

## **ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES**

For the meeting held on Monday 22 September 2025 in the WI Room at Rowsley Village Hall

**Present:** Councillor V Friend Chair  
Councillor K Rowney Vice Chair, Councillor J Wildgoose

**In Attendance:** Councillor S Hobson – Derbyshire County Council  
S Stockdale – Locum Clerk

**Apologies:** Councillor R Hockley

#### **26/30 Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **26/31 Public Speaking**

It was agreed to vary the order of business to allow public speaking later in the agenda.

#### **26/32 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 12 August 2025**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

#### **26/33 Matters Arising from the last meetings**

It was reported that matters are progressing as discussed at the Extraordinary Meeting.

The Internal Audit company has advised that they can arrange for the outsourcing of the payroll and it was agreed that this be investigated with them due to the current issues that are being experienced.

#### **26/34 Public Participation**

Councillor Hobson joined the meeting at 7.50pm

Councillor Hobson gave an update on the following matters:

- Local Plan is progressing and land for development will be required
- Funding is in place in relation to the landslip at Beeley Road but there is no start date at present
- Chatsworth Christmas Markets – there is a traffic management plan in place

- She has made a grant to the Rowsley Village Hall to assist with the purchase of new chairs

#### **26/35 Chatsworth Road**

The issue with bins on Chatsworth Road has been resolved and this will be removed from future agendas.

Three quotes have been received for the proposed new play equipment:

Eibe - £21,500 with grass matting  
Streetscape - £21,250 with grass matting  
Kompan - £19,500 with rubber surface  
£17,378 with grass matting

It was agreed that the Landscape Architect would be advised that the Kompan quote of £17,378 was the preferred option subject to a check on the guarantee and durability of the materials.

#### **26/36 Planning Applications**

None.

#### **26/37 Bus stops, Recreation Ground, Car Boots and Playground**

The lease with the Football Club has been agreed to 2032 when the Haddon Estate will draw up a new lease.

The Chairman reported that the replacement swing set has been installed in the Recreation Ground.

The Council now have the spare set of keys for the security posts provided by the organiser of the car boot sale.

It was agreed that the car boot sale could continue into October on a week to week basis following ground inspections. It was agreed to provide an addendum to the existing contract to cover this. Councillor Rowney will liaise with the organiser.

The handyman has provided an update on the work in progress. It was agreed that Councillor Rowney would monitor the work and also speak to the handyman about some of the issues highlighted on the recent ROSPA playground report to see if he was able to undertake some of the work required.

It was reported that the repairs to the bench on the A6 are yet to be completed.

#### **26/38 Allotments**

A request has been made to place a shed and a swing seat on an allotment. It was agreed that a shed would be allowed in accordance with the dimensions on the agreement but that a swing seat would not be appropriate.

The Locum Clerk reported that there are two plots vacant and will be offered to the first two people on the waiting list. It was noted that plot 10 is vacant but it is proposed that part of this plot will become the community orchard.

The edging work has been completed and the allotment holders have organised a working party to sow wild flower seeds. They have reported that the pond will require some attention and they are in the process of sourcing trees for the new community orchard. It was agreed that at the end of the growing season a site inspection will take place and residents who have not cultivated plots will not have their lease renewed in 2026.

#### **26/39 Burial Ground**

No matters to report.

#### **26/40 Biodiversity Plans**

Seed mats are being sourced for an area in the burial ground and community garden.

#### **26/41 Road and Footpath issues.**

Details have been received regarding the traffic management plans which will be put in place for the Chatsworth Christmas Markets and it was agreed that the details be passed onto the newsletter committee for publishing.

#### **26/42 Finance and Audit – September payments and accounts**

	Net	Vat	Total
A Allcock	1620.00		1620.00
C Stone	195.00		195.00
Rowsley Village Hall Hire	47.50		47.50
Playquest	420.00	84.00	504.00
C Stone	195.00		195.00
S Stockdale Locum Clerk	466.20		466.20
C Stone	75.00		75.00
	3018.70	84.00	3102.70

#### **Bank Balances**

Current Account	50.00
Reserve Account	22347.02

The Chairman advised that she has followed up on adverts for the newsletter that had not been invoiced and the following amounts have been received:

Adverts for 2024 - £275

Adverts for 2025 - £568.75

It was agreed that the budget for 2026/27 will be discussed in November 2025.

**26/43      Village Hall**

Councillor Wildgoose gave a report from the recent Village Hall Committee meeting together with an update on finance.

It was agreed that the Council would be prepared to consider a S137 grant for chairs if a request is made by the Village Hall Committee.

**26/44      Parish Magazine**

It was agreed that the following items are passed forward for publication in the Parish newsletter:

- Chatsworth Christmas Markets traffic plan
- New swing set in the Recreation Ground
- Co-option onto the Council
- Sandbags are available at Bakewell Library

**26/45      Co-option onto the Council**

The Locum Clerk reported that there have been no expressions of interest received.

**26/46      Correspondence**

Previously circulated by email.

**26/47      DALC**

August newsletter circulated by email.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

**Dates of future meetings**

**All meetings held at 7.30pm in the Rowsley Village Hall WI Room. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND:**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025**