

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF RODE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN RODE MEMORIAL HALL
ON MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.30 pm**

CONFIRMED

Present:

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

In attendance: Cllr Adam Boyden (Somerset Councillor)

Parishioners: One.

1. Apologies for absence: H Williams - (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Dawn Denton (Somerset Councillor)

2. Parishioners Participation: see item 14.

3. Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th October were approved.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Somerset Councillor's report: Cllr Adam Boyden reported that Somerset Council remains in a financial emergency regarding its ongoing finances, albeit the deficit is now smaller.

6. Highways issues:

i) Speeding: Remote monitoring of speeding on Marsh Road suggests it is 'not a serious problem.' Most cars were travelling at 20mph, plus 15 were identified at above 20mph. Data had been calculated over a period of four months. A SID post, situated between house number 35-37 is allowed if required. This would involve extra street lights. MS to consult with PC Will Mortimer regarding speeding.

ii) Rode Hill Safety: Due to recent events, MS will explore with Sarah Davis the possibility of speed humps.

iii) Traffic Calming Bradford Rd: AP reported that the traffic signs require cleaning and vegetation removed as this is obscuring vision.

7. Actions from previous meeting:

i) Drainage: Nothing to report. James Divall (Somerset Council Flood Engineering) to attend Rode Parish Council meeting on 8th December.

ii) Dog & Waste Bin: No update.

iii) Remembrance Day: Despite weather conditions, Rode residents turned out in impressive numbers. The event was supported by Scouts, a detachment from the Army, Church, Chapel and by the Parish Council.

8. Planning:

New applications:

2025/1930/TCA: Fell thuja -25 Lower Street- to be updated.

2025/1965/HSE: Alterations to existing detached garage - 6 Bradford Road. - To be updated. AE & PR to investigate. (Listed building).

Somerset Decisions :

2025/1689/HSE: Cut Hazel back- 23 Lower street- Approved.

Other Planning Matters:

Planning Inspectorate Appeals: APP/E3335/W/25/3374795 and 3374796: Land at Crooked Lane.

JM reiterated the PC's opposition to the proposed development. The PC supported the decision and (reasons) for the initial rejection by SC. JM agreed to monitor the website for updated documentation, and would refer back to the PC as and when new documents were made available, in order that the PC could consider whether further representations should be made.

9). Emergency Planning:

JB asked that meetings re village emergency planning should not always be scheduled in the daytime. PT to explore what steps NSP and Beckington are taking on Emergency Planning.

10. Village Hall: Design version 5 draft being finalised. Expected to be the final draft from GJ.

CIO situation has progressed. Seed monies have been discussed (approx 20,000) which could be used to fund the process of obtaining planning permission and the costs of setting up a CIO.

A second meeting to be planned for Orneage Close residents to discuss further concerns over extra traffic. PT on behalf of the PC thanked AP for his sterling work as chair of the New Community Hall project.

11. Buses: PT reported that there was no change in the bus timetable, and it was hoped that the D2 and X34 would continue to serve Rode during the planned four weeks of roadworks along the entire length of Rode Hill and on Bradford Road. Roadworks are set to begin on November 17th.

AP has repaired the putty for windows at the bus shelter by The Bell. Plans for Spring painting both inside and out of the bus shelter.

12. Conservation Plan: Ongoing. Phase 2 to be updated.

13. Financial matters:

i) NatWest Account- signatories updated AE-PR-MS-HW.

ii) Payments: The following payments were agreed:

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£25.00
J H Jones & Sons	£809.99
Zonkey Solutions	£29.94
Clerk Salary	£222.12
HMRC PAYE	£67.40
Glasdon	£159.72

14.Rode Clean-up:

JB to advertise in 'The Link' re organising Hoedowns. JB to investigate how and when licenses for Hoedowns are required for personnel and machinery, organised by the Parish Council.

Lucy Travis has arranged 'Clean Ups' over the next three weeks which would see volunteers weeding and clearing leaves in Lower Rd and High Street. (with plans for a session in The Mead too). These to be announced on Rode Facebook.

JM has also arranged a group on High Street to work on the Townsend area.

15. Website Address: PC approved change in site to: [.gov.uk](http://gov.uk). JM to initiate.

16. Any other business

- 1) Re visit to the Sewage Works at Rode. The Parish Council had a very informative and interesting tour of the plant. It was reported that all waste is filtered through the system in just 6 hours, a UV treatment plant to be installed in the Rode treatment plant which should reduce harmful bacteria.
- 2) It has been brought to the attention of the PC that travellers groups are Hare Coursing in adjacent parishes.
- 3) New Movement Strategy- Frome is encouraging an active travel policy connecting villages together. (Frome-Beckington-Rode)

17. Date of next meeting:

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

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed

Date

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