

## **ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **PARISH MEETING NOTES**

**For the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via Zoom, at 7.30pm**

1. Attendees:

Cllr Kath Potter, Cllr Kevin Rowney, Cllr Victoria Friend, Cllr Robert Hockley, Cllr Jo Wildgoose, Cllr Matthew Buckler (DDDC), Mr K Wagstaff (Rowsley 86 FC), Mrs M Pope, Mr R Gackowski (Rowsley 86 FC), Mrs A Fell (Parish magazine) & Mrs A Wyer (Rowsley Primary School).

Apologies were received from Mr N Corns (Caudwell's Mill) & Mrs K Jacquin (Peak Village)

Cllr Potter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Updates:

- **Parish Council – Cllr Potter gave the following report:**

Cllr Potter noted the litter pick had been successful and it was hoped that more would take place.

This has been a difficult but interesting year for the Parish Council. We are most grateful to Sian Bacon, our clerk, for setting up the virtual meeting facility and on the whole it has worked sufficiently well for us to have our usual bi-monthly meetings but I have to say I much prefer being in the Village Hall with face to face contact. We retain 6 Councillors, that being the full complement for the Council and we are most grateful for them giving of their time for the benefit of the Parish. Although virtual meetings enable residents to follow the Parish Council meetings in their home we are also grateful to Cllrs who are able to attend outside meetings virtually and in normal times, personally. We are also represented on the Stanton Moor Liaison Group and although the PDNPA conditions for Stancliffe Quarry stated £2,000 annually be paid to keep their road route to the required specification this appears not to have happened but has been, yearly, put into DCC Highway's pot and so Sue Fogg and myself are fighting for the specified usage of this money. The egress route from Stancliffe quarry still gives rise for concern along several places down to Rowsley as it suffering from degrading and neglect and several complaints have been made concerning the state of the verges and numerous potholes.

It is the County Council elections this year so we don't know who will be our County Councillor but wish Jason Atkin well. Matt Buckler is our District Cllr who ably assists us. We are grateful for all help given to us. The PDNPA have been most helpful in advising the way forward for the allotment pond and we are grateful to Andy Farmer in this matter. We totally rely on Sian's valued experience in coping with any eventuality. She is a mine of information and help and we are most grateful. Nothing is too much trouble for her and having a law degree is not wasted.

We are pleased that, at last, a more permanent site for travellers has now been secured by the District Council and by resolving this situation it allows more parking for the Rowsley businesses in the old Rowsley railway car park.

We appear to have had few planning applications to deal with this year but as Rowsley, is 1 of 7 villages in the Derbyshire Dales that has the National Park boundary dividing the parish we have to deal with both National Park and Derbyshire Dales planning applications. This results in an onerous burden when new initiatives come out having to read two sets of documents whereas if fully in the NP there would be just the one document.

Several residents around the area are very watchful should lorries contravene the 39ft 4" length restriction and recently we experienced 2 in tandem, and in the same livery contravening the length restriction BUT one had a British registration and the other a foreign one. I was far from happy to be informed that the foreign registration could not be pursued. Will that result in more lorries bearing foreign number plates in the future? If you witness any wayward lorries please report to Kim Percival in the Highways Department at DCC.

We haven't benefitted this year from the Car Boot sales due to Covid 19 but maybe the Allotment holders have benefitted from it giving them a good excuse to grow prize winning vegetables and fruit? The precept has remained the same this year once again. If residents feel inclined to improve that area and get some fresh air there is every opportunity.

We are now in a position to replace the broken stone pillar (broken by a wayward foreign vehicle) and we will bear the cost unfortunately. Much money continues to be spent in Recreation ground

maintenance due to persistent vandalism with the fences.

We are most grateful to Mike Burnett and Philip Moseley and their team for their excellent workmanship in maintaining a magnificent standard of mowing, hedge cutting and ground maintenance. Also to Andrew Carson who has updated and improved many aspects of work, not least addressing the vandalism with fencing which seems to be a regular issue on the Recreation ground. Finally my thanks go to the Councillors, clerk and all who have helped the smooth running of the Council. Here's to a Covid free year!

- **Village Hall Update – Cllr Friend gave the following report:**

Like most community venues, Rowsley Village Hall was closed for much of 2021 and for all of this year so far due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Management Committee is preparing to re-open the hall on 17<sup>th</sup> May with the rule of 6 or two households and social distancing in place for our regular user groups and classes with small meetings and gatherings also able to take place from that date. Larger gatherings and parties will not be able to resume until later in the year. The hall has benefitted from some Covid-19 grants from the local district council during the period we had to close, which have helped to sustain us during this difficult time and we hope to get back to some level of normality, supporting our local community as soon as possible. We are looking forward to resuming our regular cinema screenings and hopefully starting our new Growsley project this year. This was for the purchase of an apple press for turning apples into juice. The hall is available to hire for all kinds of events and more information can be found on our website [www.rowsleyvillagehall.com](http://www.rowsleyvillagehall.com).

Cllr Rowney noted that Cllr V Friend had mainly been responsible for sourcing and applying for the grants and the Committee and Council were very grateful for all her hard work.

- **Cllr Matthew Buckler (DDDC) gave the following report:**

Cllr Buckler reported that many things which were planned have been massively delayed due to the pandemic and the Council has been handing out assigned money from the government through the business grants scheme the District council developed. It was also reported that the District Council is running a biodiversity planting scheme with the first trial at Northwood. The boundary review has also been under discussion at the District Council.

- **Rowsley School – Mrs A Wyer gave the following report:**

Mrs A Wyer reported that she had taken over from Mrs C Poole at Rowsley School. Cllr Potter raised that the school had been offered a trip to Yorkshire Wildlife park as an s137 grant from the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Mrs Wyer to discuss this. It was agreed that Mrs Wyer was happy to attend the Village Hall Committee in Mrs Poole's place and look at school use of the Village Hall at a later date.

- **Rowsley 86 Football Club – Mr Wagstaff gave the following report:**

Good evening everyone, I am the representative of Rowsley 86 Football Club.

Just a few words to report our year so far.

What a difficult year it has been for us all and Grassroots football, due to the continuance of the Covid Pandemic.

Our season kicked off late, in September, only to see the Pandemic hit us again and end our season in December, with all of our matches being expunged from history, for the second consecutive season!

We are just about to start a mini competition, to get us back into playing before the start of the 2021-22 season, if the Covid stays away.

We do look forward to the 2021-22 season, as we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> year of existence, 35 years of these on the "Wembley of the North" Rowsley Recreation Ground, as Rowsley 86 Football Club.

Over these years we have continually improved our status and are currently playing at the highest level our club and ground can achieve.

As a club this season we haven't been idle, even though we have played only a handful of games, we

have been improving our changing facilities and improving the pitch.

With the help of a Football Association grant we have had the pitch de-compacted, weed killed and fertilized, costing in excess of £1500. Our groundsman is also keeping the extreme edges of the ground cut to keep the area tidy and to make extra space for car boot parking, we like to think that the Recreation Ground is looking its best for a long time.

All at Rowsley 86 Football Club would like to thank the Parish Council for the use of the ground and for their support over the last 35years, which we hope, will be for years to come.

### 3. Suggestions for next year

There were no suggestions made.

### 4. Any Other Business

The play area at Chatsworth Road was raised. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Cllr Buckler (DDDC) about the area. Cllr Buckler also raised that he had the Local Project Fund available if the Council wishes to apply for it for projects.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall