

## **ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **PARISH MEETING NOTES**

**For the meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in the WI Room, Rowsley Village Hall at 7.30pm**

1. Attendees:

Cllr Kath Potter, Cllr Kevin Rowney, Cllr Victoria Friend (Chair), Cllr Robert Hockley, Cllr Jo Wildgoose, Mrs M Quick (Village Hall & Rowsley Primary), Cllr S Hobson (DCC) & Sian Bacon (Clerk).

Apologies were received from Mrs A Fell (Parish magazine), Dr C Mead, Mr K Wagstaff (Rowsley 86 FC) & Mr C Maker (Rowsley 86 FC)

Cllr Friend welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of notes for the Parish Meeting 2022

The notes were Approved.

3. Updates:

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

Thank you to everyone who has taken the trouble to come to our Annual Parish Meeting tonight. This meeting gives us, the Parish Council, an opportunity to report to the local community on what has been happening in the past year. I would like to start by first saying thank you to our local District Councillor Matthew Buckler who has represented us diligently at Derbyshire Dales District Council. As we are losing Stanton Ward at the upcoming May election due to boundary changes within the district and Rowsley Parish is joining the Chatsworth Ward we have to say goodbye to Matthew as our elected representative and wish him well in the future. I would also like to thank Susan Hobson, our County Councillor for all she has done this year, not least for all her efforts on our behalf to involve our MP Sarah Dines in supporting the improvement of the Chatsworth Road Play Area. It is a huge disappointment that there can be no improvement to the play equipment by the District Council due to budgetary constraints but we still hope to improve access to the area in conjunction with Dales Housing. The Parish Council are still hoping to source some funding to improve the children's play area at the recreation ground, which we are directly responsible for and will continue to apply for available grants in the coming year.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with our barbecue in the Community Garden last summer to commemorate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The event was very successful, with quite a number of local residents in attendance. It was with great sadness that we all mourned the passing of Her Majesty not long afterwards, but we are looking forward to the Coronation of King Charles III next month. The Parish Council are pleased to be helping the Village Hall Management Committee hold an event in the hall on the day of the Coronation and hope that it will be well attended by local residents who take the opportunity to watch the ceremony on the big screen.

In recent weeks we have seen some quite extensive improvements to the fencing and gates at the recreation ground and allotments and expect repairs to the summer house to be done this summer. After listening to the allotment holders views on the pond in the Community Garden we have decided not to fill it in for the time being and hope that it remains intact over the dry season. The recreation ground is one of the village's best resources and we are focused on ensuring that it is well tended and maintained. To this end we have been working with the manager of the car boot sales on the best way to protect the site from wear and tear, an issue that is currently ongoing. We would like to particularly thank the Rowsley 86 football club for their diligent mowing and maintenance after the tragic and sudden loss of our mowing contractor Philip Moseley. Without their help the ground would have been suffered immeasurably while we sourced our current contractor, Andrew Alcock who is doing a great job.

I would also like to thank our clerk Sian Bacon for her diligent work and support during the year. She really is our biggest asset. Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their hard work during the year. There will not be a contested election for the Parish Council next month as

there are only five nominations for the six available seats, so there will be a vacancy to hopefully fill by co-option after the election. We are sad to say goodbye to Richard Bean who has been a valuable councillor for many, many years. We will miss his extensive historic local knowledge and passionate support of our village and we wish him all the best in the future.

- **Village Hall Update – Mrs M Quick gave the following report:**

It is going really well at the hall with lots of bookings both regular and one-off bookings. The hall is currently being used as a way point for the Department of Education. Annemarie has taken over the bookings and the hall is now doing online bookings.

The Warm hub has been very successful and DDCV thought it is one of the best in the area with great feedback for the managers. There is a craft club and a parent and toddler group as part of the hub. People are quite isolated, but the hall have reached out. The committee is keeping the community café and hub running at the same time each week.

Pilates are still going, and it was really popular on Wednesdays.

There will be Coronation events at the hall with a tv livestream of events.

The committee are looking at longer term funding for the hall around retrofitting. An EV charge point is being looked at for residents and users along with solar panels and flood defences. There is feasibility study money needed to get in first to look at what is needed.

The Panto is running again. The hall has a good social media presence, and letters are going well. The committee is waiting for a 3<sup>rd</sup> quote for decorating as the hall needs a paint and new curtains. There is money in the budget for decorating and soft furnishings.

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

There is to be a meeting tomorrow about flood defences with the Peak Park Planners. The planning was approved in December, but the brackets are the wrong colour. It does raise a broader question around retrofitting in Peak Park particularly in urgent circumstances. The money is there for the defences. Both schools doing really well and Ofsted have been round and are due back. The school is good for children with additional needs. Though there are small numbers of children and the Covid lockdown is showing an impact on the younger children.

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

Good evening everyone, we are sorry we cannot attend this meeting as, unfortunately, we have another meeting regarding our football league status next season.

### **Report on Rowsley 86 FC Season 2022/2023**

To be honest this season did not go to plan.

We had to make the decision at the 12th hour, to have only 1 team and drop down a division, as we felt it was unfair on the players that we had retained, to expect them to play at the level the club had attained over the last 2 seasons.

This proved to be a correct decision because we have struggled all season in the lower division.

This is mainly due to the unreliability of players who no longer commit to play week in week out.

40 players signed on for 1 team and we still struggle to get 11 out onto the pitch each week.

We still have 6 matches to play before our season finishes in the middle of May, a mighty struggle, 6 games in 17days! And we lie in the bottom 2 of our Central Midlands Football League Division 1 west.

This is also the retirement season for our manager Chris Baker, who has loyally held this post for the last 30years, over 950 matches. We wish him well!!

We are actively seeking a new manager and some new players!! Please spread the word.

The Rec looks in lovely condition as with only 1 team it gets a rest and of course our groundsman Romak, who is constantly tending its care.

We would like to thank the Rowsley Parish Council for the use of the rec, Sian for her constant help, Kevin for his role as Rec liaison person and all our other partners who also share the Recreation Ground with us.

For any questions or further information on Rowsley 86 FC, please contact Kevin Wagstaff

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Thank you for your time  
Kevin Wagstaff Rowsley 86 FC

- **Sue Hobson (DCC)**

**Cllr Hobson gave the following report:**

The Chatsworth local plan is out can all please read and comment as it is worth looking through. On the Level centre I encourage everyone to go have a look as it well worth a visit. I've noted that there is still lots of rubbish on the Old Station Road car park and I have asked for it to be taken away. I have also queried what is in the shipping container with padlock on the carpark and asked the council to come have a look. The rubbish on the carpark seems to have come after the travellers. I am also trying to get the cabinet member for highways to look at the closed Beeley Road given its impact on Rowsley Bar the Parish Council will be invited if this goes ahead.

On Caudwell's Mill nothing is happening at the moment as the business is in administration and being wound up and then it will go back to Lord Edward eventually. The Artisans are setting their own electricity supply up and keeping going for the moment. I will report anything further as it comes.

Marianne Quick recommended a community land trust project for Caudwell's Mill and will email Lord Edward regarding this.

For the hall retrofitting Cllr Hobson will go back and raise this with DCC for potential funding.

It was noted that sport has not returned fully after covid.

3. Suggestions for next year

None

4. Any Other Business

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday 22nd April 2024 - Held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall