

ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

For the meeting held on Monday 26 January 2026 in the WI Room at Rowsley Village Hall

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

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

Apologies: Councillor R Hockley

26/84 Declarations of Interest

None

26/85 Public Speaking

Councillor Rowney submitted his Flood Warden report following recent flooding incidents. There were two main issues highlighted and the County Councillor agreed to take these up with the Officer responsible for flooding at Derbyshire Dales District Council.

Councillor Hobson reported that she had given £650 from her Community Leadership Fund towards new chairs for the Rowsley Village Hall.

She advised that she has reported the highway issues at Rowsley Bar again.

She gave the following updates:

At a recent meeting to consider the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan it was reported that not all the identified SHLAA sites will be taken forward.

The East Midlands Mayors Transport Plan Consultation concludes on 8 February 2026 and residents are urged to complete the Consultation questionnaire.

The White Peak Cycle Plan are looking for funding from the East Midlands Mayor.

There is uncertainty around the roles and responsibilities of Parish Councils and potential additional responsibilities which could form part of Local Government reorganisation.

Councillor Wildgoose joined the meeting at 7.45pm.

Councillor Hobson will ensure that Rowsley Parish Council are included on the mailing list for the Derwent Valley Transport Group.

There is no further information about the ownership of the benches on the A6 and Councillor Hobson will continue to pursue this.

Councillor Hobson left the meeting.

26/86 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 24 November 2025

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

26/87 Matters Arising from the last meetings

None.

26/88 Chatsworth Road

The Chairman reported that a structural survey will be carried out on the retaining wall in the Spring so improved access planning will have to wait until after this.

26/89 Planning Applications

The Council have been encouraged to comment on the proposed re-development of the Ashbourne Airfield site. The redevelopment is proposed in two phases as a mixed development of residential and commercial.

It was agreed that as this will have no direct impact on Rowsley and surrounding areas the Council would decline to make comment.

26/90 Bus stops, Recreation Ground, Car Boots and Playground

The handyman's report is awaited and once this is received the Chairman will arrange a meeting with him to discuss the work progress.

It was agreed that the Car Boot agreement is reissued for 2026 on the same terms as last year. The time frame will be April to October and should the organiser wish to extend the Car Boot events into October then this will be at the discretion of the Council.

It was noted that the ROSPA report will be due in May 2026. There are still some minor repairs that need to be addressed and this will be discussed with the handyman.

It was agreed that there will be a Community Litter Pick on Saturday 28th March 2026 at 11 am, meeting at the Village Hall.

The Clerk was asked to notify Derbyshire Dales District Council to arrange for litter pickers and bags. All bags will be left at the Recreation Ground Car Park for collection by the District Council.

26/91 Allotments

The Clerk reported that two starter plots have been allocated to new allotment holders and one allotment holder of a larger plot has advised the Council that this is no longer required.

The Clerk was asked to contact the mowing contractor to seek an estimate for mowing for the 2026 season. This will include a full mow of the allotment site in April and September, mow the paths in the community garden and paths around the starter plots. Mowing around the graves in the burial ground with 'No Mow May' in the middle of the site and by the bench.

Councillor Wildgoose advised that she will check the IBC on the allotment site to check if it needs to be replaced. If a replacement is required it was agreed that it would be useful to do this before the growing season.

26/92 Burial Ground

No matters to report.

26/93 Biodiversity Plans

The re-development of the allotments at Peak Village has commenced.

Councillor Wildgoose reported that she will sow wild flower seeds around the benches at the burial ground.

26/94 Road and Footpath issues

There is no further update on the Beeley landslip.

The Council have arranged a public meeting to discuss the traffic management arrangements on Chatsworth Road during the Chatsworth Country Fair and Christmas Markets.

Representatives from Derbyshire County Council Highways, Derbyshire Police and Chatsworth Estate will be in attendance. This is an opportunity for residents to understand the reasoning behind the measures put in place for 2025 and discuss possible changes and improvements that could be considered for 2026.

The meeting will take place in the WI room of Rowsley Village Hall at 6.30pm on Monday 9th February.

It was agreed that the Council would organise a leaflet drop to advertise this event and target properties on Chatsworth Road, Hinckley Court and Chesterfield Road.

The Village Hall Committee have purchased the new chairs from the Councils S137 grant and it was agreed that a bank transfer of £600 is made to the Village Hall Bank Account in this respect.

Councillor Potter left the meeting at 8.25pm

26/95 Finance - January 2026 payments and accounts

	Net	Vat	Total
Village Hall Hire	45.00		45.00
Magazine delivery	25.00		25.00
C Stone	390.00		390.00
Tax & NI	202.20		202.20
Remembrance Sunday	25.00		25.00
Grasa cutting	2067.00		2067.00
DALC Training course	35.00		35.00
Payroll	30.00		30.00
Newsletter printing	100.00	20.00	120.00
Personnel support	240.00		240.00
Recreation Ground	195.00		195.00
BT	42.00	8.40	50.40
Locum Clerk	406.20		406.20
Bark chippings	30.79	6.16	36.95
	3833.19	34.56	3867.75

Bank Balances as at 30 December 2025	
Current Account	50.00
Reserve Account	11,482.46

26/96 Village Hall

There were no matter to update the Council on.

26/97 Parish Magazine

The following items were agreed for the next issue of the Parish Magazine:-

- Community Litter Pick on Saturday 28th March 2026
- Availability of an allotment plot
- Traffic management arrangements on Chatsworth Road during the Chatsworth Country Fair and Christmas Markets – meeting on 9th February 2026
- Councillor vacancy

26/98 Website

The Clerk reported that the Council need to move to a .gov website and email address and will investigate how to apply for this.

26/99 Correspondence

Previously circulated by email.

26/100 DALC

The most recent newsletter was circulated by email.

26/101 External Meeting reports

The Chairman advised that she is attending two training courses on internal controls and finance and will report back to the Council.

Councillor Rowney reported back to the Council following a meeting regarding the re-introduction of Beevers to the area and advised that there will be an extensive consultation locally moving forward.

Dates of future meetings

23 March 2026 – Full Council Meeting

27 April 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting

18 May 2026 – Annual Council Meeting

27 July 2026 – Full Council Meeting

28 September 2026 – Full Council Meeting

23 November 2026 – Full Council Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.