

MINUTES OF THE NORTH RODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE DAINTRY HALL, NORTH RODE
ON FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2008 AT 7.19 p.m.

Present:

Mr David Syson – Chairman
Mr Jeremy Howarth – Vice Chairman
Mr. John Narraway
Mr Malcolm Kidd
Mrs Jane Palmer – Borough Councillor
Mrs Lesley Smetham – East Cheshire Councillor
Mr Marc Asquith – East Cheshire Councillor
Mr. Mark Bullock – Clerk

Apologies: Mrs Ruth Shaw, Mr Barry Hardern, Mr Marc Asquith, Mrs Hilda Gaddum

Welcome by Chairman

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declared interests noted from Parish Councillors.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were briefly discussed and agreed as a true correct record proposed by Mr John Narraway and seconded by Mr Malcolm Kidd¹.

Matters Arising

The Planning Applications at Bramhall Hill Farm had received approval for the replacement barn but a refusal for the conversion of the parlour and collecting yard to offices.

The Parish Plan Meeting is scheduled for 20th May 2008 at the Daintry Hall.

The Chairman had prepared an invitation which had been circulated via email, placed on the Notice Board and the Clerk had provided copies which were handed out at the meeting for distribution. Notice had also gone into the Parish Magazine.

Correspondence

The Audit Commission has written and has proposed a change of auditor. The Parish audit should be completed and returned by 31st July 2008.

Twemlow Parish Council had written requesting the North Rode Parish Council to discuss and agree to sign a letter proposing that the East Cheshire Council reach an agreement with the West Cheshire Authority over creating a partnership for areas that would include Children and Adult (Social) Services; Library; Waste; Highways etc.

¹Resolution 09051

The split of the County Council and their services were discussed with members present from both the Borough and new East Cheshire Council able to confirm that there will be some areas of discussion and collaboration and that this is being looked into.

It was agreed that we formerly reply on that basis.

Parish Councillor Mr Malcolm Kidd arrived at this point in the evening.

The Clerk had received three invoices, the first from the insurers Allianz in the sum of £258.19. He had obtained a further quote from Came & Company who provide a similar cover which was in the sum £262.50. The Council felt that remaining with the present insurers at the slightly lower rate was still beneficial.

The affiliation fees for the Cheshire Association of Local Councils and the Cheshire Community Council in the sums of £40.18 and £20 respectively were discussed and payment of these three accounts was proposed by Mr John Narraway and seconded by Mr Malcolm Kidd².

Mr Peter Jolley of Marton Lane Farm, Cocks Moss Lane wrote to the Council with regard to the Rode Heath Wood proposed development, informing the Council that there were twenty-one conditions, which are to be adhered to if this site development takes place. More importantly, no less than fifteen of these conditions require the approval of Macclesfield Borough Council in writing before any development proceeds. Mr Jolley asks that the Parish Council write to Macclesfield Borough Council Planning Department requesting that any proposal from a developer to implement any of the conditions be notified to the Parish Council. Eaton Parish Council, he informs us, has already made such a request.

The meeting agreed that such a letter should be sent.

Mrs Brenda Lomas offered a letter of resignation to the Parish Council and did not put herself up for re-election. The Chairman thanked Mrs Brenda Lomas from the Parish Council for her time and contribution to the Council over the last three years.

Planning Applications

Planning Application number 08/0612P – agricultural shed, land off Pexall Road, North Rod.

Members of the Parish Council inspected the plans and felt there was insufficient information for this cattle shed that appeared to have no drainage and no design and access statement.

The Parish Council objected to the application

Election of Officers

It was proposed by Mr Malcolm Kidd and seconded by Mr John Narraway³ that Mr Jeremy Howarth be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

²Resolution 09052

³Resolution 09053

It was agreed that the vacancy left by Mrs Lomas be advertised in the Parish Magazine.

Mr David Syson stepped down as Chairman and Mr Jeremy Howarth stepped down as Vice Chairman.

These positions were discussed and those present at the meeting felt that the officers who held the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman should be re-elected. It was proposed by Mr Jeremy Howarth and seconded by Mr Malcolm Kidd⁴ that Mr David Syson becomes the Parish Council Chairman.

It was proposed by Mr John Narraway and seconded by Mr Malcolm Kidd⁵ that the Vice Chairman shall be Mr Jeremy Howarth.

Any Other Business

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had been approached by Chris Clark in connection with his neighbour's proposal to erect a conservatory. This matter was discussed and we understand that Mr Clark had approached the Planning Department at the Borough Council.

The Vice Chairman, Mr Jeremy Howarth, had raised the concern of the traffic and speed on Station Road and that this over the coming months would further deteriorate because of proposed road works on the Buxton Road at Great Oak Farm where the road is to be straightened.

The Clerk is to write to Rod Cramer at Cheshire County Council at Lyme Green seeking his recommendations on traffic calming measures.

Tyres had been dumped on various lanes within the Parish to include Cocksmiss Lane, Bramhall Hill Lane and Station Road. Approximately thirteen tyres at each location had been dumped with the Vice Chairman taking a load to his tyre merchant for disposal. It was recommended by Councillor Jane Palmer that Paul Morgan of the Street Scene at Macclesfield Borough Council be informed and told of the various locations for these tyres to be removed.

Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked all those present.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the North Rode Parish Council is to be held as and when further planning applications are received.

This meeting of the Parish Council closed at 20.35 hours.

⁴Resolution 09054

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