

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH RODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
DAINTRY HALL ON MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM**

Present:

Councillor John Narraway - Chairman
Councillor Georgina Bailey – Vice Chairman
Councillor Janet Hughes
Mr Alastair Bayley
Mrs Brenda Lomas – Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Jacqui Lea

2. Welcome from the Chairman

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings dated 8th July 2019 and 9th October 2019 were approved by the Councillors and signed by the chairman. However there were insufficient members of the Parish Council to form a quorum to sign the minutes dated 19th September 2019. They will be carried forward to the next meeting.

5. Matters arising from the last meeting / Highways Issues

The road junction where Pexall Road meets Bramhall Hill Lane was discussed following the Chairmans' meeting with a Highways Officer . The Parish Council had received an e-mail dated 31st October 2019 from Wesley Snipe, Apprentice Engineer, Design Team, Highways Department. Mr Snipe advised that new dotted lines would be installed and also that a traffic counting monitor would be erected near to that junction. The members of the Parish Council agreed with the proposals. The Clerk is to confirm this agreement in correspondence to Mr Snipe / the Highways Department.

Councillor Georgina Bailey advised that there had been no progress with the village signs. She will pursue both the Village signs and the road name signs with Andy Simpson of the Highways Department. The discussion will include the specific locations of the village signs. It was confirmed that the Councillors would wish the village signs to say 'North Rode' with no additional wording / message to those drivers passing through the village.

6. Planning matters

The Parish Council have received communication from Cheshire East Council's Planning Enforcement Department to advise that following an Enforcement Notice being served on Ladera – which is the caravan park which shares a boundary with both North Rode and Eaton – Ladera have lodged an appeal to that Notice. It was discussed that, at the time that planning approval was granted for the Ladera site, it was conditioned that the units would be for use as holiday homes. It would appear that a number of the units are being used as permanent residential homes and that Ladera's appeal relates to a request for a mix of permanent dwellings and holiday homes.

Councillors discussed the position including that there has been no infrastructure to support permanent development such as passing places on the road. It was agreed that the Parish Council should support Cheshire East Council's Planning Department in its enforcement action. The Chairman advised that he would formulate a response communication which would be submitted to all North Rode Parish Councillors for their approval prior to being sent for the Planning Inspectorate's consideration.

Councillors wished for a letter to be sent to the Planning Enforcement Department as regards the established caravan on Bramhall Hill Lane. The Clerk to send communication.

7. Finance

- a) The Parish Council has received communication from Cheshire East Council as regards the annual precept request for 2020/2021.

Following discussion, and in order that there would be no increase to residents of the Parish, the sum of £2291.00 was agreed. The Clerk is instructed to submit the appropriate application form.

- b) The Clerk advised of the following invoices for which payment was required :-
 1. P J Littlejohn, external auditors for the parish council accounts £96.00
 2. Clerk – Black ink cartridge for the parish council printer £18.99

Councillors approved the payment of both of the above invoices from the parish council account.

8. Training

Councillor Janet Hughes is to attend the ChALC - Clerk and Councillor training session on Tuesday 26th November 2019.

9. Other Matters

1. The frequency of Parish Council Meetings was discussed. It was agreed that meetings should be reduced from six meetings per year to four meetings per year. In the event that

planning applications are submitted between meetings, then an additional meeting would be arranged to discuss the application. An annual parish meeting – to which all residents would be invited - would take place in May on the same date as the Annual General Meeting.

2. ChALC had sent a request that the village would support the VE Day 75th Anniversary celebration on 8th May 2020. The proposal is to include the ringing of Church Bells across the country. It was agreed that the Clerk should forward this to the Parochial Church Council.
3. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Councillor Janet Hughes has offered to write an initial document as regards the Parish Council's GDPR policy and particularly in light of the fact that the Parish Council would like to send communication to residents – including by e-mail.
4. Community Governance Review. Cheshire East Council has advised that there will be a review of all Town and Parish Councils which will be concluded in 2023. The Clerk will forward the details to all Councillors by e-mail.

10. Dates of the next meetings

The proposed dates of the next two meetings are Thursday 27th February 2020 and Tuesday 12th May 2020 - being the AGM.

The Chairman declared the meeting to be closed at 9.15pm.