

ROOKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, HIGHWOOD LANE, COMMENCING AT 19.30

PRESENT: Cllr C. Willis (Chairman), Cllr E. A. Wills, Cllr M. Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk)

35/22-23 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr I. RigaudBarrett, Cllr A. Watts

36/22-23 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS**

None

37/22-23 **TO CONFIRM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
6 JULY 2022**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July,
and these were signed by the Chairman.

38/22-23 **MATTERS ARISING (not requiring a resolution)**

The laying of the new surface at the skate park had been delayed; it would
not now include Rebar. John Cattle had asked for an extra £600, but this was
declined.

39/22-23 **TO RESOLVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CLERK AND ISSUE THE
CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

After interview by Cllrs Willis and Wills, it was recommended that Mrs
Valentina Bailey be appointed Clerk to Rookley Parish Council from 1 October
2022. **Resolved** to appoint Mrs Bailey and issue the contract of employment.

40/22-23 **TO RESOLVE A RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

None

41/22-23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk read correspondence received

42/22-23 **CLERK'S REPORT: authorisation of payments**

It was **resolved** to authorise the following payments:

Cheque	Payee	Amount £	Item
Transfer	E Read	230.00	Grass cutting/hedge trimming
Transfer	M R Taplin	80.46	Clerk's expenses
Transfer	M R Taplin	176.23	Clerk's salary July
Transfer	HMRC	117.60	PAYE
Transfer	E. Read	80.00	Grass cutting
Transfer	M R Taplin	175.83	Clerk's Salary August
Transfer	HMRC	117.20	PAYE
Transfer	E Read	80.00	Grass cutting
Transfer	M R Taplin	23.28	Clerk's Expenses

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COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Jones explained his frustrations in trying to pursue Speedwatch in association with other Councils. He discussed the carols to be sung on 12 December.

Cllr Wills explained further information about the disposal of the sewage from the new development. The watered down effluent would be pumped to Highwood Lane through the existing pipe. If problems arose because of this, Southern Water would fix them. Sales of the properties had been very successful and it was hoped the first residents would move in before Christmas. She said Island Roads had requested cutting back of the trees bordering the recreation ground.

Cllr Willis had been keeping an eye on crime figures available on the police website. He felt the police should be notifying Parish Councils of 'hotspots'. An issue with wild camping beside the road had been resolved, with the Parish Council thanked for their assistance.

The retiring clerk was thanked for his 15 years service in a short presentation made by the Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.15

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 5 October 2022, 19.30 Village Hall, Highwood Lane