

**ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES**

**For the meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in Rowsley Village Hall**

<b>Councillors present:</b>	Kath Potter	Victoria Friend	<b>Apologies:</b> PCSO Anthony Boswell
	Matthew Buckler (DDDC)	Robert Hockley	
	Cllr Mary Myers (DDTC)	Kevin Rowney	
	Cllr Sue Fogg (SPPC)	Richard Bean	
<b>Others:</b>	Sian Bacon (Clerk)	Mr D Oakley	
	6 Parishioners		

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

*Report / Action Required*

1. Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Anthony Boswell
2. Cllrs Friend and Rowney declared interest in Item 13 (Village Hall).
3. Public speaking

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Councillor Potter led the council in a minutes silence for Holocaust day.

**Prime Minister’s Questions Quarrying Statement by Ms Dine MP**

Cllr Potter raised the most recent Prime Ministers Question Time and noted that there were serious issues with the topic of quarrying being the first Parliamentary statement from Sarah Dine MP for Derbyshire Dales. The Council listened to the speech the Clerk played for them. Cllr Potter reported that strong letters have been written in objection to our MPs statements about quarrying in the Derbyshire Dales and it was noted that the policies of the Peak Park are for reducing quarrying not increasing as it appeared to be suggested in Ms Dine’s speech.

- Cllr Sue Fogg from Stanton in the Peak noted that the old quarrying consents have been given up so the local quarries should have no further extensions.
- Cllr Matt Buckler stated that he would like the Parish Council’s views and that this was the area for the Minerals plan written by the National Park Authority.
- Cllr Potter reported there would be a meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in February.
- Cllr Friend queried whether the MP has any influence over quarrying as it would seem to be that she is praising quarry workers rather than the quarries themselves.
- Cllr Fogg reported that there were 3 working quarries. 1) Dale View with permissions up to 2032 with up to 18 lorries a day moving in and out. 2) the new Pillhough quarry with an extra 50 thousand tonnes of stone being taken out with permission until 2022. The quarry signed for it in 2017 hoping for an extension to 2032. There is a huge piece of land between Pillhough and Dale View and the land owner of the strip between these two quarries wants it quarried meaning it will join up the two quarries. 3) Birchover quarry. Sarah Dine’s statement puts emphasis on other quarries such as the proposed one at Bent Lane in Darley Dale. Cllr Fogg asked if other councils would be willing to join together to oppose this and they would like to hear from the MP to clarify why this topic was chosen as there were many other topics that could have been chosen instead that were much less inflammatory.
- Cllr Atkin stated that the statement had been misunderstood and clarified that an MP cannot influence quarrying permissions. He stated that part of the speech was an invitation for the Prime Minister to come to Derbyshire Dales which would be a good thing for the area. Cllr Atkin agreed to try and facilitate a meeting with Ms Dine if possible.
- Cllr Hockley noted that the Council need clarification on the statement as it was a very emotive statement for the area
- Cllr Friend stated that it was as though Ms Dine had just landed on quarrying to promote Derbyshire and not given the topic enough thought.
- Cllr Potter reported that residents had started an action group. There was also concern that others will be encouraged to quarry thanks to the statements made.
- Cllr Myers queried whether Ms Dine knew the impact of her statements? And concurred that the Councils should meet with her and discuss the issue. Cllr Hockley also agreed with this

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- Cllr Friend recommended a council group letter asking the MP what she meant from statement as it could be that she was trying to highlight positive things about Derbyshire.
- It was agreed to speak to other parishes and try to arrange meeting.
- Cllr Oakley noted that it was not just the Rowsley area where quarrying was taking place but Ashbourne as well. He thought that she was trying to attract attention to the area but it's come over wrong. He did agree that perhaps the MP should have been focused on something else rather than quarrying.
- Cllr Atkin reported that Derbyshire is the biggest producer of Minerals in Europe and part of Ms Dine's speech was an invite to the PM to come and look. Cllr Atkin felt that the Councillors were having a kneejerk reaction but he can understand the worries given the areas history. He repeated that the MP cannot make decisions regarding quarry extensions.
- Cllr Potter asked Cllr Atkin whether Ms Dines was aware of the effect of her speech and Cllr Atkin reported that she was and that as Vice Chair of the conservative association he will try to arrange meeting.
- Cllr Potter asked the other council representatives to get together to respond after Stanton in the Peak Parish Council had issued their letter. Other Council's were invited to respond as well.

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### **Travellers**

Several parishioners queried what was happening with the Travellers.

- Cllr Potter reported that she had sent an email about the mess left behind to the District Council. Councillor Friend also reported this to Cllr Buckler.
- It was queried whether the barrier over the Old Station Road Carpark would be put back and Cllr Atkin reported that it had been removed to allow large DDDC vans in to the carpark. Cllr Buckler stated that he will look into it with the DDDC
- It was asked what are chances of them returning to the carpark? The Clerk reported that there was supposed to be a permanent site going to planning in February as reported at a meeting of the Environmental Committee at DDDC attended by Cllrs Friend and Bean. Cllr Atkin updated that as of yet there was nothing on the Planning Committee agenda about the site.
- Cllr Bean reported that there was a proven case of fly tipping by the Travellers but no action had been taken by the District Council. Cllr Atkin recommended that the Council write to the District Council Officers to clarify the reasons behind this.
- Cllr Friend reported that she had been told that the issues with the Travellers and a permanent site would be addressed in February by Paul Wilson the CEO of the District Council. Cllr Atkin reported that the DDDC meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm would be good place to ask what was happening and why there was a delay with things moving to Planning. Cllr Potter reported that she was attending this meeting and would report back to the Council.

4. There were no items on the agenda to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss the following item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960).

5. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved.

Approved

6. Matters Arising (non-decision making)

- Planning
- Damage to Cycle Trail
- Recreation Ground items including car boot and village Maintenance
- Consultation on future of older people's accommodation
- Travellers
- Village Hall
- Co-option of New Councillor
- Correspondence – actioned as agreed
- Date of Meetings 2020/21
- From previous meeting –

- o Phone Box on Chatsworth Road – Glass replacement – The Clerk is waiting for a quote

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- o Cobbles clearing on Church Lane - The Clerk is waiting for a quote

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- o Wire fence behind goal on Rec Ground – The Clerk has had a quote of £375 to repair

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- o State of Roadway on back of Chatsworth Road - Clerk will contact Highways and Waterloo again.

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- o Cones and parking on Chatsworth Road – Clerk has spoken to Chatsworth and the issue is resolved.

Noted

- o Tree cutting in the Burial Ground – The Clerk is waiting for a quote for the work

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7. Planning Applications  
New:

Noted

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- Derbyshire Dales:
    - Planning Application 20/00023/S106M, Modification of Section 106 Planning Obligation dated 15.03.2001 to vary occupancy restriction (agricultural tie) at Foxgloves Chesterfield Road Rowsley Derbyshire DE4 2NN – For information only
  - Peak Park - None
- Existing:
- Peak Park:
    - NP/DDD/0317/0204 - Burntwood Quarry – variation of conditions – Pending
    - DDD/1198537 - Stanton Moor Quarry – Determination of Conditions – Pending
  - Derbyshire County Council – Not Rowsley but neighbouring:
    - CM3/0918/49 - Stancliffe Quarry, Darley Dale - Formation of new access and road to existing quarry - Pending
    - CM3/0918/48 - Stancliffe Quarry - Amendment to condition 7, 10 & 11 of determined conditions approval R3/0699/17 (LET 7276). Relating to quarry permit 1390/9/2 (7 March 1952) - Pending
  - Derbyshire Dales – None
8. Damage to Cycle Trail – This has been passed to the District Council and the Clerk will find out how long until the repairs Clerk
9. Bus stops, Recreation Ground and Playground
- Gates
    - Gritstone post quotation and repair - £550+ Vat from Hutches and £624 from Birchover – It was **RESOLVED** to order Birchover Stone’s gritstone post in Buff for £624 with Foxs to install for £300. Clerk
  - Items to consider and note:
    - Tendering for Mowing 2020/21 – It was **RESOLVED** to offer the contract to Mr Mosley. Clerk
    - Tendering for Village Groundskeeper 2020/21 – No quotes were received so the Clerk will reach out to Mr Mosley to see if he is able to take on the work if possible. Clerk
10. Consultation on future of older people’s accommodation
- DCC - Proposals to consult on the closure of seven homes for older people which need significant improvement due to the deteriorating state of the building. – Cllr Potter will put together a draft response and the Clerk will circulate it for comment. Cllr Potter & Clerk
11. Finance and Audit
- Accounts to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Appendix A Noted
  - S137 grants - None
  - New expenditure to approve: Approved
    - Clerk Pay by Standing Order Monthly- £350.10
    - Parish Magazine by Standing Order - £85 have changed to direct payments as only 10 a year
    - BT – Direct Debit – £21.60
    - BACS - V Friend – Parish Mag delivery - £80 (retrospective)
  - Income to Note: Noted
    - DCC – Quarterly Rent - £50
12. Travellers  
It was agreed that Cllrs Potter, Bean and Friend would attend the Derbyshire Dales Community Forum and ask the Council Officers what was going to happen with the Old Station Road Carpark moving forwards. Cllrs Potter, Bean & Friend
13. Village Hall  
Cllr Friend reported that she had received the draft lease documents today but needs information from the Clerk before approval. Cllr Friend & Clerk
14. Co-option of new councillor – It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mrs Jo-ann Wildgoose to the Council. Mrs Wildgoose filed in the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Councillors at the table.
15. Correspondence
- DCC - Water Pipe Repair on Chesterfield Road Rowsley 9th March 2020 to 13th March 2020 – The Clerk will advertise this Clerk  
Cllrs
  - Email about Allotment vandalism – Cllrs Rowney and Wildgoose will inspect the allotments and report back to the Clerk. Rowney & Wildgoose
  - Derbyshire Dales Community Forum - Wednesday 29th January, 7 pm, Agricultural Centre, Bakewell – This will be attended by Cllrs Potter, Bean and Friend
  - Ashover Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review January 2020 – no comments

16. For information
- Valuation Office Business Rates Information has been updated for the Recreation Ground
  - Dangerous Cycling – Police have been notified about Council’s agreement with the school children’s awareness campaign.
  - Request that allotment holders and Church goers park against allotment wall made in the Parish Magazine – The Clerk will also notify the school of this request. Clerk
17. Date of Meetings 2020 – It was **RESOLVED** to hold the remaining meetings for 2020 bi-monthly on the fourth Monday of the month.
18. DALC Circulars (all circulated by email): Noted
- Circular 14 - 2019 - Section 137 Expenditure 2020 - 21 - Grant Funding Training - NALC Guidance - Discrimination Cases protected characteristics? - Grievance & Disciplinary Advice & Policies - Account & Governance - DALC Christmas closure
  - Circular 13-19 - Subs 20-21 - Spring Seminar - Grant Funding - Website Access Regs - Good Cllr Guide Transport - Councils Tackling Loneliness - Speed Signs Guidance - Pre-election publicity brief - New Employment Regs - Confidential Minutes - Code of Conduct
  - Circular 12-2019 : AGM & Excellence Awards update - Children's Funeral Fund - National Audit Office consultation - NALC respond to deployment of 5G - Security of Data - HR Advice - Stores from the county
19. Reading (circulated by email): Noted
- Clerks and Councils Direct (magazine)
  - Peak District News and Views
  - Beeley Parish Council Agenda Papers
  - Rural Bulletins
  - Peak Park Parishes Forum Meeting Minutes
  - Rural Matters Newsletter
  - Peak Park Authority Press Releases
  - Derbyshire Dales District Council Press Releases
  - Neighbourhood Alerts
  - Friends of the Peak District Press Releases
  - Police Alerts and Releases

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS - All meetings held at 7.30pm in the WI Room of the Village Hall - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020
- 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Parish Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – AGM & Ordinary Meeting held a week early to avoid the Bank Holiday
- 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020