

**ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES**

**For the meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in the WI Room at Rowsley Village Hall.**

<b>Councillors present:</b>	Jo Wildgoose Kevin Rowney	Victoria Friend Robert Hockley	<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Susan Hobson (DCC) Cllr Kath Potter Cllr Richard Bean
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**Others:** Sian Bacon (Clerk)

**PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

1. Cllr Friend Meeting Chair (Resolved)  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Potter (Illness) and Cllr M Buckler (DDDC)
2. Cllr Wildgoose and Rowney declared interests in the Allotments as plot holders.
3. Public Speaking

*Report / Action  
Required  
Approved*

*Noted*

**Cllr S Hobson**

Cllr Hobson reported that she had organised a meeting on the 12th of April with DDDC officers at the playground on Chatsworth Road to look at sorting out the area. Cllr Hobson noted that she would like to focus some resources for those who missed out over covid such as children.

Cllr M Wakeman (DDDC) and Cllr Hobson are both happy to come and take part in the Spring litter pick. Cllr Friend reported that some litter picking had been being done by what she thought were Chatsworth staff. The pink litter picking bags are at the District Council and the Clerk will organise collection of some bags.

Cllr Hobson noted that there was funding for the Jubilee events run by Parish Councils available from the County Council and the DDDC are funding up to £500 for Parish Council's.

Cllr Potter reported the poor road condition at Rowsley Bar to Cllr Hobson noting that the road is badly damaged and crumbling at the sides. Cllr Rowney noted that the road lines need doing again as well. Cllr Hobson reported that there were plans to repair Beeley Road, but the County Council officers are waiting for the area to settle as a further slip has caused a worsening situation on the road. It was noted that the Chatsworth events put extra pressure on the Rowsley Bar road with Beeley being closed. It was noted that reflective markers have gone in recently.

Cllr Hobson reported that Sarah Dines MP had been with the Minister to see Barry Lewis at Matlock regarding the damage caused by flooding. Cllr Hobson noted that it's a whole valley problem not just a Matlock issue.

Cllr Hobson reported that in regard to refugees from Ukraine the DCC had put things on their website regarding hosting. It was observed that fundraising seems to be preferred rather than collection of goods.

Cllr Hobson reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner and Derbyshire Police are running a Speed indicator device trial, but the Parish Council would have to fund the devices themselves and require their County Councillors approval which Cllr Hobson will give. Further information is currently on the County Council website. It was agreed that the Clerk will investigate costs.

*Clerk*

It was noted that there is still an issue with cyclists travelling very quickly down Church Lane but as there is no speed limit for cyclists there is nothing the police can do.

Cllr Buckler had reported via the Clerk that the number of holiday homes in the area had not impacted on the boundary changes. The majority group of the DDDC had decided that the DDDC would be better with fewer councillors, knowing that the population of the district is increasing. Cllr Buckler had voted against proposals to reduce the number of councillors, but all of the Conservative Councillors voted in favour of it. There were several proposals on the cards, but the DDDC voted collectively for the smallest number that was suggested.

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).

Chairman's Signature ..... Date.....

5. The Minutes of the Meetings held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were approved. Approved
6. Matters Arising (non-decision making)
- Chatsworth Road
  - Planning
  - Recreation Ground items including car boot
  - Allotment items
  - Burial Ground
  - Councillor Training
  - Finance
  - Correspondence – actioned as agreed
  - From previous meeting –none
- Noted
7. Chatsworth Road
- Update on bins and other issues – Cllr Hockley
- Cllr Hockley reported that the bins have been emptied regularly for the last 5 weeks. Cllr Hockley sent the District Council a letter and since then it's been back to regular collections. Green bins have not been discussed by the DDDC. Some are full of rubbish as homes have no gardens, so the bins got left out and some of the bin lids were removed and filled with ordinary rubbish. It was noted that the green bins should be removed from homes if no licence is purchased for their emptying. Cllr Hockley volunteered to sort this out for Chatsworth Road, but the district council told him that individual homes need to contact the district council to get the bins taken away. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the DDDC about removing the bins. It was noted that the bins being left out on the highway at the back of Chatsworth Road after they have been emptied. It was noted that with no play area the kids were playing with bins. The potholes on Chatsworth Road need reporting. Cllr Hockley will send pictures to the Clerk who will report.
- Clerk
- Chatsworth Road Playground – Cllr Wildgoose
- Cllr Wildgoose sent an email to Cllr Buckler (DDDC) and Cllr Hobson (DCC) about the unsafe conditions of the Chatsworth Road Playground and a meeting has been set up for the 12<sup>th</sup> of April at 11am on the site. Cllr Wildgoose & Hockley will attend and report back.
- Cllr Wildgoose & Hockley
8. Spring Litter Pick
- The annual litter pick will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11am with participants to meet at the village hall. The Clerk will do poster for the notice boards and Facebook.
- Clerk
9. Queen's Jubilee 2022
- It was agreed to hold a BBQ/ village party at the Community Garden with the presentation of a new Jubilee bench. The event will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2-5pm. The Clerk will apply for a grant. The council will provide soft drinks, burgers, sausages and buns and people will be encouraged to bring their own cakes and food. The Clerk will set up a new email for people to volunteer or notify of their attendance. The Clerk will produce posters and put them on the noticeboards and Facebook.
- Clerk
10. Planning Applications
- New:
- Derbyshire Dales - None
  - Peak Park - None
- Existing:
- Peak Park:
    - NP/DDD/0317/0204 - Burntwood Quarry – variation of conditions – Pending
    - NP/DDD/1198537 - Stanton Moor Quarry – Determination of Conditions – Pending – Clerk to request further information
  - 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
- Noted
11. Bus stops, Recreation Ground and Playground
- Councillor to do checks April and May – Cllr Friend will do April & Cllr Hockley will do May
  - Rospa Play inspection is booked for May
  - Recreation ground car boot and football club – Cllr Rowney (report circulated prior to meeting)
- Cllr Rowney reported that Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April will be the date of the first car boot and the ground will be checked beforehand. There can only be 14 boots held a year until planning permission is
- Cllrs Hockley & Friend

required. It was agreed the Clerk will organise a meeting with Lord Edward about planning permission for the car boots, surfacing for the car boot track and for the table tennis table. Cllrs Rowney and Friend will join the Clerk for the meeting with Lord Edward.

Clerk, Cllrs Rowney & Friend

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to Cllrs Rowney, Wildgoose, and Hockley to check the Recreation Ground on Fridays and authorise the car boots for the weekend. Cllr Rowney will notify the organisers of all decisions including that there will not be two car boots on a Bank Holiday.

The Football Club have requested permission to put a shed on the end of football ground behind the pavilion. The Council are happy with the proposal but will raise it with Lord Edward at the meeting.

Cllr Rowney reported on the mowing, and it was agreed that the Football Club will look after the pitch, but Mr Mosley will do rest of the grounds. It was noted that the Football Club will need to do full the width. The Clerk will discuss this with Mr Mosley and Cllr Rowney will talk to the Football Club.

- To discuss planning permission for car boots on the Recreation Ground – It was agreed to raise this after the meeting with Lord Edward.
- To discuss playground equipment replacement and approve expenditure – it was agreed to defer this to April meeting.
- To discuss the replacement of fencing round the children’s play area – The Clerk will obtain three quotes
- Bench replacement update – The benches are ordered.

12. Allotments

- Update on Allotment inspection by Cllr Friend and the Clerk (report circulated)
- Car-park plot being divided into small starter allotments – Cllr Wildgoose will chase up the final quote
- Replacement of fence at the back of the allotments – The Clerk will obtain quotes
- Bench replacement at the allotment update – the Clerk has ordered a new Jubilee bench
- Work required to summer house – the Clerk will obtain quotes
- Other repairs noted at the inspection – The damaged Lion statue will be repaired by Cllr Rowney and Cllr Wildgoose will look at sorting the compost heap.
- Spraying of the paths – The Clerk reported that this was booked with Little Acorns and the date will be sent to all Cllrs and Allotment holders when agreed.

Noted  
Cllr Wildgoose  
Clerk  
Noted  
Clerk  
Cllrs Rowney & Wildgoose  
Clerk

13. Burial Ground

- Update on Memorial and Burial Ground inspection (report circulated)
- To alter the policy of pre booking burial slots – it was **Resolved** to end the policy of pre-booking slots.
- Jubilee bench replacement at the burial ground update – This will be replaced with an ordinary bench and the new Jubilee bench situated at the community gardens.
- Other work required as noted at the inspection – Cllrs Rowney and Friend will look at doing the other work raised in the inspection.

Noted  
Approved  
Approved  
Cllrs Rowney & Friend

14. Councillor Training

- Councillor Conduct Training - £120 for a bespoke session – It was agreed that this will wait until after the elections next year.

Clerk

15. Finance and Audit

- Accounts to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Appendix A
- To approve the Budget 2022/23 – Appendix B
- To note the new NALC pay scale updates from April 2021
- To approve an internal auditor for the 2021/22 accounts – Brian Wood
- To approve the asset register 2022
- To approve the RBS Bank Signatories – Cllrs Wildgoose and Rowney will be added to the accounts.
- Clerk pay award. Move up a pay scale from SCP16 - £12.70 to SCP17 - £12.95 per hour from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022
- New expenditure to approve:
  - o Clerk’s wages – £436.20 (inc back pay from April 2021 to updated pay scale)
  - o HMRC – PAYE – £17.40
  - o Clerk’s expenses – printer ink, paper, bin bags, stamps – £99.83
  - o Clerk’s Home Office Allowance for 1<sup>st</sup> April - £100 every 6 months (April & October)
  - o H Wildgoose – Parish Mag Delivery (January & February, March) - £75.00

Noted  
Approved  
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- o DALC – Subscription 2022/23 – £305.87 with enhanced training
- o Mr J Johnson – Locum Clerk Fee - £90
- o PPPF – Subscription 2022/23 - £6
- o Community Heartbeat Trust – Defib batteries and pads – £694.80
- o TDP – Picnic Bench - £592.38
- Expenditure to note: Noted
  - o Parish Magazine (10 issues yearly) - £90
  - o BT – Direct Debit – £50.40 quarterly
- Income to Note: Noted
  - o Interest – £0.31
  - o DCC – Rent - £50.00
  - o Allotment Income – £87.50
  - o Recreation Ground income - £50.00
  - o HMRC VAT – £439.11
  - o Reimbursable Expenditure - £1051.00
  - o Burial Ground Income - £300.00

16. Policies & Procedures – Appendix C Approved
- Review of Financial Regulations Approved
  - Review of Standing Orders Approved
  - Review of Audit Risk Assessment Approved
  - Review of Code of Conduct Approved
  - To discuss Business Continuity policy – The Clerk will produce a policy for approval Clerk

17. Village Hall Update  
 Cllr Friend reported that the village hall is planning a Downton Abbey cinema showing for the first cinema post covid. Currently the hall is taking bookings and there seem to be no issues.

18. Feedback from Meetings and Training
- Chatsworth Meeting Update - Cllr Wildgoose gave the following report:  
 Chatsworth have said they have several goals they wanted to achieve.  
 They want to reduce traffic and they do not want to increase car traffic,  
 they want to encourage bus use, but they have been told some bus services may be cut.  
 They are proposing a scheme to give £5 entry off PER PERSON if they arrive on the bus  
 (on presentation of a valid ticket) Peak resorts (based in Northeast Derbyshire) are  
 hoping to be trialling a hydrogen powered bus for 2 weeks in the summer and  
 Chatsworth would be one of the stops. An electric bus is not viable due to battery life and  
 the hills in the local area.

There is an event in the parkland as you have probably seen advertised on TV running from 9th April to 1st October it consists of 12 sculptures all in the parkland around the horse trials area - there will be 2 events linked to it the launch of which they will invite the school and local community to. The final one being at the end of the exhibition where one of the sculptures will be burnt down and various side shows will be presented – this will be a ticketed event

The Duke and Duchess will be leaving Chatsworth in January 2023 so they are having an exhibition of their art that they have enjoyed throughout their years at Chatsworth. This runs from 26th March until 10th October  
 The horse trials are going ahead 13-15 May they have lost the Dodson and Horrell Sponsor but there will be no major changes.  
 Country fair 2-4 Sept again no major changes – there may be a Spitfire flyover TBC  
 No RHS show and there will be no more. There may be an RHS garden show in 2023 at the earliest but this would be held in Chatsworth Gardens and would be a low-key event.

Traffic Management

Cones will be in Rowsley for all the major events (as per the memo from Chatsworth received previously) This is hopefully going to run with the Highways Dept backing as the ones last Christmas markets was not! The residents on Chatsworth Road will be able to use Peak Village to park as in previous years whilst the events are on. They are concerned about the traffic and it increasing they had a conversation with someone on the council who implied the Beeley Road may never reopen it was referred to as another Mam Tor. They also will liaise with Peak Village to try and ensure events do not Clash and cause unnecessary traffic problems.

- The Swift Conservation Society talk – Cllr Friend reported that there was a talk held by the Swift Conservation Society in the village hall on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March and attendees had learned that Rowsley is the most important site in Derbyshire for Swifts. It was noted that other areas had less than 15 mating pairs whereas Rowsley had 50-60 at

least. The Society have not completed a full survey yet, but it seems the cottages particularly on Chatsworth Road are good for nesting. The society want people to put up nesting boxes where they have refurbished their homes and anyone who is refurbishing to put the boxes on. Swifts are declining at 5% a year currently. Those who are interested and have the right conditions with a clear run up to their roof can get boxes from the society to install.

19. Correspondence
- PCC - Councillor Briefing - Trial of Speed Indicator Devices in Derbyshire – The Clerk will find out costs and report back. Clerk
  - NALC - Letter to Smaller Councils with under 6,000 electorate Noted
  - Share Your Views on Crime and Community Safety – Cllr Wildgoose noted that she would attend the next meeting. Cllr Wildgoose
  - Police and Crime Commissioner Invites Public Questions on Road Safety – The issue of cyclists and speeds will be raised. Clerk
  - DALC Spring Seminar – 5th April Noted
  - Parishes Day – 1st October Noted
  - Peak District Challenge Event - 9th - 10th July 2022 Noted
20. For Information – Noted
- Parish Meeting Invites issued and put on notice boards
  - New picnic bench delivered to the Recreation Ground
  - Security Post will be installed soon
  - Chatsworth Events list circulated and, in the magazine,
  - Pink ribbon wall event on 4<sup>th</sup> June information circulated and, in the magazine
  - White Peak Walk to take place on 9<sup>th</sup> July stopping on the Recreation Ground
21. DALC (circulated by email) Noted
- February Newsletter
  - March Newsletter
22. Reading (circulated by email): Noted
- Peak District News and Views
  - Beeley Parish Council Agenda Papers
  - Rural Bulletins
  - Peak Park Parishes Forum Information
  - Rural Matters Newsletter
  - Peak Park Authority Press Releases
  - Derbyshire Dales District Council Press Releases
  - Neighbourhood Alerts

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

- 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 – Annual Parish Council Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022