

ROWSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

For the meeting held on Monday 27 July 2026 in the WI Room at Rowsley Village Hall

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

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

Apologies: None

Absent: Councillor K Potter

27/30 Declarations of Interest

None

27/31 Public Speaking

PCSO Boswell advised that there have been four reported crimes in the past two months but none of them had a direct effect on the local community.

The incidents of anti-social behaviour have ceased and the Police will review the situation in September with a view to removing the signs on Chatsworth Road.

It was suggested that the Football Club could consider erecting a sign to say no valuables or cash are kept on site and look to increase security when the Pavillion is refurbished with CCTV. Councillor Hockley will suggest this to the Football Club.

PCSO Boswell was asked about the recent incident at Stanton. Councillor Hobson confirmed that she is involved in discussions between various agencies about the events at the recent solstice and how the situation is managed in the future. Residents can send their views direct to Councillor Hobson or complete the Community Voice Survey on Derbyshire Alert.

Councillor Hobson reported that Platform Housing have visited the bin store on Chatsworth Road and it looks like the issue will be resolved.

Derbyshire County Council Environmental Flood Officer is meeting with the Flood Warden on 30 July.

Councillor Hobson has given a grant to the Holiday Club from her Community Leadership Fund.

Councillor Hobson explained the timetable for Local Government reorganisation, with the new Combined Authority being in place on 1 April 2028. There will be a Shadow Authority with elections taking place in May 2027 and Councillors being elected for a one year term, followed by a further 4 year term on the new Authority. There will be 80 Councillors on the new Authority with 12 covering Derbyshire Dales.

There has been no update on the structural survey on the wall at the playground on Chatsworth Road and Councillor Hobson will chase this.

Councillor Hobson reported that the Peak District National Park Authority have reversed their position regarding Peak Rail now supporting the land remaining as a track.

The Housing Survey has closed with 62 replies of which 20 were completed, with 42 people only completing questions 1 – 3.

PCSO Boswell advised that he will undertake some speed checks while the Clearway is in place for the Chatsworth Country Fair. He will also request Derbyshire County Council undertake a speed survey when an event is happening at Chatsworth.

The Chairman advised that she has asked the Chatsworth Estate if they will contribute towards the cost of the Speed Indicator Device but had not yet received a response.

Councillor Hobson advised that the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Consultation starts on 3 August.

27/32 Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 18 May 2026, Full Council Meeting held on 18 May 2026 and Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2026

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

27/33 Matters Arising from the last meetings

None.

27/34 Chatsworth Road

It was agreed to purchase some dog fouling signs and flyers.

The Locum Clerk had obtained a quote for a Speed Indicator Device with it costing between £3,400 to £3,800. There will be a further cost for installation. The street light that it is installed on will need surveying and it was agreed that all the street lights on the section of Chatsworth Road are surveyed in case any fail the test.

27/35 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider.

27/36 Bus stops, Recreation Ground, Car Boots and Playground

The handyman has undertaken some work on the play equipment in the Recreation Ground. The Council have agreed to replace the swings in 2027 and climbing frame in 2028 and it was suggested that an Earmarked Reserve is set up for this purpose.

The Car Boot events have been running smoothly and payment is received after each event.

It was agreed to remove the agenda item for benches on the A6 as it has not been possible to confirm ownership.

The handyman duties are all up to date.

Councillor Hockley confirmed that all the verifications have now been completed for the Football Club grant application and confirmation of the necessary permission for the Haddon Estate is awaited prior to submission.

27/37 Allotments

The Locum Clerk reported that there has been an enquiry about the vacant allotment plot.

The Allotment holders are undertaking a tidy up of the site.

The survey for the water tap has been requested from STWA and it was agreed that if it is feasible for this to go ahead the Council will need to decide how the water usage is paid for.

27/38 Burial Ground

The Locum Clerk reported that there has been an internment in the Burial Ground since the last meeting.

27/39 Biodiversity Plans

No matters to report.

27/40 Road and Footpath issues

It was reported that strimming of footpaths has been undertaken.

27/41 Finance – July 2026 payments and accounts

	Net	Vat	Total
Mad4Ink	100.00	20.00	120.00
HMRC	130.80		130.80
EMAS	60.00		60.00
C Stone	200.30		200.30
PPPF	6.00		6.00
Stationery	10.50		10.50
Playsafety	83.00	16.60	99.60
Sand/Trowels	64.88		64.88
Sandbags	27.94		27.94
C Stone	210.00		210.00
Mad4Ink	100.00	20.00	120.00
Village Hall Hire	52.00		52.00
Payroll production	70.00		70.00
Shredding	20.00		20.00
BT	50.40		50.40
Key cutting	8.10		8.10
DALC	120.00		120.00
C Stone	199.99		199.99
	1513.91	56.60	1570.51

Bank Balances at 30/6/2026

Current Account	50.00
Reserve Account	19372.51

27/42 Village Hall

No matters to report.

27/43 Parish Magazine

Articles were submitted for publication.

27/44 Website

It was agreed that the new website will be considered when a permanent Clerk is appointed.

27/45 Correspondence

Previously circulated by email.

27/46 DALC

The most recent newsletter was circulated by email.

27/47 Recruitment of new Clerk

The job description and advert was agreed and thanks were expressed to the Chairman for the work undertaken on the job description.

The vacancy will be advertised on the DALC website and also be sent to Derbyshire Dales District Council.

It was agreed that the Contract of Employment will be confirmed at the September meeting.

27/48 White Peak Loop/Railway Line development

It was reported that Derbyshire County Council have agreed at a recent meeting to support further investigation by means of a feasibility study.

27/49 Insurance Renewal

It was agreed that the existing Insurance is renewed for a further 3 year period.

Dates of future meetings

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 9.10pm.