

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON MONDAY 12th MAY 2025 AT 7.30 pm**

UNCONFIRMED

Present:

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

In attendance: H Williams – Clerk, Cllr Adam Boyden (Somerset Councillor)

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr A Pickett and Cllr D Denton (Somerset Councillor)

2. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th April, proposed by PR and seconded by AE were approved.

3. Declarations of interest: None.

4. Highways issues:

- i) **Autospeedwatch:** The Clerk said he had re-ordered the re-registration and data collection for the Autospeedwatch device for the coming year, but payment had to be received prior to activation.
- ii) **Bus stop:** Complaints about parking in the bus stop outside the Memorial Hall had been received and Somerset had agreed that it would be marked up, hopefully this summer.
- iii) **20mph:** The work to install the 20mph limit in the village should start w/c 19th May.

5. Somerset Councillor's report: Cllr Boyden said there was concern from Frome residents with the new D2 timetable. The meeting arranged by Cllr Denton regarding drainage had been cancelled due to her contact leaving Somerset Council, she would be pursuing it with a new contact.

6. Actions from previous meeting:

- i) **Village Hall:** Although a positive response had been received from Somerset regarding the proposed new village hall there was growing concern over the project. From the AGM meeting (held prior to this meeting) both the Playing Field and Scout groups had expressed the need for a speedy resolution as both the pavilion and scout hut had very limited lives due to their condition. If the new hall was going to take too long, they could seek funding for new pavilion and hut. The PC was also concerned that it had taken 2 years to reach the current position. It was agreed the Committee driving the project forward needed to meet and to consider options for a Project Officer to drive it forward. Village approval would also need to be sought for the project.
- ii) **Drainage:** No work had been done for a year on Straight Lane/Crooked Lane (see above); and JM reported that the Flood Action Community Group would be seeking a meeting with CALM for advice on natural flood retention schemes for the village.
- iii) **Church Farm paths:** There was no update and MS agreed to look at the Somerset form that required completion. Cllr Denton and Andy Fussell would be chased up. A definitive map was required.

7. Planning:

i) New applications:

None.

It was noted that there were a number of large planning developments in process in Beckington.

ii) Somerset decisions:

2025/0487/FUL: Erection of detached dwelling – 4 The Mead. Refused.

8. Buses: PT reported there had not been many comments on the D2/D2X services and he would post request for comments on the service on Facebook.

9. Emergency Plan: JB was to liaise with JM and to progress filling in the Plan.

10. Conservation Plan: No further news.

11. Financial matters:

i) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 1: The meeting agreed that Rode Parish Council complied with the accounting statements in the AGAR form for 2024/25.

ii) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 2: The meeting agreed that rode Parish Council complied with the accounting Governance Statement and approved sign off.

iii) AGAR Return 2024/25: The meeting agreed submission of the AGAR Return to the external auditor.

iv) Annual insurance quote: The meeting agreed the quote for annual insurance. The Clerk was requested to contact other local councils for their insurance costs.

v) Annual allotment charge: It was agreed to maintain last years cost for this year.

vi) Payments: The following payments were agreed:

P Travis (Bus timetables)	£165.00
J H Jones and sons	£809.99
S Whitehead	£60.00
Autospeedwatch	£406.14
A Aked (auditor)	£60.00
Clear Insurance Management	£1,024.81
P Travis (Annual mtg leaflets)	£160.00
Clerk Salary	£270.16
HMRC PAYE	£67.40

15. Date of next meeting:

The **Annual Parish** meeting is to be held at **7.30pm on Monday 9th June** in the Cross Keys.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held at **7.30pm on Monday 14th July** in the Committee Room in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed

Date

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