

**MINUTES OF the Ordinary ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 7.30pm, at Rowde Village Hall**

<p><b>PRESENT:</b> S Mundy (Chair), J Dalley, J Hawkins, A Seedhouse, C Stevens, L Stewart          Clerk: R Jeffries          County Councillor: A Cuthbert</p>		
1.	<p><b>Apologies &amp; Acceptance of Apologies</b> –B Bentley, G Sartin</p>	
2.	<p><b>Register of Members’ Interests</b>          No business interests were recorded.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Chairman’s five minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been some serious anti-social behaviour in the small playing field during the last week. Vandals have broken glass bottles over the toddlers’ slide and around the swing areas. Parish Councillors have been out to clear up the glass. The Police are investigating. The Chair urged all residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity directly to the Police through tel: 101.</li> <li>• The Chair registered discontent with the grass cutting service that Wiltshire Council now provides. The service has been so cut back that most areas in the village, including pavements along the A342, will only be cut by Wiltshire Council once a year. It appears that Rowde is near the end of the cutting cycle. The Chair is concerned about how the village moves forward with trying to manage these areas ourselves.</li> <li>• The Chair intends to raise a question at the next Area Board meeting (11th July, 6.30pm, West Lavington Village Hall) regarding the inability for Parish Councils now to communicate directly with Wiltshire Council regarding grounds maintenance. All reports must be filtered through the My Wiltshire App. Cllr Cuthbert noted that Jerry Wickham is now the Portfolio holder for Highways and suggested that the Parish Council request a site visit with him to discuss these matters.</li> </ul>	Chair
4.	<p><b>Wiltshire Council update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Cuthbert updated the meeting on the recent Wiltshire Council consultation on rural bus services. There were 12,000 responses to the consultation, including 5,000 people who responded with substantial comments/ideas. There will be no change to rural bus services this year. Wiltshire Council is one of the few councils not cutting back.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All bus services in the County are subsidised by Wiltshire Council, with some services are subsidised by as much as 50%. One service can cost £50,000. There will be further work carried out to review the current provision. There will be changes to the way buses are funded.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• BT broadband: Cllr Cuthbert is meeting BT again shortly. BT’s original pledge was that fibre-optic broadband would be installed in Rowde in summer 2016.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cllr Cuthbert stated that the Council’s relationship with the new Highways contractors is going well.</li> <li>▪ The Police Service has a consultation out at the moment. Cllr Cuthbert will send the link to the Parish Clerk.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wiltshire Council applied a levy to residents of 2% in their council tax demand for 2016/17 for spending on social care. Plans for this additional £4m include £1m on "help to live at home": enabling people to live at home for longer rather than being in hospital or care homes. A further £1m will be spent on implementing the living wage for those people who are working in adult social care.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neighbourhood Plans: Cllr Cuthbert questioned whether Rowde is thinking about preparing one. Planning applications are going in around the county for new developments. If a Neighbourhood Plan is in place, it will make development more</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Cllr Cuthbert







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Signed: ..... Chairman Date: .....