

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.30 pm**

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

Cllr Mike Salmon (MS) – Chair, Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Moira Punt (MP), Cllr Peter Travis (PT), Cllr P Restorick (PR) and Cllr Jonathan Bowler (JB).

In attendance: Cllr Adam Boyden (Somerset Councillor) Leslie Stather (Somerset Ramblers), Cathy and Nick Taylor (Rode PPLO) and one parishioner.

1. Parishioners Participation: The discussion of footpaths as below.

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr J McAuliffe, Cllr D Denton (Somerset Councillor) and H Williams (Clerk), Cllr A Pickett.

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th September were proposed for approval by AE and seconded by PT and approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Footpaths: Leslie Stather of Somerset Ramblers gave a very interesting talk regarding our custodial rights of way, improving and increasing our parish footpaths. We have 323 parishes in Somerset and in 1950 parishioners were encouraged to walk, debate and dispute the rights of ways of existing and new pathways. We are all encouraged to walk these in order to keep the maintenance at a low level. We also learnt that the upkeep of hedgerows are within the responsibilities of the land owner.

i) Footpath from Church Farm to playing field- no update re Management Committee responsibilities.

ii) Rerouting of path-13/1. Andy Fussell is in agreement. As this is now considered a safety issue, SC have agreed to pay half of the costs (£1000). It may be possible to create a new right of way?

6. Somerset Councillor's report: The flood issue is still in progress and works planned for inclusion within the 25/26 programme. JM in contact with SC.

Somerset Council Online surveys for residents must be submitted by 21st October.

7. Highways issues:

i. **SID and Autospeedwatch:** No new data available.

ii. **Enhanced Highway Maintenance Pilot:** The LCN meeting 15th October results.

8. Actions from previous meeting:

i. **Bus shelter at The Bell:** Date TBA

ii. **Hoedowns:** C. Harrington to update.

iii. **The Mill:** Awaiting further report from AB.

9. Planning:

i) New applications:

2024/1709/TCA: To reduce crown of pear tree by 1m – 13 High Street. No objection.

ii) Somerset decisions:

2022/1516/OUT: Land to the rear of 41A Church Lane. Outline planning permission ongoing, awaiting detailed planning.

Appeal 3347836 – 4 The Mead: Appeal and hearing date, waiting to be reset.

Solar Farm: Points to be raised re November meeting.

10. Buses: There is a possibility of rerouting and repricing of buses.

11. New village hall: Planning application outcome expected in October. Further work underway prior to planning discussion with Somerset Council.

12. Neighbourhood Plan: Update from Context Planning awaited.

13. Emergency Policy for Rode: JB to update.

14. Financial matters

i. Audit. It was reported that Rode had passed the AGAR audit for 2023-24.

ii. Payments: The following payments were agreed:

PKF Littlejohn (AGAR audit)	£252.00
J H Jones (grass cutting)	£809.99
S Whitehead (hedge cutting)	£40.00
Clerk Salary	£229.31
HMRC PAYE	£64.60
G Slade (path)	£39.96

15. Any other business: Bridge kerbs require attention for safety of walkers on this busy traffic area.

16. Date of next meeting:

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

It was noted that a pre meeting with Low Carbon would start at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed

Date

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