

ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

For the meeting held on Monday 28th November 2022 in the WI Room at Rowsley Village Hall.

Councillors present:	Jo Wildgoose Kevin Rowney	Victoria Friend Robert Hockley Richard Bean	Apologies:	Cllr Kath Potter Cllr M Buckler (DDDC)
Others:	Sian Bacon (Clerk) Mrs M Quick (RVHC)	Cllr Susan Hobson (DCC)		

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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| 1. | Apologies for absence - None | <i>Report / Action Required</i>
Approved |
| 2. | Cllr Wildgoose declared an interest in the Allotments as a plot holder. | Noted |
| 3. | Public Speaking | Noted |

Mrs M Quick

Mrs Quick raised some resident traffic concerns firstly regarding the Chatsworth event road cones that are littered down Chatsworth Road with broken cones all down the road that have been run over. Mrs Quick noted that it was felt that within Rowsley cars and traffic seem to take priority rather than people. Mrs Quick raised the idea of the Council supporting the 20s plenty campaign for Chatsworth Road in particular. It was reported that there has been a model motion written by the local Derbyshire campaign and the national campaign for Parish Councils to adopt and sign. It was noted that a 20mph speed limit reduces emissions from 30mph and that both Wales and Scotland are moving to the same 20mph speed where there are settlements. Derbyshire County Council are at present reluctant to install 20mph limits on roads so the 20's plenty campaign are campaigning Parish Councils, the Police Crime Commissioner and safer neighbourhood groups. Cllr Friend queried what this means practically speaking for councils. It was reported that some parish councils fund 20's plenty village signage. The local campaign is putting the motion to Derbyshire County Council and there will be a briefing being held in February by national campaign. It is hoped that it would eventually be statutory road limit change. Mrs Quick reported that she is organising a bulk purchase of signs would allow councils to purchase them cheaper. Mrs Quick will pass on the details of the Parish Council briefing.

The cones and their mess on Chatsworth Road were raised and it was reported that Chatworth get contactors in who are responsible for the cones, and it was agreed that when they are collected the road should be swept as some inevitably shatter every weekend. It was further reported that for the weekend of the 5th of November Chatsworth didn't have permission from highways to place the cones, so cars were left on by residents and some were getting ticketed. It was noted that it needs policing better for the clean-up. It was noted that the entrance to Chatsworth Road is difficult to exit during high traffic times and the road is now poorly marked as the paint has worn with age. It was queried when the last assessment was done on the volume of traffic running through village. The Clerk will raise these issues with Chatsworth and Highways.

Clerk

Cllr Hockley reported that there had been some issues with cyclists on the pavements cycling at speed which was very dangerous.

It was also raised that the Rowsley Bar infrastructure, as very heavily used road, needs a survey as the closure of the road at Beeley has caused much more traffic to be running through. It was also noted that the road at Birchover is also closed with the potential of not being reopened. The Clerk will raise these issues via letter. It was noted that the village is ripe for assessment as there has been a massive traffic increase over the years.

Clerk

Cllr S Hobson (DCC)

Cllr Hobson reported on the issues with Rowsley Bar deteriorating and that some remedial work has been done but the road condition is getting worse. It was noted that grates are getting missed by water flowing down the road which then puddles on Chatsworth Road

causing a hazard. Cllr Hobson did note that the County Council are looking at the condition of Rowsley Bar.

Cllr Hobson reported that the Birchover landslip is very bad and there is no immediacy of repair. Beeley and Oaker need watching for 18 months before work can begin to repair so for Beeley that is going to be spring at the earliest for any work to begin.

Clerk

Cllr Hobson noted that speed indicator devices can be funded by the parish council. Cllr Friend reported that there had been a previous speed survey which when the results came back it was shown that there was no speeding during check.

The idea of starting a village Speedwatch was suggested and agreed to put something in the February Parish Magazine regarding putting together a village traffic road safety group.

Cllr Hobson suggested the council have a dialogue with Chatsworth regarding the cones and traffic issues.

The bins on Chatsworth Road being left out all week were raised and it was noted that nothing had altered though householders had all had a letter from DDDC but the situation has not changed. Cllr Hockley has reported the continuing situation.

Cllr Hobson reported that the DCC is having a consultation on the devolution plans. And the DDDC are having forums with one to be held on the 6th December.

The play area on Chatsworth Road is still under discussion after the meeting. The DDDC claim its closed as cannot get access from the bottom of the site.

Cllr Hobson raised the traveller sites and noted this has gone on and on and the conversation is continuing to go in circles. A working group of Councillors from the District Council is working behind the scenes to try and work through the sites suggested. The group went round the recommended green list and found all the sites were unsuitable. Rowsley was looked at with a site visit and it was agreed that it will be removed, along with 8 other sites from discussion. The working group are carrying on looking for sites but Rowsley car park will not be one of them.

Clerk

It was noted that the website for DDDC isn't transparent due to difficulty accessing meeting documents and when issues come up regarding Rowsley they are sometimes missed. The Council will raise this with the DDDC.

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 26th September 2022 were approved.

Approved

6. Matters Arising (non-decision making)

- Chatsworth Road
- Planning
- Recreation Ground items including car boot
- Allotment items
- Burial Ground
- Finance
- Correspondence – actioned as agreed

7. Chatsworth Road

- Update on bins and other issues – Cllr Hockley

Cllr Hockley reported that there was no change on the bins being left out. Cllr Hockley did note that the bin opposite number 66 was being emptied to schedule now.

Noted

- Chatsworth Road Playground Meeting Update

The report from Cllr Friend on the meeting was noted.

It was reported that Platform housing might help with funding for the new steps and DDDC will allow a Bench to be put in if it is made of recycled material. The Council will look at costs for the project next year. The site needs access from the bottom through Hinkley Court but that requires a consultation with the residents. The DDDC do own the land at the bottom gate however DDDC will not support the site having two entrances. The DDDC are going to send planners down to look at putting in steps and railing and assess the costs. It was noted if residents can get funding that could be done. It was reported that a community land trust would be required, or the Parish Council would need to take over and raise the precept

Noted

significantly. It was agreed that further research on community land trusts is needed, and Mrs Quick agreed to send through some information.

8. Planning Applications

New:

- Derbyshire Dales –
 - 22/01214/FUL, Proposed alterations to workshop including construction of mezzanine floor at Mandale Memorials Chatsworth Road Rowsley Matlock Derbyshire. – the Council had no objection to this application No objection
- Peak Park –
 - NP/DDD/1022/1252 – Rowsley Church of England Primary School, School Lane, Rowsley – Listed Building Consent – Installing demountable aluminium flood barrier systems. – The Parish Council actively supports this application. Support given
 - NP/DDD/1122/1444 - Wye Cottage, Woodhouse Road, Rowsley – Listed building consent – The Council had no objection to this application. No objection

Existing:

- 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

9. Bus stops, Recreation Ground and Playground

- Councillor to do checks December & January – Cllr Bean will do December and Cllr Wildgoose will do January Cllrs Bean & Wildgoose
- Car boots on the Recreation – There was no update. The Clerk will chase Mr Snow for information on the progress of the planning application. Clerk
- playground equipment replacement update – it was reported that the Clerk and Cllr Friend had put in an application for a grant of £15,000 to the DCC Action Grants. One of the grant conditions is letters of support from the users of the playground so the Clerk, Cllr Friend and Cllr Wildgoose will contact residents requesting letters of support. Clerk & Cllrs Friend & Wildgoose
- Mowing Tender 2023 – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the tender specs as presented and the Clerk will advertise this. Approved Clerk

10. Allotments

- Quotes for replacement of fence and gateposts at the allotments – The Clerk reported that she was having difficulty obtaining quotes. Cllr Rowney suggested a fencer. Clerk
- Work required to summer house update – this will be addressed after the fencing work is complete. Clerk
- Compost heap – Cllr Wildgoose reported that she had spoken to the farmer and they would be happy to help tidy up the heap if the Parish Council will bring a skip in. It was **RESOLVED** to organise a skip. Cllr Wildgoose reported that future compost plans are being looked at. Cllr Wildgoose

11. Finance and Audit

- Accounts to 21st November 2022 – Appendix A Noted
- Burial Ground Charges 2023 – It was **RESOLVED** to make no changes to the burial ground charges for 2023. Approved
- **Budget and Precept 2023/24 - £7000**
- NALC Pay scales 2022 Approved
- New expenditure to approve: Approved
 - Clerk’s wages inc backpay from April 2022 – £502.70
 - HMRC – PAYE –£131.80
 - H Wildgoose – Parish Mag Delivery - £25.00
 - Rowsley Village Hall September Hire - £22.50
 - A Allcock - Mowing - £1238.00
- Expenditure to note: Noted
 - Parish Magazine (10 issues yearly) - £90
 - BT – Direct Debit – £50.40 quarterly
- Income to Note: Noted
 - Interest – £11.27
 - Burial Income - £585.00

12. Village Hall Update
- Update – It was reported that the hall manager had sadly passed away. The AGM has cancelled until the New Year. The new hall website has been launched and includes a link to the Parish Council website. The Parish magazine is also going to go on with a link. The committee have had some grant applications approved including one for a parent and toddler group to be run by residents. The committee has also secured funding for a warm hub. Mrs Quick reported that they are still short £850 and will put in an application for the Local Project Fund from DDDC and put in an application to the Parish Council for any remaining funds in January. It was reported that the bookings were currently looking good. The sheds have now been cleared. It was also noted that Cllr Wildgoose is taking over from Councillor Rowney as the representative from the Parish Council.
13. Feedback from Meetings and Training Noted
- MEMRAP Railway meeting – Cllr Friend - it was noted that the plans for the railway are no further ahead.
 - District Council Area Community Forum – Cllr Friend – it was reported that devolution to install a Mayor for the area would raise an extra £38 million per year for the area from government. There is a consultation open until 9th January on the plans.
 - Chatsworth Whole Estate Meeting – Cllr Friend – meeting was held to say that Chatsworth is bringing out a 30 year estate plan cover sustainability, environment ect. The plan will be put forward shortly. They are not looking for more day visitors but actively looking for more holiday stays.
 - Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Friend attended and laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.
14. Correspondence
- Resident complaint regarding cones on Chatsworth Road – discussed in public section Noted
 - Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Review – Consultation on Growth Options Noted
 - Submission of proposed modifications to the Ashover Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2023 Noted
 - Community Speedwatch Equipment for sale Noted
15. For Information – Noted
- Burial Capacity Review Completed
16. DALC (circulated by email) Noted
- October Newsletter
 - November Newsletter
17. 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
18. To approve the dates of the meetings 2023 Approved
- Recommended dates:
- Monday 23rd January 2023
 - Monday 27th March 2023
 - Monday 24th April 2023 – Annual Parish Meeting
 - Monday 22nd May 2023 – Annual Parish Council Meeting and Ordinary meeting
 - Monday 24th July 2023
 - Monday 25th September 2023
 - Monday 27th November 2023

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

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