





**MINUTES of the Ordinary ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, 7.30pm, at Rowde Village Hall**

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|    | <b>PRESENT:</b> J Hawkins (Chair), J Dalley, Y Pullen, C Stevens, I Whittaker-Axon,<br><b>Absent:</b> Cllr Cuthbert.   |                    |  |
| 1. | <b>Apologies &amp; Acceptance of Apologies</b><br>Apologies: S Mundy , L Wills   |                    |  |
| 2. | <b>Register of Members' Interests</b><br>No business interests were registered.  |                    |  |
| 3. | <b>Chairman's five minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair noted that there has been no interest from anyone wishing to be involved with starting a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. There needs to be a group of at least 8 – 10 people to start the process.</li> <li>Mr Stuart Taylor observed a further meeting with a view to becoming a Parish Councillor.</li> <li>The Chair sought consent from the Parish Council to discuss a new planning application (55 Springfield Road) which did not appear on the agenda for the meeting.</li> </ul>  |                    |  |
| 4. | <b>Public Question Time</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A resident raised concern about parking issues in Ferris Close and Springfield Road. Residents/school parents are parking on the grass verges, across pavements. The grassed areas are becoming damaged. The Clerk is due to meet with Fiona Marno, the Neighbourhood Officer for Aster, on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and will discuss these issues with her.</li> <li>Concern was also raised about the level of speeding traffic along Marsh Lane from the Cross Keys. It was suggested that taxis taking children to school could be responsible for some of the speeding traffic. The Clerk was advised to raise this issue with Passenger Transport (Wiltshire Council)</li> <li>It was noted that there are no reminders of the 30mph speed limit at the High Street end of Marsh Lane. It was requested that the Clerk looks into this.</li> </ul>   | Clerk<br><br>Clerk |  |
| 5. | <b>Wiltshire Council Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no update received from Cllr Cuthbert.</li> <li>The Chair &amp; the Clerk attended the Devizes Area Board meeting on 18th March 2019. Grants were given to many Youth groups around the Devizes Area.</li> </ul> <b>Rowdeford School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wiltshire Council has extended the consultation on their vision for Special Schools. The Council has withdrawn the statutory proposal to close Larkrise, St Nicholas and Rowdeford schools and create one new, larger school in Rowde by 2023 to enable further wider views and thoughts to be put forward. Wiltshire Council has now opened the extended pre-publication consultation outlined in the link above. You can find the new consultation at:<br/> <a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/education/special_schools_consultation_extension">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/education/special_schools_consultation_extension</a>. Please note that consultation responses already provided to the council will be automatically considered as pre-publication consultation, and do not need to be resubmitted.</li> <li>There will be two opportunities to have a face-to-face discussion. These are:<br/> Friday 5 April 10:30am-12:00noon in Chippenham (Venue: Hardenhuish School, Colborne Room – SN14 6RJ) Thursday 2 May 6:30pm-8:00pm in Trowbridge (Venue: The John of Gaunt School, The Hub – BA14 9EH) A third session in Devizes is also planned (Fri 3 May, 10:30-12noon) – venue to be confirmed. If you would</li> </ul> |                    |  |



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|     | <p>not been built. The existing horse shelters do not appear to have planning permission and are being applied for on this application, therefore the application is in part retrospective. The Parish Council did not have objections to the application as long as the Common is not disturbed for access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parish Council raised concerns about the permanency of the travellers on the Common, across the crossroads at Berhills land. The Clerk was asked to raise this with Wiltshire Council.</li> <li>• 19/02459/FUL Wardley, Paradise Lane, Rowde: new single storey rear extension with internal alterations and new porch. Deadline date 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. The Parish Council had no objections.</li> <li>• 19/02978/FUL 55 Springfield Road: Demolish garage and greenhouse, construct single storey extension to extend kitchen, construct detached brick built store and provide parking for 2 vehicles. The Parish Council had no objections.</li> <li>• A reduction to the hours applied for by the Scooter Rally organisers has been submitted to Wiltshire Council. The hours for music have been reduced to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live Music – Friday 18:00hrs to 23:00hrs and Saturday 14:00hrs to 23:30hrs</li> <li>• Recorded Music – Friday 17:00hrs to 23:00hrs and Saturday 12:00hrs to 23:30hrs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The deadline for responses is 21st April 2019.</li> </ul> |  |
| 9.  | <p><b>Highways Updates</b></p> <p><b>Report of parking problems in Maundrell Close</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A request has been made by Aster for villagers to be respectful of residents' parking spaces in Maundrell Close.</li> </ul>  |  |
| 10. | <p><b>Grounds Maintenance Contract</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tender documents were sent out to four contractors for the grounds maintenance contract for the village (2019-2021). The Parish Council received four responses. The bids were discussed without mentioning the bidders' names. It was agreed to accept the most competitive, compliant bid (proposed by I Whittaker-Axon, seconded by C Stevens. All Councillors present agreed). All bidders will be notified of the outcome.</li> <li>• Three of the bidders submitted quotes for re-turfing the Hill area. It was agreed that the new contractor will re-turf the Hill. This will be undertaken in sections, allowing for the turf to establish itself before moving onto the next section.</li> </ul>   |  |
| 11. | <p><b>Village Appearance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk will obtain quotes for the road sweeper with ripper brush to come through the village, preferably when the weather is dry.</li> </ul>  |  |
| 12. | <p><b>Allotments Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk has sent new allotment tenancy agreements to all holders.</li> <li>• The Clerk has written to two allotment holders reminding them to tend to their plots.</li> </ul>   |  |
| 13. | <p><b>Communications update</b></p> <p><b>Facebook Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no updates.</li> </ul> <p><b>Twinning group</b></p> <p>The Bromham/Rowde &amp; Ingrandes-le-Fresne-sur-Loire twinning group held their AGM meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00pm at Homestead. J Hawkins attended although there were no representatives from Bromham Parish Council.</p>  |  |
| 14. | <p><b>Financial matters &amp; monthly invoices for March (total £1,853.54).</b></p> <p>A further payment of £38.75 was approved at the meeting for a new security lock for the Jubilee Gate.</p>   |  |

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|     | <p>Payment for invoices were proposed by C Stevens, seconded by I Whittaker-Axon. All Councillors were in favour.</p> <p><u>March invoices breakdown</u></p> <p>Admin costs: £ 1,226.73</p> <p>Grounds maintenance: £626.81</p> <p><b>Total: £1,853.54</b></p>   |  |
| 16. | <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Association of Local Councils will look at the documents that we hold on the Common and may be able to give advice on whether it is feasible to progress further.</li> </ul>  |  |
|     | <p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Next Parish Council meeting</b> will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019</li> <li> <b>The Annual Village Meeting will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 at Rowde Primary School.</b></li> <li> <b>The next Area Board Meeting</b> will be held on Monday 13 May 2019 at Devizes Hub and Library, Sheep Street.</li> <li> <b>EVERYONE is welcome to attend all meetings.</b></li> </ul> |  |

A reminder that all requests for work/or goods should be presented to the relevant Committee first for authorisation.

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