

ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

For the Full Council meeting held on Monday 18 May 2026 in the WI Room at Rowsley Village Hall

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

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

Apologies: None

27/11 Declarations of Interest

None

27/12 Public Speaking

It was reported that the Grouse and Claret are holding a Family Fun Day on 25th July 2026.

Councillor Hobson reported that the fly tipping and container have been removed from the Station Car Park. Derbyshire Dales District Council have placed a new storage container on the site and confirmation has been sought that this will not affect the White Peak Loop proposals.

There was no further update on the Local Plan.

There have been a number of anti-social behaviour incidents in Rowsley which have been reported to the Police.

There will be a road closure by Beeley Inn and work is anticipated to be completed in 12 – 18 months.

Councillor Hobson reported that the Local Government reorganisation proposals will be published in June 2026.

Councillor Hobson advised that she has Councillor Initiative grants available.

27/13 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 23 March 2026 and Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 27 April 2026

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman

27/14 Matters Arising from the last meetings

None.

27/15 Chatsworth Road

Councillor Hockley reported that Derbyshire County Council have inspected the pot hole that was reported on Chatsworth Road.

Derbyshire Dales District Council have been asked to screen the bin store. Councillor Hobson advised that she will report back on this when she has further information.

There has been no update from Derbyshire Dales District Council regarding the structural survey on the proposed play area.

It was agreed that costings will be sought for the proposed Speed Indicator Device.

27/16 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider.

27/17 Bus stops, Recreation Ground, Car Boots and Playground

The ROSPA report for the play equipment in the Recreation Ground has been received and Councillor Rowney agreed to discuss this with the handyman to allocate any remedial work.

It was agreed that the Council would look to replace the Toddler Swing set at the end of the Summer using the receipts from Car Boot events. The alternative would be to budget for a replacement in 2027/28.

The Multi Play equipment will need some remedial work and it was agreed that this would be undertaken by 2027.

The Clerk suggested that the Council could apply for a grant from Awards for All and will bring information about this to the next Full Council meeting.

The ownership of the benches on the A6 has not yet been established and further enquiries are taking place.

Councillor Hobson and Councillor Potter left the meeting at 8.45pm

The Council have provided information to the Football Club to assist with their current grant application to the Football Foundation. However, the terms of the 2007 lease does not allow the Council to create a tenancy.

The Haddon Estate have agreed to extend their lease with the Council and an annual fee of £200 was agreed.

A bench has been installed on the A6 by the substation on the junction of Chatsworth Road and the Clerk was asked to confirm that proper authorisation had been granted.

27/18 Allotments

The Clerk reported that there is currently an allotment plot available.

27/19 Burial Ground

No matters to report

27/20 Biodiversity Plans

The wild flower planting has not taken place due to Robins nesting.

27/21 Road and Footpath issues

The Council agreed to participate in the Public Right of Way Minor Maintenance scheme in 2026/27

27/22 Finance – May 2026 payments and accounts

	Net	Vat	Total
Flood Warden equipment	283.23		283.23
DDDC	367.85	73.57	441.42
DALC	267.25		267.25
Water Tank	194.00	38.80	232.80
Village Hall Hire	27.00		27.00
	1139.33		1251.70

Bank Balances at 30/04/2026

Current Account	50.00
Reserve Account	20065.48

27/23 Village Hall

Councillor Wildgoose reported that the fire exit door has been upgraded. There is a full programme of events planned for the year and there are a good number of regular users of the facility.

It was noted that the Charity Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the building and the Constitution is currently being reviewed.

27/24 Parish Magazine

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

- Councillor vacancy
- Community Speed watch

27/25 Website

It was agreed that this will be a project for the new Clerk.

27/26 Correspondence

The Insurance renewal questionnaire was completed and it was agreed to increase the amount insured for gates and fences to £1,000.

27/27 DALC

The most recent newsletter was circulated by email.

27/28 External Meeting reports

The Council confirmed their agreement to the White Peak Loop proposal.

The Clerk was asked to report a tree that has fallen next to the old shop on Chatsworth Road to the Local Access Forum.

27/29 To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

It was agreed that Councillor R Hockley and Councillor J Wildgoose would look at the Job Description and Person Specification for the new Clerk and report back to the Council

The job evaluation report has been received from DALC.

A timetable to advertising the vacancy was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Dates of future meetings

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: