

# ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

**For the meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the WI Room at Rowsley Village Hall.**

**Councillors present:** Jo Wildgoose  
Kevin Rowney  
Robert Hockley

Victoria Friend (Chair)  
Kath Potter

**Apologies:** Cllr Richard Bean

**Others:** Sian Bacon (Clerk)  
Cllr M Buckler (DDDC)

Cllr Susan Hobson (DCC)  
Mrs Fell (Village Hall Committee)

### PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- |   | <i>Report / Action<br/>Required</i> |
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| 1. Apologies for absence – The Clerk reported that Cllr Bean had given his apologies (Personal Reasons) | Approved                            |
| 2. Cllr Wildgoose declared an interest in the Allotments as a plot holder.                              | Noted                               |
| 3. Public Speaking  |                                     |

#### **Mrs A Fell (VHC)**

Mrs Fell reported that the Village Hall committee proposed a coronation event in conjunction with the Parish Council. It was noted that the hall isn't available on Sunday but is free on the Saturday so it is suggested that there be a screening of the Coronation in the hall with tea, cake and prosecco. It was agreed to hold a meeting between the village hall committee and the Parish council on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at 11am during the warm hub to confirm the details. A piece will be put in the magazine to inform people.

It was reported that there was £100 from County Council funds available for the event which the Clerk will apply for.

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It was also agreed that the Parish Council surgeries will be continuing on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April between 10-11am at the warm hub.

#### **Cllr M Buckler (DDDC)**

Cllr Buckler reported that this was to be his last Parish Council meeting as Rowsley's District Councillor and gave his thanks for the good working relationship over the past four years. Cllr Friend gave the Council's thanks for everything that Cllr Buckler has done and all his work over the past four years to support Rowsley. The reported issues with the DDDC leadership around the travellers and the decisions made were raised and Cllr Buckler reported that he was supportive of the Chief Executive Paul Wilson and that the newspaper reports had made the situation appear worse than it is. However, he noted that for the past 4 years he had been raising the fact that the issue needs long term solution and unfortunately this has failed with the current District Council. The Council has failed some very vulnerable people for long period of time which is shameful.

#### **Cllr S Hobson (DCC)**

Cllr Hobson paid tribute to Cllr Buckler and his commitment to being a District Councillor over the past four years.

The resignation of District Council Leader Garry Purdy was raised, and Cllr Hobson stated that her personal view was that she would like an independent review into the traveller situation. It was noted that the District Council traveller working group had worked very hard and that it was very difficult to find the balance between the duties to travellers and local businesses.

Caudwell's Mill – Cllr Hobson reported that there was to be a trustee meeting on Wednesday night and she will report back after the meeting. She will ask the Mill to put out more information.

Cllr Hobson reported that she had attended the warm hub and thought it was really lovely and great to see people in the community get together. She noted that the official funding was now finished but a small amount of funding from the County Council had been granted for it to continue. It was noted that it had turned into meeting place and had brought people together. She also noted that the Parish Council being there was great.

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Chatsworth Road Playground – it was noted that so far nothing had moved forward. Cllr Wildgoose and Cllr Hockley reported that the clean and green team had been to the site and a lot of rubbish had been removed. It was noted that the Parish Council need an architect for a plan for the steps. Cllr Potter and the Clerk will ask their architect contacts for help.

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It was raised that there was a caravan regularly parked overnight in the Parish Council carpark at the recreation ground it was agreed that Cllr Friend and the Clerk will speak to the owner of the caravan.

It was reported that the DCC were holding 20 MPH speed limits in Long Eaton and Buxton. There had been some complaints that more rural villages have been missed out and there are several villages who are campaigning to get it put in.

The DCC are looking for an online expression of interest on the installation of electric vehicle charging on roads although it was noted that this was in its early days.

Voter ID was raised as there is concern not everyone will know about it and in more rural areas this may put people of voting as there are distances to the polling stations. It was noted that the Parish Council are advertising this.

Cllr Hobson noted that she had written to the Emergency Planning Department regarding the Nine Ladies solstice celebrations plan to avoid the chaos seen in other years.

**Cllr K Potter (Peak Park Representative)**

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Cllr Potter reported that a letter had been sent by herself and other Peak Park Representatives to the Secretary of State regarding homes for young people. She noted that Sarah Dines MP has given plenty of support. The letter has been distributed to the Councillors. Cllr Potter noted that she would like to see affordable homes in the National Park. Previous attempts at bringing in affordable homes have been unsuccessful. She did note that permission had recently been given at Tissington for a home to be built and during the meeting Cllr Potter had given a statement. She noted she would like the Parish Council to consider more affordable housing in Rowsley.

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Clerk to nominate Cllr Potter for the Peak Park Representative position.

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 Meetings held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 were approved. Approved
6. Matters Arising (non-decision making)
  - Chatsworth Road
  - Planning
  - Recreation Ground items including car boot
  - Allotment items
  - Finance
  - Correspondence – actioned as agreed
7. Chatsworth Road
  - Update on bins and other issues – Cllr Hockley  
Cllr Hockley reported that there was still no change to the situation on Chatsworth Road. Cllr Hockley is going to survey the green bins on Chatsworth Road and report the ones for removal. Cllr Hockley will continue to work with DDC to get the situation sorted. Cllr Hockley
  - Chatsworth Road Playground Meeting Update  
This item was covered in Public Participation.
  - Phone box and defibrillator electricity  
Community Heartbeat Trust have quoted £75 for electrician to look at the phone box on Chatsworth Road. It was **RESOLVED** to accept this. Approved
8. Caudwell’s Mill Update  
This item was covered in Public Participation.
9. Planning Applications Noted  
New:

- Derbyshire Dales – None
  - Peak Park – None
- Existing: Noted
- Peak Park:
    - NP/DDD/0317/0204 - Burntwood Quarry – variation of conditions – Pending
    - NP/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
10. Bus stops, Recreation Ground and Playground
- Councillor to do checks April & May 2023 – Cllr Wildgoose will do April and Cllr Potter will do May. Cllrs Wildgoose & Potter
  - Car boots on the Recreation Ground update – Reference to the track has been added into the application but it is not clear what form it will take. The Council are waiting for the car boot organisers to add a more detailed description of the track to the planning application. The Clerk will chase this. Clerk Clerk & Cllr Friend
  - Playground equipment replacement grants update – The Clerk and Cllr Friend will apply for some more grants.
11. Allotments
- Replacement of fence and gateposts at the allotments – The Clerk reported the fencer will be coming to begin repairs on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. Noted
  - Work required to summer house update – Cllr Rowney will have a look at the repairs required and the costs. Cllr Rowney
  - Compost heap – Cllr Wildgoose reported that this will be done in spring. Cllr Wildgoose
12. To discuss hiring a Parish Council handyman – Cllr Rowney will bring the job description to the next meeting Cllr Rowney
13. 20's plenty Campaign – Cllr Friend reported that she had attended the meeting regarding the campaign.
- It was **RESOLVED** to support a limit of 20MPH limit on Church Lane. Chatsworth Road and School Lane in the Village. Approved
- The Council will write to the DCC and lobby for this. Cllr Friend
14. Hedgehog Highways Campaign – Cllr Baker reported that Rowsley probably already has highways as the area has not got uniform gardens.
15. Finance and Audit
- Accounts to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 – Appendix A Noted
  - Internal Auditor 2023 – it was **RESOLVED** to use Mr B Wood. Approved
  - New expenditure to approve:
    - Clerk's wages – £334.70
    - HMRC – PAYE - £53.80
    - H Wildgoose – Parish Mag Delivery Feb - £25.00 Approved
    - Rowsley Village Hall March Hire - £22.50
    - PPPF Subscription - £6.00
  - Expenditure to note:
    - Parish Magazine (10 issues yearly) - £93
    - BT – Direct Debit – £50.40 quarterly
  - Income to Note:
    - Interest – £26.81 Noted
    - Burial Income - £165.00
    - DCC – MMA Grant (footpaths) - £315.00
    - DDDC - Reimbursable Expenditure - £1051.00 Noted
    - DCC – Rent - £50
    - Magazine Income - £340.00

16. Village Hall Update
- Update – Cllr Wildgoose reported that she had attended the committee meeting and it was noted that the accounts have been received. She reported that bookings are increasing but the hall will make a loss this year but hoped to mitigate it by next year. It was also noted that the hall can no longer get flood insurance. It was queried whether the Parish Council was able to fund sandbags for the hall and the council decided against this as the DDDC will supply them should they be required as has happened in the past. It was suggested that the committee should arrange a meeting with Haddon Estates to discuss permanent storage of sand and bags. Cllr Wildgoose will pass this on to the committee. Cllr Wildgoose
  - Community Projects – it was noted that the hall is continuing with the warm hub for now.
  - Trustee reporting requirements – Cllr Friend noted that the Council has received the hall’s accounts.
17. Parish magazine
- March Parish Magazine article content – the following items will be placed in the magazine in March: Clerk
    - 1) An update on the Planning application for the Recreation ground car boots.
    - 2) An update on the Council’s support for the 20’s plenty campaign
    - 3) An update on the Phone box and defib
    - 4) A note about Caudwell’s Mill
    - 5) Information regarding the next Parish Council Surgery in April
    - 6) Information on the meeting to discuss plans for the Coronation with the Village Hall committee.
    - 7) The dates that Chatsworth Road will be coned for the Chatsworth horse trials.
  - Magazine Delivery – it was agreed that the Clerk’s son will take on the delivery of the magazine. Thanks were given to Harry Wildgoose for his 18 months of delivering the magazine.
18. Parish Council resident drop-in surgeries at the village hall warm hub  
This item was covered in Public Participation.
19. Feedback from Meetings and Training – Clerk
- Chatsworth events – Cllr Friend – As usual Chatsworth will be coned for the weekends of the Horse Trials (13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May) the Country Fair (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September) and the weekends of the Christmas Markets, with the exception of the first weekend 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November). They will not be coning Hinckley Court and they have agreed that all debris from broken cones will be cleared each time the cones are removed. The council requested that Chatsworth Road is coned on the first weekend of the Christmas Markets (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November) and the clerk will write to Chatsworth about this.
  - Parish Council Liaison forum – Cllr Friend – Presentations on: the Local Government Boundary Commission for County Council seats, a consultation for which will start on 29<sup>th</sup> March; Climate Change plans to help the county get to net zero by 2050, including discounts for bus travel being extended to 19-21 year olds, one million trees to be planted, imminent circulation of a draft Action Plan on Energy Efficiency, finishing of the White Peak Loop of the DCC off road cycle network, target of 1000 EV public charging points by 2025; Budgetary Update, Council tax is only increasing by 3.3% and some funds will need to be drawn from reserves this year to meet spending obligations, but DCC determined that this is an extraordinary measure and will keep costs down. The meeting started late and so question time was limited and Cllr Friend has asked the clerk to write to request that they start on time in future.
20. Correspondence
- Burial ground memorial tree request – it was agreed that there is nowhere to plant a tree as the majority of the burial ground is consecrated for burials. The Clerk will write back and inform the resident. Clerk
  - PDNPA Management Plan – Cllr Potter will send a summary of how this will affect Rowsley. Cllr Potter
  - Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan – Cllr Potter will send a summary of how this will affect Rowsley. Cllr potter
21. For Information –
- Playsafety Rospa Playground inspection booked Noted
22. DALC (circulated by email) Noted
- February Newsletter
  - March Newsletter

23. 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:

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Annual Parish Meeting
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 – Annual Parish Council Meeting and Ordinary meeting
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023