

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN RODE MEMORIAL HALL  
ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 pm**

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**UNCONFIRMED**

**Present:**

Cllr Mike Salmon (MS) – Chair, Cllr Ann Edney (AE), Cllr Peter Travis (PT), Cllr Jim McAuliffe (JM), Cllr Jonathan Bowler (JB), Cllr Moira Punt (MP) and Cllr Andy Pickett (AP)

**In attendance:** Cllr Dawn Denton (County Councillor) & Cllr Lucy Trimnell, and 4 parishioners in attendance.

**1. Parishioners Participation:** It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that numerous objections to the licence application for the Mill at Rode/Tellisford were under discussion. PC are waiting for the outcome in order to review. Noted police report.

A parishioner expressed disappointment at the parish council's response to the licence variation application by The Mill. It was pointed out by the Chair and other councillors that efforts had been made within the limited time available.

**2. Apologies for absence:** Hugh Williams (Clerk), Cllr A Boyden (County Councillor) and Cllr Pat Restorick

**3. Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August were approved.

**4. Declarations of interest:** None.

**5. County Councillor's Report:** Cllr Dawn Denton reported that due to staff holidays and council budgeting, many projects were stalled. Dawn will update us after the LCN meeting on 5th October.

**6. Actions from previous meeting:**

- i. The Mill: The application has been granted, the PC will hold an additional meeting to discuss the next steps.
- ii. Christchurch Graveyard : still to be arranged.
- iii. Hoedown: Telephone box painting completed satisfactory. Next Hoedowns 24/9 & 29/10. Details to be circulated.
- iv. Defibrillator: Approved VETS costs for call out volunteers. dates for training to be arranged.
- v. Paths: Clay Lane completed. Church Lane and The Mill under discussion.
- vi. Dog Bin for Playing Field: PC agreed to purchase the bin and suggested that PF purchased the attached pole.
- vii. PC agreed a quote to prune the copper beech tree on The Mead. (Pearn's Tree Services).

**7. Climate Change Group.**

Meeting arranged for 17/10 at Rode Memorial Hall. Solar farm to be discussed.

**8. Highways issues.**

- i. Speed limit and village gates awaiting update.
- ii. Bradford Rd and Rode Hill Junction- signs completed. Awaiting results.
- iii. Street Lights Turn off: TBA

- iv. A36 slip road; No update, although responsibility of National Highways.
- v. The Sportsman: Awaiting proposals for work to be enforced.
- vi. A361 and access to Church farm: Awaiting results of Police action.

**9. Planning:**

**i) New applications:**

**2023/1522/TCA:** To reduce and reshape crown of magnolia tree and reduce crab apple by 1m – 23 Lower Street: No objections.

**ii. Somerset decisions:**

**2023/0919/TCA:** Fell ash and elder trees on rear wall – 36 High Street. Approved

**2023/1379/TCA:** To pollard hornbeam to 10 feet – 33 High Street. Approved

**2023/1403/TCA:** To reduce ginkgo by 2-3m – Paviours Well Cottage, High Street. Approved

**iii. Other**

**ENF/2023/0284:** The Old Coach House: Liability admitted by owners and awaiting update.

**ENF/2023/0296:** The Bell Public House: Awaiting update to find evidence for inspection.

**10. Buses:**

New Timetable delivered to all residents in Rode.

**11. Website:**

Ongoing, Possibility to launch in October. SALC recommendations to use separate emails.

**12. Solar Farm:**

Ongoing. Awaiting application.

**13. Items for next agenda.**

Regulating Speed at Bradford Road Junction/General Speeding/Dates for defibrillator training/Eagle contract/Creating Places for People consultation/S106 development plan.

**14. Financial matters:**

**Payments:** The following payments were agreed:

J McAuliffe (energy training & Green Week)	£72.36
SALC (training)	£25.00
PKF Littlejohn (external audit)	£252.00
Eagle Grounds Maintenance	£792.00
Clerk Salary	£247.85
HMRC PAYE	£60.40
P Travis (bus timetables)	£160.00

**15. Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting would be held in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall on: **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 10.25pm.

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