

ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

For the meeting held on Monday 24th 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
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 19th 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.

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.

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 th January 2025 were approved.	Approved
7. Matters Arising (non-decision making)	Noted
• Correspondence – actioned as agreed.	
8. Chatsworth Road	
• Update on bins and other issues – None	
• 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.	

Chairman's Signature Date.....

9. Planning Applications	Noted
New:	
• Derbyshire Dales – Planning Application 25/00200/FUL, Temporary change of use of part of car park to 4no. pitch traveller site for a maximum period of 2 years at Old Station Close Rowsley Derbyshire – It was RESOLVED to object to the application. It was agreed to put the application in the village magazine.	Clerk
• Peak Park – None	
Existing:	
• Peak Park: ◦ NP/DDD/0317/0204 - Burntwood Quarry – variation of conditions – Pending ◦ NP/DDD/1198537 - Stanton Moor Quarry – Determination of Conditions – Pending	Noted
• Derbyshire County Council – None	
• Derbyshire Dales – None	
10. Bus stops, Recreation Ground, Car Boots and Playground	
• Removal of Branch pile – it was reported there's a large pile of wood that needs a trailer to move.	
• To discuss Car Boot Money Owed – Mike is currently up to date on the payment agreement and the Council have received £3000.00.	
• To agree a new car boot contract – it was RESOLVED to accept the car boot agreement.	
11. Allotments	
• Plot Update – there are still one and a half plots available. The Clerk has invoiced the allotment holders and the inspection will take place on Tuesday 29 th April 2025 at 11am.	Noted
• Water Butt repairs required – the wooden pallets are rotting and it was agreed to replace these with breeze blocks. This will be done in September when the water isn't needed.	
• To hire a skip for waste removal – Cllr Wildgoose will get prices	
12. Burial Gound – there is to be a burial in one of the reserved plots on the 2 nd of April.	
13. Biodiversity	
• Purchase of 8 Bird Boxes for the Recreation Ground – it was RESOLVED to buy 8 bird boxes for £15.99 for each pair. The Council will spend £17.02 with the additional funds to come from the grant from Cllr Hobson (DCC)	Clerk
• Seeded Turf – the Clerk and Cllr Wildgoose will look into this for January next year.	Clerk
• 'No Mow May' Plans – The Clerk is meeting with the contractor in the middle of April to agree the plans	Clerk
14. Road Issues – Chesterfield Road is deteriorating on the left-hand side. The Clerk will report this. The footpath beyond East Lodge has been cut back.	Clerk
15. Finance and Audit	
- To discuss and approve increase in the Handyman's wage – it was RESOLVED to increase the handyman's wage to £13.00	Approved
- To approve Football Club ground hire amount – it was RESOLVED to charge the Football Club £330.00 for the season.	Approved
- Accounts to 17 th March 2025 – Appendix A	Approved
- New expenditure to approve: ◦ Clerk's wages – £432.40 ◦ HMRC – PAYE – £42.80 ◦ Mad4 Ink – Newsletter printing (Jan & Feb) - £240.00 ◦ RVH – Hall Hire (Dec & March) - £45.00 ◦ RVH – Magazine Delivery (Dec/ Jan) - £25.00 ◦ Peak Park Parish Forum – subs 2025/26 - £6.00 ◦ Handyman Wages (Jan) - £180.00 ◦ Handyman Wages (Dec) - £180.00 ◦ DALC – Subs 2025/26 - £431.80 with enhanced training fee	
- Expenditure to note: ◦ BT – Direct Debit – £50.40 quarterly	Noted
- Income to Note: ◦ Interest – £17.49 ◦ Burial Gound Fees - £660.00	Noted

- 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

17. Parish magazine

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

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

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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.

Clerk

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

19. Correspondence	Noted
• Rospa Play area inspection is booked for May	
• Chatsworth Events List – this has been published on Facebook	
• Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre – Funding request	
• DCC – Holiday activities and Food Programme – this has been published on Facebook	
20. For Information – None	Noted
21. DALC (circulated by email)	Noted
• February Newsletter	
22. 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 28th April 2025 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- Monday 2nd June 2025 (Annual Parish Council Meeting)
- Monday 28th July 2025
- Monday 22nd September 2025
- Monday 24th November 2025