

**ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES**

**For the meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the WI Room at Rowsley Village Hall.**

**Councillors present:** Jo Wildgoose Victoria Friend (Chair) **Apologies:** Robert Hockley  
Kevin Rowney Kath Potter  
Cllr S Hobson  
(DDDC & DCC)

**Others:** Sian Bacon (Clerk)

**PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

*Report / Action  
Required*

- 1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Hockley Approved
- 2. Cllr Wildgoose declared an interest in the Allotments as a plot holder. Noted
- 3. Public Speaking

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

Cllr Potter reported that she had challenged the Peak Park regarding the lack of affordable homes being built. The Programs and Resources Committee thriving communities aim overview report was raised which shows how few affordable homes have been built by the Peak Park. It's been 10 years since the Parish Council tried to get homes on Church Lane and nothing has been built in that time in Rowsley. Cllr Potter noted that it was very difficult for young people to purchase homes in the Peak Park and raised this at the committee meeting. She noted that the Peak Park had lost a lot of planning officers over the years.

**Sue Hobson (DDDC & DCC)**

Cllr Hobson reported that she had brought some literature. The Clerk will put this up. Clerk

Summer reading children at the Chesterfield Library had been launched for primary school children with a sporting theme.

County Council Boundary Review – the DCC submission has recommended the number of Councillors remain same but the area boundaries change. Rowsley shouldn't be affected by the proposals. The recommendations will be published on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

DCC are one of 48 councils across the country appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) as the 'responsible authority' for nature recovery - a statutory role brought about by the Environment Act 2021.

It means the DCC will be responsible for putting together a plan, called the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which will map the location and condition of Derbyshire's habitats and identify where biodiversity is in decline or limited in ecosystem value.

It will also set out the long-term vision and action plan for local organisations, businesses, landowners, and the public to work together to improve the natural environment across Derbyshire - including Derby and the area of the Peak District National Park within the county. They will work closely with relevant public, private and voluntary sector organisations to draw on their collective expertise to produce the plan, with the aim of co-ordinating existing efforts and driving forwards new initiatives to improve the natural environment in Derbyshire.

The DCC verges strategy has caused complaints about road safety. People can email [verges@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:verges@derbyshire.gov.uk) if they have any complaints about verges.

Cllr Hobson reported that she has been on the Breezer bus that is going round Derbyshire. It was noted that there are free Sunday morning bus rides and buses can be used the rest of the time for £2 a journey.

The DDDC bin day changes. There is information coming out regarding the upcoming bin day changes and it is expected any changes will take place in September. Everyone will get a letter regarding the changes, and it will be the same pattern but perhaps a different day.

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

Caudwell's Mill, bins on Chatsworth Road and the Chatsworth Road Play area– Cllr Hobson reported that she had no news to share but will pass on anything if needed.

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. Antisocial Behaviour on the Recreation Ground  
There has been antisocial behaviour with damage done to the dugouts and pavilion by teenagers with thing being thrown on the roof. The teenagers were spoken to, but they denied doing anything and were a bit aggressive towards some residents. Reports have been made to the police and the police have spoken to the council and been to have a look. There has also been damage to the barriers at Peak Village. The police will go past the Recreation Grounds more. The management of Peak Village are aware of the situation. CCTV will be discussed with the football club.
6. The Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved. Approved
7. Matters Arising (non-decision making) Noted
  - Chatsworth Road
  - Caudwell's Mill
  - Planning
  - Recreation Ground items including car boot.
  - Allotment items
  - Finance
  - Correspondence – actioned as agreed.
8. Chatsworth Road Clerk
  - Update on bins and other issues  
There has been no further movement on this.
  - Chatsworth Road Playground Update  
There has been no further movement on this.
  - Phone box and defibrillator electricity  
The Clerk reported that this is now repaired but there is an issue with the one at the Village Hall which the Clerk will resolve.
9. Caudwell's Mill Update  
It was noted that a proposal has been sent to the Haddon Estate about starting a farm shop. Haddon have not produced a plan yet.
10. 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

The slag heap on the road to Beeley had been flattened down and does look better now.
11. Bus stops, Recreation Ground and Playground Clerk
  - Car boots on the Recreation Ground update – the Clerk will keep an eye on the weather and let the organisers know about the conditions and whether the car boot can go on.
  - Car Park Repair – the Clerk is meeting a contractor on the Car Park next week for a quote for pothole filling and resurfacing.
  - Bench Removal – The Clerk will raise this with the contractor when she meets with him. Clerk

12. Allotments
- Work required to summer house update – Cllr Rowney reported that he will look to do this in August or September as the weather has been too poor to remove the roof. Cllr Rowney
- Cllr Wildgoose reported that the compost heap has been cleared and the skip has gone. The holders had a meeting, and it was agreed to have a bin for bind weed and mares tail and there will be 4 pallet wood bays for different composting. It was agreed to update the tenancy agreement to include the removal of all non-composting waste. The Clerk will ask the contractor to cut the hedges up there. Clerk
- The demand for water has increased and there is now more space for IB Containers. Cllr Wildgoose will look at the cost. One of the existing pallets is rotting and needs replacing. Cllr Friend noted that the existing containers are linked up to the gutters on the roof of the summer house and it was agreed that Cllr Rowney will link the new ones with the old ones. Cllr Rowney
13. To discuss hiring a Parish Council handyman – The Clerk provided a draft job description to the Council.
- The Council **RESOLVED** to advertise the job for 15 hours per month at a rate of £12. The Clerk will advertise this locally. Approved Clerk
14. Finance and Audit
- Accounts to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Appendix A
  - New expenditure to approve:
    - o Clerk’s wages - £389.50
    - o HMRC – PAYE - £36.80
    - o B Bacon – Parish Mag Delivery July - £25.00
    - o Rowsley Village Hall July Hire - £22.50
    - o DDDC – Election costs - £147.00
    - o Hiscox Insurance - £434.21
    - o A Allcock – Mowing - £1887.00
    - o ICO – Data Protection Fee - £35 (DD yearly)
  - Expenditure to note:
    - o Parish Magazine (10 issues yearly) - £93
    - o BT – Direct Debit – £50.40 quarterly
  - Income to Note:
    - o Car boot – £633.00
    - o Burials - £630.00
    - o Allotments – 113.24
    - o Recreation Ground Hire - £165.00
    - o Interest - £24.50
- Noted Approved
15. Village Hall
- Update – Cllr Wildgoose reported that there has not been a meeting so there is nothing to report currently. Noted
  - Community Projects – Reel Rowsley has made a return with Puss in Boots on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. Noted
16. Parish magazine
- August Parish Magazine article content – the following items will be placed in the magazine in August: Clerk
    - 1) An update on the Planning application for the Recreation ground car boots.
    - 2) Compost heap update
    - 3) Chatsworth Beeley Road Meeting
    - 4) Parish Councillor Vacancy
    - 5) There is one starter allotment available
    - 6) Handyman advert
    - 7) Anti-social behaviour reporting
17. Feedback from Meetings and Training – None
18. Correspondence
- DHSC – Letter regarding defibrillator provision
  - Motorhome parking problem raised by Cllr Wildgoose
  - PPPA – Parishes Day – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Cllr Potter to attend.
  - Allotments on Chatsworth Road letter from resident – this has been reported to the owners of the site.
- Noted  
Noted  
Cllr Potter  
Clerk

- Caudwell’s Mill enquiry from Sheffield resident Noted
- 19. • For Information – the last allotment plot has been rented. There is now only one starter plot available. Noted
- 20. DALC (circulated by email) Noted
  - Training Bulletin
- 21. 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023