

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH RODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
DAINTRY HALL ON THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM**

Present:

Councillor John Narraway - Chairman

Councillor Janet Hughes

Councillor Jacqui Lea

Mrs Brenda Lomas – Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs Georgina Bailey – Vice Chairman

2. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and particularly Mr Alistair Bayley who has expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor.

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

There were insufficient members of the Parish Council to form a quorum to sign the minutes of the meeting dated 8th July 2019. These will be carried forward to the next meeting.

5. Matters arising from the last meeting

Councillor Janet Hughes agreed to undertake preliminary work to ensure that the Parish Council is compliant with the recently introduced General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

6. Planning matters

Application number 19/2904M for The Whittle, Bank Farm, Bank Lane, North Rode for alterations to the house had been refused. This is the home of Councillor Janet Hughes. Councillor Hughes further advised that her second application to regularize the use of some land which has been used as a garden area for many years (former agricultural land) is also likely to be refused.

7. Highways issues

The Chairman had met with an Officer from the Highways Department to discuss the safety of the T road junction where Bramhall Hill Lane meets Pexall Road. A right turn is difficult as there is a restricted view in respect of oncoming traffic. The Highways Officer considered the

possibility of removing the green triangle and constructing a roundabout – but the area was not considered to be large enough. Alternatively the white dotted lines could be improved. The Highways Officer will consider the options and subsequently inform the Parish Council of their intentions.

8. Finance

The Councillors approved the payment of the following invoices from the Parish Council account :-

Zurich Insurance £196.00

Three ChALK training sessions for Councillors £105.00

Affiliation to ChALK £69.84

Hosting of 123 Reg (e-mails and website) £71.86

A discussion regarding the current and reserve bank accounts with the NatWest Bank determined that it would be preferable to have sufficient funds in the current account for general annual running costs – with the remainder being placed in an instantly accessible interest paying account – if that was possible. The Clerk to make enquiries of the Bank.

9. Other Meetings

The Clerk advised of

- a) The ChALK Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday 24th October at the Canalside Centre, Middlewich to which all Councillors were invited. A buffet at 6pm is followed by the meeting at 7pm.
- b) The Town and Parish Conference to be held on Wednesday 20th November at Holmes Chapel Community from 4pm to 7pm to which Councillors could attend.

10. Dates of the next meeting

The proposed dates of the next meetings are Monday 19th November 2019 and Thursday 9th January 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.
