

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH RODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
DAINTRY HALL ON THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30PM**

Present:

Mr John Narraway – Chairman
Mr Mark Watson – Vice Chairman
Mr Mark Bullock – Clerk
Mrs Jacqui Lea
Mrs Georgina Bailey
Mrs Sarah Bibby
Mrs Lesley Smetham – Deputy Mayor

1. Apologies for absence

Mr Andrew Needham.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mark Watson declared an interest in Item 8 as he is a resident at 3 Park Road, North Rode, Congleton, CW12 2PA.

3. Police report

No report was given as Julia Short PCSO was not present at the meeting.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 15th May 2017 meeting were briefly read and confirmed as a true record proposed by Sarah Bibby and seconded by Georgina Bailey¹.

Unfortunately the minutes of 17th July 2017 were unable to be agreed as a quorum was not present of those attending the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the last meeting

5.1 Update on the compliance with Ladera Planning conditions

The chairman discussed with the council members present his proposed letter to Julie Lyne, Chairlady of Eaton Parish Council. The concerns with regards to Ladera are as regards to the passing places, the failure to upgrade the bus stops and the provision of a pedestrian route from Back Lane to Macclesfield Road.

5.2 Update on visibility improvement of the Bank Lane/Macclesfield Road junction

There was no update given as Mr Andrew Needham was not present at the meeting.

6. Planning matters

The sighting of a static caravan on the small plot at Bramhall Hill Lane owned by Deborah Joyce was discussed. Concerns were raised by the Parish Councilors as corrugated sheeting has been clad to steel gates behind which appears to be a small residential development with the sighting of the static caravan. Mrs Georgina Bailey had noted that wheelie bins had been filled, placed on the road and emptied by the council's refuse wagon. The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the enforcement officer to make enquiries as to whether permission had been granted or was needed.

The Chairman raised concerns with regards to the advertising signs at the entrance to Saw Pit Wood for the Shellow Lane lodges. The Clerk was to write to the Planning Department to ascertain whether there is a need for planning permission for such advertising.

7. Restoration of Manor Park Road and Gates

The Chairman has obtained various paperwork and specifications for upgrading the road between Manor Park gates and the first cattle grid. The meeting discussed the suitability and the width of the proposed gates, any provision for pedestrians and traffic calming methods.

The Chairman has agreed to assist Mr Tony Hayes in progressing the matter forward for the Parish Council would like to see the retention of the Manor Park gates feature for which money has been put to one-side. It was proposed that a short meeting on-site would be beneficial and was agreed that the Chairman, Mr John Narraway, Mrs Sarah Bibby, Mrs Georgina Bailey, Mr Andrew Needham and Mr Malcolm Kidd (local farmer) be present.

8. Park Road Septic Tank

The Chairman has not received any further news or comments from Cheshire East Council.

9. Highways issues

Lesely Smetham has recently attended a meeting in connection with the A536, Macclesfield Road, where grant funding was proposed as being available for road improvements. At the meeting she mentioned the site lines and verges at the Bank Lane junction.

The Clerk is awaiting the results of the traffic monitoring measures undertaken during the summer on Bank Lane. A request for its further use for monitoring of the lane is to be put forward to The Highways Department.

10. Parish Council Website

The hosting of the new Parish Council website is up and running. Mrs Bibby said that her husband will have the site live by November.

11. Approve items for payment

The Parish Council insurance is due for renewal in the sum of £196. This was proposed by Mr Mark Watson and seconded by Mrs Georgina Bailey for payment².

The Chairman expressed an interest in attending the training session held by ChALC. It was proposed by Mr Mark Watson and seconded by Mrs Sarah Bibby that the training fee of £35 be approved³.

12. Training

The Chairman, Mr John Narraway, shall be attending a training session on 25th September 2017 in Middlewich held by ChALC.

13. Dates of the next meeting

The proposed dates of the next meetings are Monday 13th November 2017 and Thursday 18th January 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

¹Resolution 1714091

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