

ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair: Lisa Wills (Locum) Parish Clerk: Tekla Hicks

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary parish council meeting held on Monday 1st December,
in Rowde Primary School, High Street, Rowde, SN10 2ND at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors L. Wills (Chair), J. Wills (Vice-Chair), C. Greenwood, J. Dalley, T. Lines, R. Carine, S. Skelhorn, S. Taylor.

Absent: M. Somerville, S. Rigby, E. Watt.

In attendance: T. Hicks (Locum Clerk), 19 Members of the Public (MOPs).

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25-26/1 Recording and filming of the meetings

The MOPs confirmed that they would not be recording the meeting.

25-26/2 Public Participation

Due to requests from the public to listen to the reports first before commenting, the council RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY to receive questions as the final business matter for this meeting.

25-26/2a MOPs asked a number of questions about the way forward if the Reset and Restart plan does not bring a resolution. With the permission of the Chair, the Clerk updated the meeting.

25-26/2b A MOP asked why the social media channels had been closed. The chair explained it was part of the Reset and Restart action to limit channels for conflict. This may be reinstated once the situation is given time to improve.

25-26/2c A MOP asked questions regarding the previous clerk and reparations for the situation. It was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that each councillor would send a written apology to the Locum Clerk for onward transmission to the outgoing Clerk. There would also be a formal apology issued from the council as a whole. Each email sent would be recorded on the Reset and Restart plan for transparency.

25-26/3 Apologies

The council received apologies from Cllrs. Watt and Rigby and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the reasons for absence. There were no apologies received by Cllr. Somerville.

ACTION: Clerk to update the absence register.

25-26/4 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

25-26/5 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12th November 2025 were considered and APPROVED as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr. Skelhorn, seconded by Cllr. J. Wills, the voting was 7 in favour, 1 abstention.

25-26/6 Independent Investigation Report for Rowde Parish Council

25-26/6.1 The council FORMALLY RECEIVED the Independent Investigation Report, conducted by Council HR and Governance Support.

25-26/6.2 The council FORMALLY RECEIVED the summary of findings but made no comment.

- 25-26/6.3 The council agreed and after discussing each item on the Reset and Restart Action Plan, ADOPTED the plan UNANIMOUSLY. ACTION: Clerk to update the plan document.
- 25-26/6.4 The council RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY to ACTION: Clerk to publish the Reset and Restart Action Plan in the following ways:
- To publish the plan on the www.rowdevillage.org website, together with any updates after each ordinary meeting.
 - To publish the plan on the village noticeboards.
 - To send to the Monitoring Officer at Wiltshire Council at regular intervals.
 - To send a link to the plan with each update in the village newsletter.
- 25-26/7 **Confirmation of date of next meeting:** Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next council meeting.
Minutes prepared by the clerk.
02/12/2025