

MINUTES of the Ordinary ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9th December 2020, 7.30pm, Virtual Meeting operated and recorded by Zoom

	<p>PRESENT: I Whittaker-Axon (Chair), P Bryant, J Hawkins, J Dalley, D Pullen, D Revell, C Stevens L Wills PRESENT: Cllr Laura Mayes (for items 1- 5)</p>	
	<p>National Grid presentation Representatives from Camargue and National Grid gave a presentation on the proposal to put twelve pylons across Roundway Down underground. Please see separate notes for more detail.</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies & Acceptance of Apologies All Councillors were present</p>	
2.	<p>Register of Members' Interests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dispensation was granted to all Parish Councillors to enable them to set the precept in January, due to the fact that they are council taxpayers. 	
3.	<p>Chairman's Five minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no further updates given at this time. 	
4.	<p>Wiltshire Council update, with Cllr L Mayes</p> <p>Covid-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire's rate of Covid infections has decreased from 96 to 76 per 100,000. However, the rate has plateaued now and there is still concern with the increase in the rate of infections amongst the over 60s age group. • It is urged that anyone who displays any signs of Covid should get tested. Cllr Mayes noted that there is compensation that can be claimed for people who lose work as a result of having to self-isolate. • The Covid vaccination is being rolled out across Wiltshire in hospitals, Salisbury City Hall and GP surgeries. • There is huge concern about the relaxing of restrictions planned over the Christmas holidays. Residents are urged to remain cautious when mixing with other households (up to a maximum of three households). Wiltshire Council is expecting a spike in new infections in the New Year due to the relaxing of the rules. • A question was asked about the scientific basis for the tier system. It was replied that it is not only deaths from Covid that are taken into account, but also the rate of infection in the over 60 age group, the R rate, and the capacity of local hospitals. <p>Development at Reed Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is hoped that Christine Brown from Wiltshire Council will brief the Parish Council in January 2021 on the plans to build further houses on land off Reed Place. It is proposed that there will be ten units: six will be socially rented at a discounted rent; four will be shared ownership properties. • Wiltshire Council has applied for pre-planning advice, with the intention of applying for full planning at the end of January. • The units will be manufactured offsite which should minimise disruption to local residents. <p>Hft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hft has agreed to postpone their proposed closure beyond June 2021. It is noted that Hft is a privately owned and run facility. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No consultations had been held with residents or their families before the announcement. Wiltshire Council will continue to work with residents at HfT to deliver the best outcome possible for them, taking their wishes into consideration. Twenty-five of the residents at HfT come from Wiltshire originally. Thirteen other residents have moved from out of County. Those respective local authorities are also involved in the ongoing discussions about re-housing the residents. It is thought that the CQC will not give the campus in Furlong Close a good rating as it does not agree that campus living is the best model now for residents with learning difficulties. It was noted that a new Chief Executive for HfT was appointed on Monday 7th December 2020. Wiltshire Council has asked to meet with her. <p>The Parish Council thanked Cllr Mayes for providing support from Wiltshire Council to residents and the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Cuthbert, the current Councillor for Bromham, Potterne & Rowde has been absent from meetings since February 2020.</p>	
5.	<p>HfT – proposed closure. Parish Council response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P Bryant proposed that if the model for HfT is wrong and that the model should be changed. It was suggested that Wiltshire Council could form a partnership with HfT and change the demographic of people who live there, taking into account those residents that wish to live somewhere else. There could be a mixture of elderly people and disabled living together on the site. The Clerk will raise this with Cllr Mayes. It is possible to register an asset as a Community Asset, if it is the last meeting place, the last shop, the last pub in the village. Initial conversations with Wiltshire Council did not state that it would be possible to register Marsh Hall as a Community Asset. The Clerk was asked to revisit this approach. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
6.	<p>Public Question Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The poor condition of the local footpaths was raised again. It was noted that due to the pandemic there are a lot more dogs and dog walkers in the village. The footpaths have taken some wear and tear. This includes the footpath along the Hangings which appears to have been vandalized. It was noted that Wiltshire Council rely on volunteer support from local rambling groups to repair footpaths. It was suggested that local residents might be willing to form a small group to tackle some of these repairs. The Clerk will put a notice in the next Village Magazine asking for volunteers to help. The Clerk will also raise the Parish’s concern with a local rambling group leader and write to the landowners concerned about the repairs needed. A question was asked about who would be liable if an accident takes place on footpaths that have been repaired by volunteers. It would be the landowners’ responsibility. A query was raised about the condition of the verge on Bunnies Lane in front of the new housing development. The area is being used for parking by residents and has damaged the verge, so that it is encroaching on the road [Cllr Revell has spoken with the site manager and there is a meeting planned with the Highways department and an outline proposal to put kerbstones along that area] It was noted that cars are parking again on the pavement by Slade’s Garage. 	<p>Clerk</p>
7.	<p>Agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 11th November 2020</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as an accurate record: proposed by L Wills, seconded by P Bryant. All Councillors who were present at that meeting accepted them as a true record.</p>	

	<p>cover the costs for the metered water and the emptying of the green waste bin. This will be discussed further at the Parish Council meeting in January 2021.</p> <p>Requirement for a skip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not clear what waste needs to be removed from the allotment site. It was not agreed to hire a skip at this time. It was noted that there is some waste from the playing field which needs to be disposed of. 	
11.	<p>Playing Area Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QR codes have been produced for the playing field and Tower View play area for NHS test and trace. 	
12.	<p>Footpaths Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see item 6. 	
14.	<p>Social events and social media update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident has asked whether the Parish Council is planning to ban bonfires around the village. The Parish Council does not have jurisdiction to ban bonfires anywhere else other than on its own land. J Dalley, D Revell & W Cherry were thanked for putting up the village Christmas tree. J Dalley will make arrangements to dispose of the tree after the Christmas period. 	
15.	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>Payments were approved for the following, proposed by L Wills, seconded by I Whittaker-Axon. All Councillors were in favour.</p> <p><u>November invoices</u> (total: £2,416.29) Admin costs: £1,415.28 Grounds maintenance: £1,001.01</p>	
16.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A complaint has been made about the public bin which is sited on Springfield Road (at the T junction from the High Street). The Parish Council discussed purchasing an additional bin to be sited near to Furlong Close. There has been a complaint of fly-tipping near to the bus shelter on Caen Hill. The Clerk will report this through the My Wilts App. A complaint has been made about flooding on the Common recently. L Wills will report this to the Flood team at Wiltshire Council. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p> Parish Council meeting [Precept setting]: Wednesday 13th January 2021, 7.30pm. <i>This will be a virtual Zoom meeting. Please contact the Clerk for a code to join the meeting, at least the day before the meeting.</i></p> <p>Everyone is welcome to attend all meetings.</p>	

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

Signed: Chairman Date: