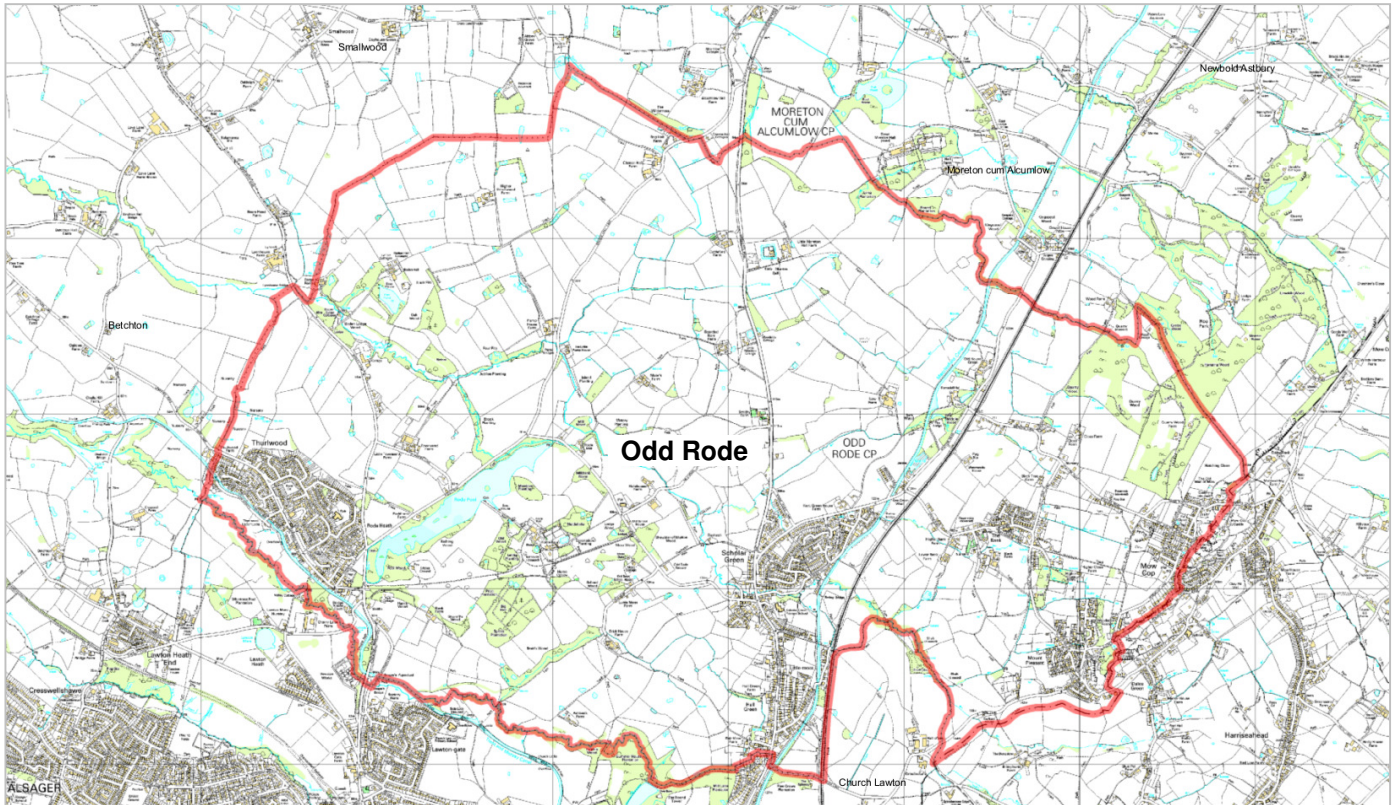


# Odd Rode Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan



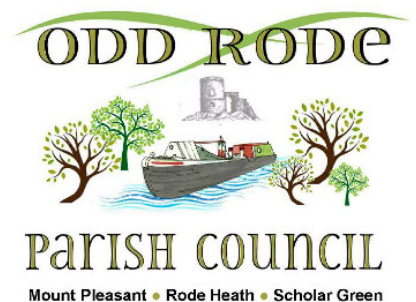
## *Household Questionnaire*

**This is your chance to influence Planning Policy  
in the local area over the next ten years**

# ***WE NEED YOUR VIEWS!***

**If you don't give us your opinions, developments may  
be forced on you against your wishes**

**Rode Heath *ward***



# Odd Rode Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan

The civil Parish of Odd Rode consists of the villages of Rode Heath & Thurlwood, Scholar Green, Mount Pleasant and the Cheshire side of Mow Cop, together with the surrounding countryside and individual dwellings. Without exception, outside the village boundaries all land is currently designated as Green Belt and has protection from development. However, this designation may well be changed by Cheshire East Council.

## 1. **WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?**

An official document that will provide a guide for the development of our parish over the next ten years.

## 2. **WHO WILL WRITE THE PLAN?**

A committee of volunteer parish residents that was set up after a public meeting held in Scholar Green Village Hall in January 2016. (See previous copies of the parish publication ON THE RODE.)

## 3. **WHY SHOULD I COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE?**

The next few years will see many changes in our villages! This questionnaire has been sent to every household in the Parish. This is your opportunity to say how you want your village to develop - ie as little change as possible - OR provide more facilities, housing and business opportunities for your children.

Help sessions will be available where you can meet your local Parish Councillor for explanations about the process, and raise additional ideas. These will be held in each of the three villages Rode Heath, Scholar Green and Mount Pleasant, probably in the Village Halls. Look out for banners and local posters for further details. Alternatively, any of your Parish Councillors will be happy to answer your questions.

## 4. **WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?**

Using your answers to the questionnaire the committee will produce a draft of the plan, including specific policy statements. Then public meetings will be held to discuss the draft, and allow further contributions to the final plan. It will give you the chance to discuss how you wish to see our area develop - or not - in the next ten years. Following consultation, a parish-wide referendum will take place to check that it meets the approval of everyone voting. Finally, if approved, it will be adopted by Cheshire East Council, and the policies contained within it will be used when making planning decisions.

**It will take a few minutes of your time to complete the questions. Please do not think "someone else will do it." YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT.**

Please use the enclosed Freepost envelope to return your completed questionnaire by 25th August 2017.

Alternatively if you can deliver it by hand it will **save us about £1 an envelope**:

- local drop-off points: Rode Heath - Post Office, Scholar Green - McColls, Mount Pleasant - Community shop.
- deliver to one of your local councillors to an address on the back page.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**C Bigley** (Committee Chairman)

## 1.0 ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*This section of the survey aims to obtain a general picture of those responding, and to aid us in analysing the replies. The survey is confidential and no individuals will be identified. Where we ask for your thoughts, there are no wrong answers ... it's your views that we want.*

### 1.1 How many people in your household are in the following age groups?

0-5 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	6-10 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	11-17 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	18-25 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
26-35 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	36-45 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	46-55 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	56-65 yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
66-79yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	80 + yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>				

*Please put number(s) in the appropriate boxes*

### 1.2 How long has your household lived in Odd Rode?

Length of residency in years

*Please use the person with the longest residency in Odd Rode*

### 1.3 What does your household like about living in this area?

Countryside	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nearby canal	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Peace and quiet, including lack of light pollution	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sense of community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Local facilities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Other (please specify)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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*Please circle each feature with a score from 1 to 10:  
1 = like most  
10 = like least*

*You can use the same number more than once*

### 1.4 What does your household consider to be the main concerns about this area?

Housing development	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Increases in traffic	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Loss of trees and hedges	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Increase in noise or light pollution	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Loss of local facilities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Crime and antisocial behaviour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Other (please specify)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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*Please rank order how important to your household from 1 to 7 each of these features:*

*1 = most important  
10 = least important*

*Circle each number only once*

## 2.0 YOUR HOUSING NEEDS

*Here, we want to know your views on local facilities and services.*

### 2.1 Does your household plan to move house within the next 5 years?

Yes  No

### 2.2 If yes, do you plan to stay within the parish of Odd Rode?

Yes  No

### 2.3 Why do you plan to move?

- a) Present house is too small
  - b) Present house is too big
  - c) Present house is too expensive to run
  - d) Need to release capital
  - e) Need to move to more suitable accommodation due to ill health, mobility problems, etc.
  - f) Other (please specify)
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*Please tick all the boxes that apply*

### 2.4 Have you had problems finding suitable accommodation within the Parish?

Yes  No

### 2.5 If yes, what problems did you encounter?

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*Please list any*

### 2.6 Do any members of your household, within the next 5 years, wish to form a new household for which they will need their own accommodation?

Yes  No

*With other members of the household remaining at the present address*

### 2.7 If yes, do they wish to stay within the parish of Odd Rode?

Yes  No

**2.8 Why do they plan to move?**

- a) Relationship breakdown
  - b) Bereavement
  - c) Leaving parental home
  - d) Other (please specify)
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*Here we are enquiring about future need*

*Please tick all the boxes that apply*

**2.9 Do you expect problems finding suitable accommodation within the Parish?**

Yes  No

**2.10 If yes, what problems do you expect?**

*Please list any*

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**2.11 Do you know of anyone who has left the Parish in the last 5 years and might want to return ?**

Yes  No

If **Yes**, they can request a copy of the Survey form and make their views known too.

*Contact the Parish Clerk on 01260 291592*

### 3.0 FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

For new housing developments in the parish, the **number** of houses is decided by Cheshire East Council in their Local Plan. However, this Neighbourhood Plan gives residents the power to decide the **type** and **scale** of housing that will be permitted. We want to know your views on possible alternative future developments.

#### 3.1 Should any new houses be built on the Green Belt?

Yes  No

See note 1, page 12

#### 3.2 If no, would your answer change if the houses were affordable homes for local people?

Yes  No

'Affordable' means "provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market"

#### 3.3 If Cheshire East insist on declassifying Green Belt land to allow development, would you prefer:

- a) Extending the existing settlement boundaries to allow new housing next to existing housing
- b) Creating small pockets of housing away from existing settlements
- c) One new development away from the existing settlements
- d) Other (please specify)

By 'Settlement', we mean the existing villages of Rode Heath/Thurlwood, Scholar Green, Mount Pleasant and Mow Cop

Please tick only one box

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#### 3.4 Do you think there should be a maximum number of dwellings in any new development?

Yes  No

#### 3.5 If Yes, how many?

- a) Less than 10
- b) Between 10 and 19
- c) Between 20 and 29
- d) Between 30 and 39
- e) Between 40 and 49

Please tick only one box

#### 3.6 If there is to be development, which type do you think it should be?

- a) Housing for sale or rent on the open market
- b) Affordable rented housing
- c) Shared ownership
- d) Specialist care housing for the elderly
- e) Other (please specify)

'Shared' means partly owned by a Housing Association etc

**3.7 What size housing do you think is most appropriate for Odd Rode?**

- a) Smaller dwellings (1/2 bedrooms)
- b) Family size dwellings (3 bedrooms)
- c) Large dwellings (4 bedrooms and over)  
often called executive homes
- d) Other (please specify)

*Please tick only one box*

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**3.8 If new affordable housing is built in the Parish, do you believe priority should be given to those who already have a connection here?**

Yes  No

*e.g. Have a relative here,  
or work here*

**3.9 Within the villages, what do you think about development of new housing in gardens of existing houses?**

- a) Strongly agree
- b) Agree
- c) Neither agree nor disagree
- d) Disagree
- e) Strongly disagree

*Please tick only one box*

Additional comments \_\_\_\_\_

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**3.10 Within the villages, what do you think about development of new housing in existing open spaces?**

- a) Strongly agree
- b) Agree
- c) Neither agree nor disagree
- d) Disagree
- e) Strongly disagree

*By 'Open Spaces' we  
mean recreation fields,  
village greens, sports  
facilities or any other area  
not currently built on*

*Please tick only one box*

Additional comments \_\_\_\_\_

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## 4.0 FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Here, we want to know your views on local facilities and services.

### 4.1 Should we create a list of assets of community value within the parish?

Yes  No

See Note 2, page 13

### Community Buildings

#### 4.2 If so, which particular community buildings within the parish do you consider to have significant community value?

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Please list any

#### 4.3 If this community asset(s) were under threat of being shut down, would you be willing to be involved in working towards keeping it/them open?

Yes  No

### Open Spaces

#### 4.4 Apart from buildings listed in 4.2, are there any places in the Parish that you feel are particularly important for the community?

e.g. recreational spaces, village green, areas of historical interest etc

Yes  No

#### 4.5 If so, which particular places within the Parish do you consider to have significant community value and should be preserved?

Please list any

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### Health Services

#### 4.6 How satisfied are you with the health services already being provided for within the Parish?

- a) Very satisfied
- b) Fairly satisfied
- c) Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- d) Fairly dissatisfied
- e) Very dissatisfied

Please tick only one box

#### 4.7 Please give reasons for this answer

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**4.8 Are you affected by a lack of a particular health provision? If so, what additional services do you feel are needed?**

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**Utilities**

**4.9 For each of the following utilities and services, please give your level of satisfaction:**

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Broadband services					
Mobile phone services (signal/reception/data)					
Highway drainage/surface water removal					
Electricity/gas supply					
Public/community transport					

*Please tick one column in each row*

**4.10 If you have any particular examples where you are not satisfied with any of the above, please comment below:**

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## 5.0 TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

Here, we want to know your views on local highways and transport.

### 5.1 Which of the following transport issues affect you in your area?

	Yes	No	If yes, please give brief details, locations, and suggested solutions
Parking			
Buses			
Traffic speed			
Highway lighting			
Pedestrian crossings			
Obstruction for pedestrian access (eg narrow pavements)			
Disability access			
Obstruction for vehicle access			
Non vehicular traffic			
Traffic flow			
Traffic visibility			
Traffic volume			
School safety			

*Please tick the relevant box and give brief details*

### 5.2 Do you believe the country roads linking our villages can take any increase in traffic volume?

Yes  No

### 5.3 Do you use sustainable forms of transport? e.g. cycling

Yes  No

### 5.4 If no, what prevents you?

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### 5.5 Would you support the creation of the following?

a) Cycle Lanes within the parish

Yes  No

If yes, where? .....

b) Cycle racks by local facilities, e.g. by shops, pubs, village halls, etc.

Yes  No

## Quiet Lanes

*See Note 3, page 13*

### 5.6 Would you support the creation of Quiet Lanes in the parish?

Yes  No

If yes, where? .....

## 6.0 NATURAL HERITAGE

Here, we want to know your views on our natural surroundings.

### Sites of Biological Interest

**6.1 How much do you value the overall diversity of wildlife that is found in our parish?**

- a) Very valued
- b) Quite valued
- c) Valued a bit
- d) Not at all valued

*Please tick only one box*

**6.2 Would you support the Parish Council to commission a survey of sites in the Parish with an aim of extending protection?**

Yes  No

*See note 4, page 12*

**6.3 Which areas do you believe deserve extra protection?**

*Please list any*

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### Trees

**6.4 Do you support the protection of significant trees in the parish, through Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)?**

Yes  No

**6.5 Would you support the Parish Council to commission a tree survey, to identify trees of significance in the Parish?**

Yes  No

**6.6 Are there any trees in the Parish that you consider worthy of being included in any list of significant trees, or are there any significant trees that you consider to be at risk?**

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**6.7 Would you favour a policy to encourage the replacement of amenity trees when they are diseased, damaged or have reached the end of their natural life?**

Yes  No

### Hedgerows

**6.8 Do you support the protection of existing hedgerows in the parish?**

Yes  No

**6.9 Would you support the Parish Council to commission a survey of the significant hedgerows in the Parish?**

Yes  No

**6.10 Are there any hedgerows that you know of and consider to be of particular value to the Parish, or that are at risk?**

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## Dry Stone Walls

**6.11 Do you support the protection of existing dry stone walls in the parish?**

Yes  No

**6.12 Would you support the Parish Council to commission a survey of the dry stone walls in the Parish?**

Yes  No

**6.13 Are there any dry stone walls that you know of and consider to be of particular value to the Parish, or that are at risk?**

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## 7.0 BUILT HERITAGE

*Here, we want to know your views on our man-made surroundings. There are 34 Listed Buildings in the parish.*

*These range from Little Moreton Hall to canal milestones. – see Note 5 on page 13*

**7.1 Do you support the Listed Buildings system as a useful way of keeping the local heritage intact?**

Yes  No

**7.2 Would you like to see more or fewer buildings classified as listed?**

More  Fewer

**7.3 If More or Fewer, please list suggested changes:**

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**7.4 Do you believe the Parish Council should maintain a list of sites where formerly industrial activity took place, with a view to passing on knowledge for future generations?**

*This may include mills, mining, salt extraction, canal wharves etc*

Yes  No

**7.5 If Yes, please list suggested sites:**

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**7.6 How much do you value tradition features of our parish, such as Cheshire railings, red phone boxes, old post boxes, milestones, old finger posts etc?**

- a) Very valued
- b) Quite valued
- c) Valued a bit
- d) Not at all valued

*Please tick only one box*

**8.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

*Here, we want to know your views on your current employment, and your views on future development opportunities within the parish.*

**8.1 Do you own or run a business in the parish?**

Yes  No

**8.2 If yes, would you like to receive a copy of the business survey for Odd Rode?**

Yes  No

*This will inform economic policies the final Plan*

**8.3 For those in your household who work, please let us know where and how they go to work:**

	No. who work here	Drive	Bus	Train	Cycle	Walk	Other
Work at home							
Elsewhere in the parish							
Alsager area							
Sandbach area							
Congleton area							
The Potteries							
Crewe							
Manchester							
Other							

*This will help us assess current and future transport needs*

Specify where \_\_\_\_\_

**8.4 Do any of your household have problems getting to work?**

Yes  No

**8.5 If so, what are the problems?**

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**8.6 Are any of your household unable to work because of transport problems?**

Yes  No

**8.7 If so, what are the problems?**

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**8.8 Would you like to see more employment opportunities in the parish?**

Yes  No

**8.9 If so, what type?**

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*e.g. high tech, office, retail, leisure sector*

**8.10 Do you believe existing employment sites in the parish should be used for housing, if they become vacant?**

Yes  No

**8.11 If redundant farm buildings, or other brownfield sites, become available for redevelopment, do you believe priority should be given to housing or to business?**

Priority to housing  Priority to business

## Notes

### 1. 3.1 Green Belt

“*Green Belt*” land refers to an area that is kept in reserve for an open space, most often around larger cities such as Stoke on Trent. The main purpose of the green belt policy is to protect the land around larger urban centres from urban sprawl, and maintain the designated area for forestry and agriculture as well as to provide habitat to wildlife.

Green belt offers a number of benefits for both the urban and rural population. By preventing urban sprawl, it helps protect agricultural activities and the unique character of rural communities. The urban population, on the other hand, is provided with access to an open space which offers opportunities for outdoor activities.

Areas that are designated as green belt must not be built upon because green belt is defined as an open space, however, that does not mean that no buildings can be erected in green belt. Buildings for agricultural uses and sanitation facilities, for instance, are usually allowed. In some cases, it is also possible to change the use of land in green belt and even gain permission for structures that are officially not allowed in green belt (exception sites). However,

such cases are very rare and the local authorities grant permission only if no suitable site for the building can be found in the urban centres or outside the green belt.

Land can be removed from the green belt as part of a Local Plan process. Cheshire East Council has Green Belt Assessment which can be accessed at

[http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/spatial\\_planning/research\\_and\\_evidence/research\\_and\\_evidence.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/spatial_planning/research_and_evidence/research_and_evidence.aspx)

“Brown field” refers to land that has been built on, either for housing or business use. Under current planning guidelines, any such land is preferred for development, either for future housing or business.

#### **4.1 Community Assets**

Community assets are privately owned building, important to a community. One way of helping to protect locally important community facilities is through a procedure called Community Right to bid. The Parish Council can nominate any local building or land as an Asset of Community Value, and it would have to be ratified by Cheshire East.

If the asset comes up for sale, the group who nominated it will have the opportunity to raise the money and put in a bid to purchase and run the community asset.

Further information can be found at:

[www.mycommunityrights.org.uk/community-right-to-bid/grants/](http://www.mycommunityrights.org.uk/community-right-to-bid/grants/) or [www.communityshares.org.uk](http://www.communityshares.org.uk)

## **2. 5.6 Quiet Lanes**

Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads, typically C or unclassified routes, which have been designated by local highway authorities to pay special attention to the needs of walkers, cyclists, horse riders and other vulnerable road users, and to offer protection from speeding traffic. Cars are not banned from Quiet Lanes and the use of Quiet Lanes is shared. Measures such as lower speed limits and discrete road signs aim to encourage drivers to slow down and be considerate to more vulnerable users who can in turn use and enjoy country lanes in greater safety, with less threat from speeding traffic. Further information can be found at:

<http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/transport/roads/item/1867-cpres-guide-to-quiet-lanes>

## **3. 6.2 Site of biological interest**

For more information about Local Wildlife Sites, see [oddrode.org.uk](http://oddrode.org.uk)

## **4. Section 7 Listed Buildings**

The full list of listed buildings can be found at

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Listed\\_buildings\\_in\\_Odd\\_Rode](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Listed_buildings_in_Odd_Rode)

## Your Councillors are:

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Chris Smith (Chair)	01270 878603	114 Heath Avenue, Rode Heath, ST7 3TH
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### Mount Pleasant

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Ken Hemsley	01782 516361	n/a
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Marion Cook	01782 523180	17 Highview, Mount Pleasant, Mount Pleasant, ST7 4YE

### Scholar Green

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Joe Meakin	07967 716034	18 Elbourne Drive, Scholar Green, ST7 3GF

### Clerk

Gary Roberts	01260 291592	
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For more information:

- visit [oddrode.org.uk](http://oddrode.org.uk)
- contact one of your local councillors from the list above
- email the Clerk at [oddrodeclerk@gmail.com](mailto:oddrodeclerk@gmail.com)
- write to Odd Rode Parish Council, Newfield House, Brook Lane, Astbury, Congleton, CW12 4TJ

**Please return this survey by**  
**Friday 4th August 2017**