

MINUTES OF THE NORTH RODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT ST MICHAELS CHURCH, NORTH RODE
ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2009 AT 9.30a.m.

Present:

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

Apologies: Mr Jeremy Howarth, Mrs Ruth Shaw

Welcome by Chairman

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and it was proposed by Mrs Mary Hobson and seconded by Mr Andrew Needham¹ that they are a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

The question of the Lengthsman is being addressed in the Parish Plan Questionnaire.

The application for change of use of Acre Hill Barn to a residential house was refused by the Borough Council.

The Chairman, Mr David Syson, had obtained quotations from Peter Sampson and Chris Candy for the replacement of the side gates to the entrance into the park near to the church.

The softwood quote from Mr Sampson was in the sum of £600. He did not wish to quote for supplying an Oak pair of gates but suggested that two new Oak posts (locally sourced) be supplied with embossed details in the sum of £300.

Mr Candy quoted £580 for the softwood gates and £725 for Oak.

It was agreed that the original stones although damaged should be kept within the vicinity.

The Clerk is to write to the Public Rights of Way Unit at Cheshire County Council requesting whether there would be a grant towards the gates as they are on a footpath route.

¹Resolution 12031

Planning Permission

Planning Applications have been received for **Rode Hall Farm from Amos Developments under Planning Application number 08/2763P – 2764P – 2766P and 2767P.**

These Applications are for building extensions to the barn, garaging and extra window detail which had already been started.

The plans were inspected. The Parish Council felt that the extension to the east elevation of Unit 4 appears out of character to the building and is greater than the original matching west elevation of the drift barn. It should therefore be no greater than the west elevation detail and constructed of stone to match the existing. The carport detail for all intent and purposes is a garage with windows to the south elevation overlooking the fields. The Council recommends that this be constructed of stone to match the original building and that there should be no windows.

The Parish Council applauds the removal of roof lights to the east elevation and wish that the replacement windows be in design and in keeping with existing.

Financial

The Clerk had prepared a draft Financial Statement for the year ending 31st March 2009.

The Parish Council holds as stakeholder Parish Plan monies in the form of grants from Cheshire Community Action and Macclesfield Borough Council in the sum of £3,482.

The payment of the hire of the Daintry Hall and a contribution towards the electricity used in the church during meetings was discussed and it was proposed by Mrs Mary Hobson and seconded by Mr Andrew Needham² to give a gift towards St Michaels Church in the sum of £10. It was proposed by Mr John Narraway and seconded by Mr Andrew Needham³ to pay £50 towards the Daintry Hall.

The Clerk's remuneration was discussed whilst he left the premises and it was proposed by Mr Andrew Needham and seconded by Mr John Narraway⁴ that the Clerk should receive £450 plus the postage and paper expenditure in the sum of £36.50 totally £485.50.

Any Other Business

Sadness was expressed at the loss of the cast iron cyclist sign from Church Lane. Mr John Narraway proposed a village list of historical and architectural features which could be marked for protection to prevent any further losses.

²Resolution 12032

³Resolution 12033

⁴Resolution 12034

Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked all those present.

The next meeting of the Parish Council shall take place in May at the AGM unless Planning Applications are received before that date.

This meeting of the Parish Council closed at 11.00 a.m.