

MINUTES OF THE NORTH RODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE DAINTRY HALL
ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2010 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr David Syson – Chairman
Mr John Narraway
Mrs Ruth Shaw
Mrs Mary Hobson
Mr Andrew Needham
Mr Mark Bullock – Clerk

Apologies: Mr Malcolm Kidd, Mrs Lesley Smetham – East Cheshire Councillor

Welcome by Chairman

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

Declaration of Interest

There were no interests declared, other than those raised by Mr John Narraway, who sits on the Planning Committee that will be discussing Application No 09/3544M (Timber Clad Caravans).

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of 13th November 2009 have been circulated and were approved as a correct record, proposed by John Narraway and seconded by Mrs Mary Hobson¹.

Matters Arising

The gated entrance into the Park at the Church is now put on hold following a request from Cheshire County Council. Mr Job of the Cheshire County Farms said that Mr Pollock of the Manor was interested in upgrading the gated entrance and drives. It was therefore agreed to put this on hold.

Planning Applications

09/3259M Agricultural Hay, Straw and Machinery Store at Oaklands – permission granted.

09/3319M 3.5 Metre Vertically Boarded Fence at Meadowlands – application granted.

Mary Hobson and John Narraway attended an open meeting at Hollands Nursery by Dowd Town Planning, which is proposing chalet units on the nursery site. At the open meeting there was much discussion about the site's history, drains and other associated problems.

A kissing gate has been installed at the cattle grid into the park near the church by the Public Rights of Way Unit, but works at Mile End Corner through Gawsworth have not been undertaken as yet.

Correspondence

A new application for 23 twin unit timber clad caravans between Back Lane and Macclesfield Road 09/3544M had been submitted and the Council had written an objection. The Northern Planning Committee meeting on 13th January is giving an opportunity to interested persons to briefly explain their views in support or against the application.

It was proposed that should the application be refused and the applicant, Mr and Mrs Noad, go to appeal then a letter of objection would be strongly worded, proposed by Ruth Shaw and seconded by Andrew Needham².

Finance

Sarah Jane Hodgson has requested a further cheque made payable to Sheila Hargreaves in the sum of £26.87 with regard to the Parish Plan, as she has managed to mislay it. Proposed by John Narraway and seconded by Andrew Needham that a further cheque be written (cheque no 00171)³.

The Chairman and the Clerk had prepared a budget for the year ending 31 March 2011, which was circulated prior to the request for precept.

The Chairman discussed with the Councillors that the Clerk's payment that has been on an honorary basis. He looked at reviewing the payment to reflect the basis of an employed rate the hours that the Clerk and his secretary incur. It is therefore proposed to raise this to £1,000.

The proposed budget shows increases in all the usual elements but a reduction in maintenance and other works. It was felt by the Chairman that there were sufficient funds in the account to allow for the budget reduction.

John Narraway proposed maintaining the level of budget for the maintenance works, but the majority agreed with the proposal by Andrew Needham, seconded by Mary Hobson to request a precept of £2,050⁴.

Any Other Business

John Narraway asked if a member of the Parish Council could attend Parish Plan meetings in his stead as he was stepping down from his involvement. Mary Hobson and Jon Burwood both expressed an interest.

Jon Burwood had attended the evenings meeting with an interest to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. It was proposed by John Narraway and seconded by Andrew Needham that he be co-opted on to the Parish Council and it was unanimously agreed by Councillors present, there being no other persons expressing an interest⁵.

The Chairman thanked all those present.

This meeting of the Parish Council closed at 21.30 hours

¹Resolution 11011

²Resolution 11012

³Resolution 11013

⁴Resolution 11014

⁵Resolution 11015