

MINUTES OF ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 14th January 2015, 8.00pm, at Rowde Village Hall

PRESENT: J Bawden (Chair), J Graham, I Marr, S Mundy, A Seedhouse, C Stevens Clerk: R Jeffries Wiltshire Councillor: P Whitehead		
1.	Apologies & Acceptance of Apologies – B Bentley Absent - P Evans, S Stapleton	
2.	Resignation of Cllr A Boorman – Accepted by the Parish Council	
3.	Register of Members' Interests I Marr registered an interest in setting the precept in his role as Youth Club leader.	
4.	Chairman's five minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair noted that the PAT testing of the village Christmas tree lights has been paid for by the Village Hall Committee. The Parish Council has been refunded for the invoice they have already paid. The Rowdey Cow has kindly agreed to covers the costs of the refreshments for the opening of the new Marsh Lane footpath event. The next annual village meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th May 2015, at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome. The Parish Council agreed to sign the e-petition asking the Government to continue funding the ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) Network, of which Community First is a part. 	Clerk
5.	Wiltshire Council update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Wide Parking Review is open until 16th January 2015. Available at http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal or through Sustainable Transport Group: 0300 456 0100. The results of the review will be published soon afterwards. Cllr Whitehead confirmed that the pavement from Dunkirk Hill towards Rowde is wide enough to be accessed by a wheelchair. A query was raised about the accessibility for double pushchairs. Cllr Whitehead will investigate whether the pavement is wide enough for a double pushchair if someone gives him the dimensions of a double pushchair. Wiltshire Council will set their budget in February and will be cutting another £30million. The Chair requested that the Parish Council are kept up to date with developments. A question was asked about when the refuse collections will return to normal after the Christmas holidays. It was confirmed that the collections will return to normal in w/c 19th Jan. 	
6.	Public Question Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A query was raised about the proposed siting of the grit bin at the entrance to Rowde Hall. The Parish Council agreed that queries regarding the proposed siting of the bin should be taken up directly with the landowner. Clarification was sought on the wording used for granting Parish Councillors a dispensation to set the village precept. It was confirmed that Parish Councillors must register their interest in setting the precept as they pay Council tax. Concern was raised about the preparatory time that Parish Councillors have to consider the setting of the precept. It was confirmed that during the monthly meeting of the Finance Committee estimates for the amount expected to be left over at the end of the Financial Year had been made and a document for presentation at the meeting had been prepared. Parish Councillors had not seen the precept options before the meeting and no decision on the amount of precept to be set had been taken in advance. Cllr Whitehead confirmed that this is the way that all Parish Councils set their precept. It is one of the primary functions of a Parish Council. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A question was asked about the development of the large playing field. There has been a request from some local families who would like to start a new football team. New goal posts will be required, costing around £300. Applications for new equipment should be made to A. Seedhouse in the first instance.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quotes are being sourced for supplying electricity to the large playing field. The cost of supplying power to the field may direct how the project develops from this point onwards.											
7.	Agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 10th December 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved. Proposed by C Stevens and seconded by I. Marr. All Councillors voted in favour.											
8.	Actions taken from the meeting on 10th December 2014 Village Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">PC Helen Clarke is leaving her post. Our new Community Police Office will be PC Andy List.Rowde incidents: During the early hours of 08th December 2014 entry was forced to the village shop setting off an audible alarm. Nothing was stolen on this occasion and enquiries are ongoing.<ul style="list-style-type: none">At 1pm on 13th December 2014 a suspect was arrested in relation to criminal damage to a Post Office van working in the village.The Chair has written to CRT & Sustrans regarding the potholes from the Marsh Lane Bridge to Foxhangers.The Chair has spoken with the Head of Rowde Academy Primary School regarding the ‘Taking Actions on School Journeys’ plan. There is no plan currently in place. Village Amenities <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Clerk has written to the football teams to explain that the large playing field is a multi-purpose grounds and can be used by others when the football matches are being played. Youth Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Clerk has tried to contact the leaders of the Youth Council. No response has been received.	SM & Clerk										
9.	Defibrillator <ul style="list-style-type: none">I Marr has agreed to lead on the defibrillator project, starting with looking at potential sites for the defibrillator.											
10.	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">14/11682/FUL: Lower Park, Conscience Lane, Rowde: Demolition of existing two storey house and adjoining garage. Construction of new two storey dwelling, double garage and car port. The Parish Council found no objections to the application.14/11802/FUL: 52 Tower View, Rowde: New single storey entrance porch to front elevation and general internal layout alterations. The Parish Council found no objections to the application.											
11.	Financial matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monthly invoices totalling £1443.08 were approved (proposed by S Mundy, seconded by I Marr) and the cheques signed.<table><tr><td>Staff costs and printing</td><td>908.88</td></tr><tr><td>Grounds Maintenance</td><td>419.70</td></tr><tr><td>Village Hall hire</td><td>74.50</td></tr><tr><td>Misc</td><td>40.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total:</td><td>1443.08</td></tr></table>All Parish Councillors hold a current dispensation to allow them to vote on setting the precept.	Staff costs and printing	908.88	Grounds Maintenance	419.70	Village Hall hire	74.50	Misc	40.00	Total:	1443.08	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 quotes were obtained for repairs to be carried out to the goal force basketball hoop in the small playing field. It was agreed to spend £495, plus VAT on having the item repaired (proposed by J Bawden, seconded by S Mundy). The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the current financial position including a forecast of expenditure until the end of March 2015 and a prediction of the possible carry-over figure. 	
12.	Precept discussion and budget setting A precept working document was presented to the Parish Council. 3 options were presented to the group. It was proposed by J Bawden, seconded by S Mundy to set the precept at £28,200. All Councillors were in favour. Due to changes in this year's tax base, the money raised will amount to a 0% increase in household payments.	
14.	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An e-mail has been received noting concerns over the suggested location of the salt bin for the village. 	
	The next Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 11th February 2015, 8.00pm, Village Hall.	

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

Signed: Chairman Date: