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

	PRESENT : J Hawkins (Chair), J Dalley, Y Pullen, C Stevens, I Whittaker-Axon, Absent: Cllr Cuthbert.	
1.	Apologies & Acceptance of Apologies	
	Apologies: S Mundy , L Wills	
2.	Register of Members' Interests	
	No business interests were registered.	
3.	Chairman's five minutes	
	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.	
	Mr Stuart Taylor observed a further meeting with a view to becoming a Parish	
	Councillor.	
	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.	
4.	Public Question Time	
	• 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 4th April 2019 and will discuss these issues	
	with her.	
	 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	Clerk
	issue with Passenger Transport (Wiltshire Council)	
	 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.	Clerk
5.	Wiltshire Council Update	
	 There was no update received from Cllr Cuthbert. 	
	 The Chair & the Clerk attended the Devizes Area Board meeting on 18th March 	
	2019. Grants were given to many Youth groups around the Devizes Area.	
	Rowdeford School	
	 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	The Council has withdrawn the statutory proposal to close Larkrise, St Nicholas	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:	
	http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/education/special schools consultation ex	
	tension. 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.	
	 There will be two opportunities to have a face-to-face discussion. These are: 	
	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	

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	like to attend one of these events, please email Specialschools@wiltshire.gov.uk to book your place.			
	 In the summer, the council will provide revised statutory proposals (that is, firm 			
	proposals on how they plan to produce the additional places) which will go out for			
	further consultation for another four weeks.			
6.	Agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 13 th March 2019			
0.	The Parish Council reconsidered their response to the Oakwood Stud application			
	(19/01982/FUL).			
	The minutes have been accepted as accurate: proposed by I Whittaker-Axon, seconded C			
	Stevens. All Councillors who were present at that meeting accepted them as a true record.			
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	 Rural Housing Needs Survey has been delivered to every household in the parish. 			
	Thank you to the Parish Councillors who delivered the forms. The deadline for			
	responses is 15th April.			
	 The plan for dealing with local emergencies is being reviewed. 			
	There is a proposal to meet with Rowde Primary School Headteacher to discuss			
	local parking issues. It was agreed that I Whittaker-Axon would meet with the			
	Headteacher to discuss ongoing problems. A meeting wil be arranged when the	Clerk		
	archive plans for the school have been retrieved.			
	 The current contractor cut the grass on the playing fields on 26th March 2019 			
	before the end of the contract.			
	 The Clerk has reported the broken drain on the A342, by 12 Devizes Road to the 			
	Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and also the rippled tarmac along from			
	Manor Farm to Rowde Primary School. The whole section of tarmac needs			
	replacing.			
	 The Clerk reported the sunken GPO box by West End Farm to Open Reach. Their 			
	Health & Safety department have been out to access the box.			
	 The Clerk has made a further request for the bin at Cock Road/High Street on the 			
	edge of the Village Hall grounds to be moved to the High Street. This is being			
	progressed by Wiltshire Council.			
	The Clerk has applied to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to drop			
	some kerbs around the village.			
	The Clerk sent a copy of a map showing the dropped kerbs that the Parish Council			
	is interested in working on.			
	The Clerk has arranged to meet with the Neighbourhood Officer for Aster to The Clerk has arranged to meet with the Neighbourhood Officer for Aster to			
	discuss hedgerows at the side of Church View and also Maundrell Close.			
	Wiltshire Council has agreed to re-fill their grit bins on Cock Road and Close Lane. The state of the s	Clerk		
	The street sign for 'Reed Place' will be replaced by Wiltshire Council.			
	A Lemon has kindly replanted the planter on Marsh Lane at the junction of Rowde Court Board C Standard has a fine at the land as a second of this aboat a second of the second of			
	Court Road. C Stevens has offered to take over maintenance of this planter.			
8.	 Planning matters 19/01982/FUL Oakwood Stud, Marsh Lane: for the use of land and stables for a 			
	new equine business; extension to stables; erection of storage barn; stationing of			
	mobile home (resubmission of 18/02904/FUL). The Parish Council re-iterated its			
	opinion that the site is too small for the size of business that is being proposed.			
	 19/01258: Land south of Rowde Lane, Rowde – revised drawings have been 			
	submitted to Wiltshire Council showing existing and proposed buildings. The Parish			
	Council has received anonymous information stating that the buildings have			
	already been built. There are 3 horse type shelters in the field and no other			
	buildings. The planning officer for the application said that the new proposals have			
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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. 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. • 19/02459/FUL Wardley, Paradise Lane, Rowde: new single storey rear extension with internal alterations and new porch. Deadline date 16th April, 2019. The Parish Council had no objections. • 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. 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: Live Music – Friday 18:00hrs to 23:00hrs and Saturday 14:00hrs to 23:30hrs Recorded Music – Friday 17:00hrs to 23:00hrs and Saturday 12:00hrs to 23:30hrs. The deadline for responses is 21st April 2019. **Highways Updates** Report of parking problems in Maundrell Close A request has been made by Aster for villagers to be respectful of residents' parking spaces in Maundrell Close. **Grounds Maintenance Contract** 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. 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. **Village Appearance** The Clerk will obtain quotes for the road sweeper with ripper brush to come through the village, preferably when the weather is dry. **Allotments Update** The Clerk has sent new allotment tenancy agreements to all holders. The Clerk has written to two allotment holders reminding them to tend to their plots. **Communications update Facebook Update** There were no updates. Twinning group The Bromham/Rowde & Ingrandes-le-Fresne-sur-Loire twinning group held their AGM meeting on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 7.00pm at Homestead. J Hawkins attended although there were no representatives from Bromham Parish Council.

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A further payment of £38.75 was approved at the meeting for a new security lock for the

Financial matters & monthly invoices for March (total £1,853.54).

	Payment for invoices were proposed by C Stevens, seconded by I Whittaker-Axon. All			
	Councillors were in favour.			
	March invoices breakdown			
	Admin costs: £ 1,226.73			
	Grounds maintenance: £626.81			
	Total: £1,853.54			
16.	16. Correspondence			
	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.			
	Date of next meeting			
	♣ Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 th May 2019			
	♣ The Annual Village Meeting will be held on Thursday 23 rd May 2019 at Rowde			
	Primary School.			
	♣ The next Area Board Meeting will be held on Monday 13 May 2019 at Devizes Hub			
	and Library, Sheep Street.			

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

Signed:	
Chairman	Date: