that the stop signs were not easily visible due to vegetation growth and, also some signs were not correctly aligned. Somerset Highways would be contacted to correct.

9. Planning:

i) New applications:

2023/1747/LBC: Single storey glazed rear extension – Mayfield Mill, 4A High Street. No objections

2023/1817/TCA: Crown lift holly by 2-3m, re-pollard limes and fell elm to approx. 2m – Christchurch House, Rode Hill. No objections.

2023/1870/TPO: Cedar – crown clean and remove significant deadwood – Christchurch House, Rode Hill. No objections.

ii. Somerset decisions:

None

10. Website:

It was agreed this should go live in two to three weeks to a limited circulation and live to all at end of November. The Clerk reminded those who had not sent 'mug shots' to do so asap.

11. Creating Spaces for People:

It was agreed the response prepared by Jim McAuliffe could be submitted to Somerset in response to the consultation.

12. Footpaths:

Complaints about the path round the back of the children's play area on the playing field had been received. It was agreed this was not suitable and that in winter it became impassable. After discussion it was agreed the best solution would be to cut the fence and put in a gate to allow access into the playing field to join up with the concrete path that goes to the skate board area. Some improvement over the short stretch of grass might be required along with suitable 'dogs on lead' signs. This would be relayed to the Playing Field Committee for their approval.

13. Grass cutting:

An alternative quote had been received for all the grass cutting around the village (including the playing field). It was agreed the Clerk would get a quote from Eagle for 2024 for comparison and this would include the extra area of the playing field. Also quotes for keeping the undergrowth back on the path from Barrow Farm to the allotments would be sought.

14. Items for next agenda.

The following would be discussed at the November meeting: grass cutting quotes, Conservation area for Rode and Auto SIDs.

15. Financial matters:

i. Precept: After discussion it was agreed to raise the precept by 8% to £27,000 for 2024.

ii. Payments: The following payments were agreed:

Community Heartbeat Trust	£210.00
SALC (Training)	£25.00
Zonkey Solutions	£622.74
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£792.00
Clerk Salary	£249.35
HMRC PAYE	£60.40
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£25.00
Cross Keys Rode (Remembrance food)	£100.00
J McAuliffe (Climate Group hire)	£14.00

15. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting would be held in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall on: **Monday 11th December at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed

Date

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