

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2012

Present: Cllr S Eyles - Chair (SE) Cllr P Banwell (PB)
Cllr R Salmon (RS) Cllr A Edney (AE)
Cllr P Travis (PT) Joy Book, Clerk

3 members of the public

Parishioners' Participation:

- i. **Wellhead Pump:** No further information.
- ii. **Grit Bin:** Keith Sharman reported that he will move the grit bin to the new location.
- iii. **Bradford Road Junction:** All residents present wished to know what progress had been made with safety at this junction. The Police and SCC figures for accidents at this junction over the last 5 years were very low and no serious accidents had been recorded. SE will contact Cllr M Ellis to formally take up safety on Rode Hill and the Bradford Road junction. Better enforcement of the speed limit is required and Keith Sharman suggested having a permanent Speed Indicator Device at both ends of Rode Hill to calm traffic approaching the junction. The Give Way lines on the Bradford Road junction have not been reinstated. SE to also contact Highways regarding the extension of the 20mph zone in Church Lane.
- iv. **Streetlight – Top of Marsh Road:** Clerk will report the fault.

Councillor's Declarations of Interests in Items on Agenda: Cllr S Eyles declared his interest in Item 8 – Church Farm Development.

Matters Arising:

- i. **Wellhead Pump:** As above.
- ii. **Footpath – The Mill to Scutt's Bridge:** SE has met with Jim Ryan who has approved the licence. The licence is transferable to any future owners who would be required to continue the agreement. The Post Office collection jar will be used to contribute towards the legal costs as the licence benefits the whole community.
- iii. **Church Farm Footprint:** No further response has been received from MDC. Clerk to ask Cllr Ellis to follow up.
- iv. **Parking – The Mead:** PCSO Golay has been on extended sick leave and will follow up the parking situation with the school when it returns in September.
- v. **Bradford Road & Rode Hill Crossroad Accident/Incidents:** As above.
- vi. **Weeds – High Street and The Mead:** The weeds in the High Street have been removed and inspection of the weeds in The Mead has been arranged.
- vii. **Moving of Grit Bin – Church Lane:** As above.

Speedwatch: Notice asking for volunteers to be put into the Link and the Post Office.

Evacuation Planning: List of contacts to be sent to Contingency unit. Clerk to send information to PT.

Church Farm Development: No further information.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Government has now agreed the principle of having a Neighbourhood Plan. John Meeker, MDC has advised that the PC has to formally apply for a Neighbourhood Plan. SE read out an application letter which was proposed by RS and seconded by AE. SE presented a timeline for submission of the Plan which will be subject to public consultation before its completion in November. MDC will oversee all the processes. Plan needs to incorporate affordable/social housing. MDC will appoint an official examiner who approves the plan after which a referendum with the residents will be carried out. Over 50% of those who vote must be in favour of its adoption. SE will write an article for the Link.

Code of Conduct and Signing of Register of Interests: PB proposed and SE seconded the adoption of the NALC based Code of Conduct. All Councillors present completed and signed the new Register of Interest Forms.

Correspondence:

Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Somerset: Final Recommendations

Financial Position:

- i. NatWest Reserve account balance - £17,854.43 (Current Account £10.00).

Cheque 899	Clerk's Salary and Expenses (July)	£175.22
Cheque 900	Rode Playing Field Committee – Police Meetings	£10.00
Cheque 901	Rode and District Memorial Hall	£18.00

Planning Applications:

Applicant & Location	Application No. & Type	Proposal	PC Decision
Mr & Mrs A Gillard 8 The Mead	2012/1485 Full Planning Permission	First floor extension over garage and link extension including ground floor extension to link extension	No Objections
Mr Todd Flexham Farm	2012/0999 Listed Building Consent 2012/0957 Householder Planning Permission	Install 3 replacement windows to front of property	No Objections
Mr A Fussell Shawford Farm	2012/1520 Listed Building Consent	Insert new window to first floor ensuite bathroom	No Objections

Applicant & Location	Application No. & Type	Proposal	Mendip Decision
Mrs V Forsyth Langham House, Rode Hill	2012/1127 Listed Building Consent	Re-position kitchen to a different room in the house	Approve with 4 conditions
Mr J Davies 18 Lower Street	2012/0661 Full Planning Permission	Renovation of 5 bedroom property, including ground floor rear extension and replacement of majority of windows and front door	Approve with 3 conditions
Mr D Mayell 3 Green Park Cottages, Orneage Close	2012/1331 Tree – Conservation Area	Proposed felling of a Cherry tree in a conservation area	Approved

Any Other Business

- i. **The Old Red Lion Planning Application:** The planning applications for this site are dated 1997. Enquiries had been made to see if it was still valid. MDC reported that if any works had been started within the valid period the works can be completed at any time in the future. PB will ask MDC to locate the plans for viewing. PT raised the issue of the trees on the site. A different planning application would have been submitted as the trees are in a conservation area. The implications of the application on the trees will be looked into. RS will contact developer.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at 7.00pm at the Rode & District Memorial Hall

Joy Book
Clerk to Rode Parish Council