

ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH MEETING NOTES

For the meeting on Monday 26th April 2022 in the WI Room, Rowsley Village Hall at 7.30pm

1. Attendees:

Cllr Kath Potter (Chair), Cllr Kevin Rowney, Cllr Victoria Friend, Cllr Robert Hockley, Cllr Richard Bean, Cllr Jo Wildgoose, Mr K Wagstaff (Rowsley 86 FC), Mr C Maker (Rowsley 86 FC), Mrs M Quick (Village Hall), Dr C Mead (Village Hall & Swift Society) & Sian Bacon (Clerk).

Apologies were received from Cllr S Hobson (DCC), Mrs A Fell (Parish magazine) & Mrs K Jacquin (Peak Village)

Cllr Potter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Updates:

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

Well, again, this has been another difficult year for the Parish Council what with Covid, Illness and losing our Odd Job's man but we have coped, and we are now back to normal. We value our clerk, Sian Bacon, and pleased that she is fully recovered but also offer our thanks to Mr. James Johnson who stood in to be the note taker. It was so advantageous to return to face to face bi-monthly meetings after several virtual ones. It's been a real bonus being able to meet in the Village Hall. We retain 6 Parish Councillors, that being our full complement and parishioners need to be aware of the time Cllrs give enabling the Council to run smoothly. We are also grateful for Cllrs attending outside meetings. We are, through our Cllrs, represented on several outside committees ie Chatsworth, Stanton Moor Liaison Group. Sue Fogg (Stanton in Peak PC and myself petitioned for Stancliffe Stone's stated condition of £2,000 annual payment for upkeep for road degrading, ie pot holes etc to be enforced). The egress route for Stancliffe Stone quarry still gives rise for concern. Numerous potholes have resulted in several complaints.

We are totally reliant on our Clerk's, Sian Bacon, 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, and we benefit from Sian having a knowledge of law.

We welcomed Cllr Sue Hobson as our new County Cllr. She is a fervent and steadfast Cllr and a credit to any Council, and we also welcome Cllr Matt Butler (DDDC) for the same reasons. We are ably assisted by both Cllrs and grateful for their help and support. With help from the PDNPA we have sadly, decided not to continue with the garden pond. It is thought badgers' claws could have pierced the liner which has been degraded, resulting in water seepage and several NP officers have been involved in an advisory capacity.

We are pleased to have the car park back in operation at the Railway Park which benefits the businesses in that area of Rowsley.

We continue to submit comments to planning applications whether from the PDNPA or DDDC. We continue to watch for wayward lorries. i.e no lorry longer than 39ft 4" should be going past the recreation ground. 2 Have been caught this year. Any observances of contravention should be reported to Kim Percival in the Highways dept at DCC.

We continue to offer allotments and are thinking of making a large one into two smaller ones. If anyone fancies taking up gardening. The car boot sales have been back from April.

We are most grateful to Mike Burnett and Philip Moseley for their excellent groundsman's maintenance and hedge cutting. Andrew Carson will be sadly missed as he has now taken up employment as Footpath's officer with the DCC. An odd job's man vacancy needs filling. Finally, my thanks go to our Councillors, clerk and all who have helped the smooth running of the council in difficult times. Here's to a Covid free and healthy year ahead.

- **Village Hall Update – Dr C Mead and Mrs M Quick gave the following report:**

- Rowsley Village Hall is currently in a healthy financial position following the hard work of our out-going Treasurer (Victoria Friend) in securing business interruption payments from the government and insurers. The Committee offered their thanks to Vicky for all of the excellent work she has done.
- New Rowsley Village Hall management committee are keen to reach out and coordinate with other groups/projects in the village to broaden community engagement. Mrs Quick (new Chair of Rowsley Village Hall) gave the GRowsley project as an example of where they are trying to do this for example involving WI, coordinating events with Well dressing.
- Current events planned:

15th May 11-2pm	Seedling Sale & Tea Room
26th June	Well Dressing & Tea Room
9th October	Juice Day
16th October	Apple Pressing Day

This time, for Apple Pressing Day we planning to make juice as well as check over the equipment the weekend before, as we needed more pasteurised juice to sell on the Apple Day and it was also very hectic last year.

We are also planning to start the mapping of local fruit trees this year, and to this end Dr Mead has been trying to set up a training workshop on tree mapping and harvest leader training with Abundance Sheffield.

- GRowsley – a cross-generational exciting fruit-harvesting project, with funding secured (£1,140) for equipment (Action Grant Derbyshire County Council). The project will alleviate waste by coordinating harvesting of local fruit trees; re-distribution to food bank projects; and sale of artisan produce (for example cider/apple-juice/preserves) to generate income. We plan to run workshops at the village hall so villagers can learn the wonderful art of home-preserving fruit.
- Rowsley Village Hall representatives submitted a specific proposal in relation to this objective to the Parish Council as to whether they would support a local history project, with a view of putting together a short collection of local people's narratives/stories/memories of living in Rowsley to accompany a GRowsley recipe book. The proposal is for funding to be sought to secure the short-term appointment of a local historian to:
 - a) deliver some workshops to residents on collecting oral histories
 - b) deliver some sessions to the local Primary school on collecting oral histories
 - c) working with the above groups collate narratives from local people
 - d) compile narratives collected
 - e) Final presentation to local community and parish council

Rowsley Village Hall are therefore seeking support from the Parish Council in securing funding for this piece of work.

- **Swifts – Dr C Mead**

Dr Mead reported that she was in the process of surveying for Swifts to see how many swifts there are in the village. It is estimated that there are 60 nests in the village. It is thought that Rowsley is of county wide importance as the population has crashed 80% percent. Mr Broadhurst did last year's survey.19 nests have been noted and it is planned to put swift boxes up on 9 houses around mid-May it was noted that it can take time to use the nest boxes whilst the Swifts get used to them. It was noted that Rowsley is very important for Swifts, and they won't breed if they lose their nesting site. Mr Broadhurst is keen on promoting swift bricks on new build homes. It is hoped that nest boxes will be put up if houses are renovated when they lose the old brickwork that the swifts use to nest. Dr Mead and Mr Broadhurst are meeting with the property development department at Chatsworth to discuss boxes and nesting at Peak Village. The Grouse and Claret is also having renovation, so Dr Mead needs to speak to Marston's.

Cllr Friend reported that she had spoken to Lord Edward Manners, and he had been in support of the work and would consider doing it on his properties so Dr Mead will contact Haddon Estates to discuss.

- **School flood defences – Mrs M Quick (Vice Chair of Governors at Peak Tor)**

Mrs Quick (Vice Chair of Governors at Peak Tor) gave a brief update on the flood defence situation at the school. Pre-application to Peak Park planning was turned down by planners due to the fact they weren't happy with the permanent flood defences that had been identified by surveyors. The reasons given were:

- They have concerns that the proposal has not adequately considered the impact of the proposed solution on the architectural and historic interest of the listed building, and on its significance. The 'Heritage Statement' does not provide an assessment of the historic interest and significance of the grade II listed building, or an assessment of the impact of the proposals on significance (in accordance with NPPF).
- In principle, some form of demountable flood barrier system could be a reasonable solution. However, the proposed installation of aluminium posts adjacent to the historic doorways on the original building, required for the proposed Nautilus system, would be conspicuous and would have a negative impact on the historic openings, historic surrounds, historic doors and on the affected elevations. This product may not be suitable for this listed building, therefore. As noted in Historic England's guidance 'Flooding and Historic Buildings', "any fixings must be discreet and compatible with an older property".
- The adjacent boundary wall is separately listed. It is possible that the proposed installation of the flood defence posts by the entrances may also harm the significance of the wall.

Mrs Quick agreed to liaise further with Kath Potter on support for the application following a revision of the planning application.

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

Good evening, everyone, I am Kevin Wagstaff secretary of Rowsley 86 Football Club and I would like to give a short report on our Football Club over the past 12 months.

We have been relatively fortunate not to have been too disrupted by the Covid pandemic over the past season, but the fallout from the Virus has hit us hard. We signed on over 70 players this season for our 1st and second teams, competing in the Central Midlands Football League Premier Division South and the Midlands Regional Alliance Premier Division, respectively and have struggled to put out 2 teams onto the field on a weekly basis, in fact we had to call off 5 2nd team fixtures through lack of committed players, culminating in heavy fines and points deductions.

To the credit of our management, we have now concluded our 2nd team fixtures and have only 2 first team games to fulfil, both down at the Rec. Talking to other clubs at Grassroots level, the lack of loyal committed players seems to be a problem Country wide, as players seem to have found other pastimes to fill their spare time post covid lockdown. Results wise our 1st team are looking to finish mid table and unfortunately our 2nd team will be relegated to Division 1 after finishing bottom of their league. It will be a hard pre-season looking for fresh players to boost both our teams but one I'm sure we will overcome.

To conclude my report, I would like to thank the Parish Council for allowing Rowsley 86 Football Club to use the recreation ground and a big thanks also to all our other partners who also share the Rec. Thankyou

- **Peak Village – K Jacquin, Centre Manager**

I have been in contact with Kath Potter recently and ran into Vicky Friend last week and so gave a bit of an update on what's happening on site.

Vicky and I talked about the possibility of donation for the children's play equipment I am working on this and have put it on the agenda for the Peak management meeting taking place tomorrow.

I recently met with Derbyshire Dales planning department alongside our retained planning

consultants. They have been working to tidy up some of the planning permissions and look to make some adjustments which will be more enabling from an operational perspective. I believe that our agent will be writing to the Parish Council when we submit this application to request a meeting. I hope this will be possible and I would very much welcome the opportunity to do a familiarisation visit on site where I can talk through what we have been doing over the past year or so and what the plans are for the future

3. Suggestions for next year

It was reported that at the Chatsworth Road playground Parish Councillors had been in meetings with the District Council to repair the site and equipment. The Councillors will raise the possibility of Chatsworth giving some funding with the manager of Peak Village.

The Jubilee event being organised by the Council was raised and the Clerk will send the flyer to Mrs Quick for advertising in the school.

4. Any Other Business

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday 24th April 2023 - Held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall