

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH RODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
DAINTRY HALL ON MONDAY 25TH JUNE 2018 AT 7.30PM**

Present:

Mr John Narraway – Chairman
Mr Andrew Needham
Mrs Sarah Bibby
Mrs Georgina Bailey
Mr Mark Bullock – Clerk
Mrs Lesley Smetham – Cheshire East Councilor

1. Election of Vice Chairperson

Mr Mark Watson, by email, informed the council that he shall no longer be a member of the council and resigned from his position. It was hoped he would continue as the Vice Chairman.

The position of Vice Chairman was discussed. It was proposed by Andrew Needham and seconded by John Narraway¹ that Georgina Bailey be the Vice Chairman.

2. Apologies for absence

Julia Short - PCSO
Mrs Jacqui Lea
Mr Mark Watson

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 17th May 2018 were briefly read by the chairman. They were proposed as a true and accurate record by Georgina Bailey and seconded by Andrew Needham².

The minutes from 17th July 2017 cannot be approved without both Andrew Needham and Mark Watson being present. The Clerk is to write to Mr Watson seeking his approval that the minutes represent a true record.

5. Matters arising from the last meeting

5.1 Update on the compliance with Ladera Planning conditions

The Clerk received an email from Sean Hannaby, Director of Planning & Environment confirming that his officers have visited the site in connection with both planning enforcement and licensing and are currently chasing up a number of matters, including the breach of conditions.

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

Councilor Needham was thanked for assisting in the matter of the clearing of the hedge and some of the Cheshire railings on the Macclesfield side of the Bank Lane junction. The visibility is much improved.

6. Planning matters

No further details had been received concerning the static caravan and stables on Bramhall Hill Lane. The Clerk is to write further to Paul Douglas the Enforcement Officer for an update.

7. Restoration of Manor Park Road and Gates

The clerk had found within one of the quotes for the road restoration a price of £360 for the installation of the Manor Park gates.

8. Highways issues

Georgina Bailey had looked at the cost of village signs.

There had been correspondence over the installation traffic "counters" on Bank Lane and Church Lane with Lesley Smetham and of Joshua Leggett of Cheshire Highways. The intention is to have them installed before the summer holidays. The information would be used with future counting to assess the impact of the, soon to be built, Congleton By-Pass.

On 6th September 2018 the Chairman is to attend a meeting on Highway Safety Improvements. It was agreed that since the improvement at the end of Bank Lane that he would request assistance on improving the junction of Bramhall Hill Lane and Pexall Road.

9. Parish Council Website

The Chairman wishes to have access to update the website. A meeting with the clerk will facilitate this as he has login access. Mrs Bibby recommended that the software for the website is regularly updated. Any failure of the software is to be addressed at the time.

10. Finance

10.1 To discuss and agree the Internal Audit

The Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement for the North Rode Parish Council accounts were read and agreed. Proposed by Andrew Needham, seconded by Georgina Bailey and signed by the Chairman Mr Narraway and Responsible Financial Officer Mr Bullock.³

11. Correspondence

Chris Clark of Park Road had sent correspondence to the chairman concerning the septic tank serving the properties on Park Road. He suggested that the Parish Council should clear the ditch into which it outfalls. The ditch is however in private ownership.

12. Dates of the next meeting

The next meeting is Thursday 13th September 2018 followed by Monday 19th November, 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

¹Resolution 1825061

²Resolution 1825062

³Resolution 1825063