

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON MONDAY 11th AUGUST 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), and Cllr Jim McAuliffe (JM)

In attendance: Cllr Dawn Denton (Somerset Councillor); Parishioners: D Jupp, N Hellier.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr J Bowler, Cllr A Pickett, H Williams (Parish Clerk) and Cllr A Boyden (Somerset Councillor)

2. Parishioners Participation: The Sycamore tree in The Mead was reported as a problem due to its reaching roots across the border and into Walnut Close, its width and height over-shadowing nearby properties. The clerk to be asked to arrange an inspection for an assessment.

Parking on Rode Hill and on the A36 slip road plus speeding on Straight Lane and Marsh Lane were raised as issues of safety.

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th July were approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Somerset Councillor's report: Cllr D.Denton reported that Somerset had agreed work would be completed at The Sportsman, now awaiting a contractor to get on site.

The enforcement investigation into the Mill at Rode is ongoing. The issue is whether 'objects' are limited to permanent ones or whether 'objects' include temporary ones.

6. Highways issues:

i) Signage on A361 near Parkgate Lane, parking and speeding issues. We are awaiting an update from the Highways division. Site inspection by Somerset Traffic Management is now due on August 20th.

7. Actions from previous meeting:

i) Drainage: Cllr Dawn Denton informed PC that Somerset Council would be liaising with CALM Engineering to get more information on the incomplete flood remediation works.

8. Planning:

i) New applications:

2025/1234/TCA: Birch – reduce height by up to 4m and spread by up to 2.5 on all sides. General pruning to round over and balance tree. Conifer – to reduce height by up to 2.5m. High Street. No objection.

2025/1320/TCA: Sycamore – reduce height by 2m – Mayfield Court, High Street. No objection.

2025/0487/FUL and Appeal: APP/E3335/W/25/3368219: Erection of detached dwelling – 4 The Mead. - On going.

ii) Somerset decisions:

2025/0543/TCA: Crown lift oak by 6m and dead wood – Langham House, Rode Hill. Approved

2025/0950/TPO: Wych elm – raise canopy by 2-3m, removing the crudely cut lowest limb at 4m and removing all epicormic growth and other scrub limb growing towards roof of the southern neighbouring property and deadwood in the process of inspecting the main unions and cable bracing – 9 Langham Place. Approved.

2025/1053/TCA: Complete removal of hawthorn and common hazel – 20-22 Lower Street. No objections. Approved.

iii) Other Planning Matters: Re planning applications **2025/1342 & 1343 PIP.**

Relating to the above the PC is concerned with drainage issues causing an already reoccurring flooding issue in the High Street/Crooked Lane plus aggravating the sewerage overflows in Rode. Additionally proposed houses are beyond the Rode development limit. **2025/1342 PIP** is in a conservation area. Concern was raised about possibly causing flooding at the First School.

J.M to draft an objection on behalf of the PC as the closing deadline is imminent. The problem with access was also discussed.

9. Sewage outfall: Re planning applications **2025/1342 & 1343 PIP.**

In relation to the above, JM declared a possible conflict, given that houses in the High Street could potentially be impacted by any additional flooding resulting from the applications being approved.

10. Village Hall: A decision was made by the Working Party to revert to the original plans and GJ is currently updating them. A contract has been signed to establish a CIO. Concerns raised by residents of Orneage Close and nearby properties were noted.

11. Buses: PT reported that a new timetable for Rode Village will be available ahead of the timetable change date of 31st August. Two extra weekday D2's and an extra Faresaver will be introduced through Rode.

12. Conservation Plan: Ongoing.

13. Financial matters:

Payments: The following payments were agreed:

Clerk Salary (including Somerset repayment)	£307.12
HMRC PAYE	£67.40

14. Any other business

A visit to the Sewage Plant to be arranged

15. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held at **7.30pm on Monday 8th September** in the Committee Room in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Date

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