

# ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

**For the meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in the WI Room at Rowsley Village Hall.**

**Councillors present:** Victoria Friend (Chair)  
Kevin Rowney (Vice-Chair)  
Jo Wildgoose  
Kath Potter  
Dene Quittenton-Shaw  
**Apologies:** Cllr Robert Hockley

**Others:** Sian Bacon (Clerk) PCSO A Boswell

### PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

*Report / Action  
Required*

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| 1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Hockley             | Approved |
| 2. Cllr Wildgoose has an interest in the allotments | Noted    |
| 3. None   | Approved |
| 4. Public Participation –                           |          |

#### PCSO Boswell

There have been two crimes since the last meeting none of which had impact on the community. The priorities are up for review at the end of the month and PCSO Boswell asked if everyone could fill in the review form. He reported they had popped into the Community Hub to speak to people who attend and he will keep doing this. Cllr Friend reported that she had seen an officer on the 19<sup>th</sup> March who reported there had been an incident and asked if she had CCTV.

#### Cllr Potter (Peak Park)

Cllr Potter reported that the income had been reduced by half for the Peak Park. Officers are currently being made redundant. Would like the Parish council to complain as there's so much the Peak Park does and how are they going to do this without officers? It is the premier national park and to see it given a lack of funds to operate is very demoralising. Will be impossible to do what needs to do without funds. Clerk will write to the MP regarding the funding cuts. It was £11 million in 1996 to £5 million today.

Clerk

Cllr Potter reported that she is still campaigning on the barns being turned into homes.

Cllr Potter reported that another tree has come down and she will report this to the Clerk.

It was noted that the campervan is back in the Recreation Ground car park. The Clerk will email the police about this.

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| 5. 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).  |          |
| 6. The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 were approved.   | Approved |
| 7. Matters Arising (non-decision making) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Correspondence – actioned as agreed.</li></ul>   | Noted    |
| 8. Chatsworth Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on bins and other issues – None</li><li>• Chatsworth Road Playground Update – Cllr Friend is meeting on 3rd April the architect and the DDDC Officer. Chatsworth Representative suggested grant be put in for access work and playground equipment.</li></ul> |          |

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

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- Reimbursable Expenditure - £1051.00
- Car Boot Fees - £3000.00
- DCC – Bird box Grant - £46.94
- DCC – Rent - £50.00

It was **RESOLVED** to contribute up to £200 to the traffic survey.

#### 16. Village Hall

- Update – Cllr Wildgoose reported that Finances are OK- still showing a surplus- The 3-year plan to balance the books with normal outgoings has been achieved a year early, fundraising is still needed though to keep doing this year on year. The warm hub is still very well attended. Bookings are strong so far this year with quite a few re bookings from last year. Will and Annemarie secured a £2000 grant from Better Derbyshire Dales I informed them of the possibility of the Severn Trent grant – this has been looked at Previously and is very competitive to achieve but they will revisit. They may also ask Chatsworth for a Grant. (I didn't mention the possible playground grant as I understand this to be confidential at the moment)
- Policies are currently being checked and updated where relevant. Marianne is to step down as Chair from the End of this year.
- Volunteers are still as needed as always
- Wi Fi Booster still in progress for WI room
- New Years didn't raise any money – but didn't lose any either
- Building maintenance- sheds to be re roofed (paid for by grant) Condensation has improved with better ventilation. Joists under stage still require attention
- Community Projects – No update

Noted

#### 17. Parish magazine

- Parish Magazine article content – the following items will be placed in the magazine:
  - 1) Parish Meeting
  - 2) Traveller Planning Application (Front Page)
  - 3) Allotments
  - 4) Bird Boxes
  - 5) No Mow May

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#### 18. Feedback from Meetings and Training

- Flood Warden Training - Cllr Rowney – will report in May
- Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum – Cllr Friend attended the forum and noted that they are going to overspend largely due to adult and children's social care. There will be an increase of 4.99% to Council tax. Will not be requesting emergency funds from the Government. LGRO means Councils will be merging all but Derby City in a donut shape. DDDC want a north south divide. Draft submission has gone in and a proposal for consultation will be in by November. Then there will be a formal consultation after that then there will be the decision in spring 2026.
- Chatsworth Events Meeting – Cllr Wildgoose gave the following report:
 

EVENTS PLANNED

  - 30 th May- 1 st June – Family Festival
  - 6 th - 8 th June- Garden and Plant Fair
  - 13 th -15 th June Regency Weekend
  - 4 th July Friends Garden Party- With FIREWORKS
  - 12 th July Classic Ibiza
  - 29 th Aug-31 st August- Country Fair
  - 31 st Oct & 1 st November bonfire and FIREWORKS They are looking into quieter fireworks especially for the children's displays- will only be 2 loud displays not 4
  - 8 th November-14 th December- Christmas Markets – A Whopping 37 days !!!!
- No Horse Trials Again this year – Maybe next year, hoping for June time
- Traffic Management in Rowsley for events- Suggestions made at a meeting held with Vicky earlier this year. Instead of Coning to make extra no parking area as per pic to see if it eases flow, visibility would be improved and also use a priority sign for oncoming traffic toward A6.
- We can't have this and then change our minds mid market to the cone option as they have to be separate orders applied for, plus residents wouldn't know if they were coming or going- it was suggested to try this for the country fair to see how it goes and then if ok, apply it for the Christmas markets

Noted

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Suggestions were made for manned traffic lights at the A6 junction as it becomes a bottle neck causing build up of traffic on Chatsworth Road. These would only run during Peak times.

If it doesn't work for the fair it could be changed to a full clearway for the markets. They are looking into running a shuttle bus run in conjunction with peak rail, this would have to be prebooked option not just turn up and get on the bus.

The coaches put in peak village are only overflow once all the spaces at the house have been filled.

All coach traffic is told by Chatsworth to go via Bakewell and not through Rowsley (but they do not always listen)

They need a decision ASAP in order to apply for the orders.

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It was agreed to request the clearway traffic management plan during the week and coning at the weekend.

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| 19. Correspondence  | Noted |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rospa Play area inspection is booked for May</li><li>• Chatsworth Events List – this has been published on Facebook</li><li>• Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – Funding request</li><li>• DCC – Holiday activities and Food Programme – this has been published on Facebook</li></ul>  |       |
| 20. For Information – None  | Noted |
| 21. DALC (circulated by email)  | Noted |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• February Newsletter</li></ul>   |       |
| 22. Reading (circulated by email):  | Noted |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peak District News and Views</li><li>• Beeley Parish Council Agenda Papers</li><li>• Rural Bulletins</li><li>• Peak Park Parishes Forum Information</li><li>• Rural Matters Newsletter</li><li>• Peak Park Authority Press Releases</li><li>• Derbyshire Dales District Council Press Releases</li><li>• Neighbourhood Alerts</li></ul> |       |

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

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 (Annual Parish Council Meeting)
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025