

MINUTES of the Ordinary ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 8th June 2022, 7.30pm, Rowde Village Hall

	<p>PRESENT: P Brown (Chair), J Dalley, C Greenwood, Josh Wills, L Wills, B Zaccarelli Public audience: Two Cllr Laura Mayes</p>
1.	<p>Apologies: D Pullen, A Humphreys, S Green Absent: Pat Bryant</p>
2.	<p>Register of business interests There were no business interests registered.</p>
3.	<p>Public question time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A positive comment was made about the cleanliness of the bus shelters in the village. It was noted that the bus shelter on the Poulshot side of Caen Hill is not very clean. The Clerk will report this (reported through My Wilts App). • A complaint was made about the overgrowth on the pavement on Devizes Road towards Dunkirk Hill. Cllr Mayes agreed to report this.
4.	<p>Councillor Resignation Chris Stevens has resigned from the Parish Council. The Parish Council thanked C Stevens for his contribution to the Parish Council over the past decade and wished him well for the future.</p>
5.	<p>Wiltshire Council Cllr Mayes congratulated the village on the Jubilee event. <u>Furlong Close</u> The sale of Furlong Close is progressing. The site will be purchased by company called SSH who will carry out the development work that is required. Provision for residents of Furlong Close will be in the model of ‘supported living’ with more tailored packages of care, rather than a residential provision. Each resident will have their own tenancy agreement and will become tenants in a supported living arrangement. A housing association, ‘Inclusion’ will lease the site from SSH. Care will be provided by ‘Aginicare’. The new manager is Peter Bates. <u>Silverwood</u> The next milestone for the project will be in early August when the Cross Laminate Timber frame (CLT) is installed. This will increase the volume of traffic to the site from the direction of Bromham. It was noted that the traffic light system is working well. The Highways operative who is managing the construction traffic is highways trained and has been undertaking some verge litter picking work. Wiltshire Council has employed a Highways consultation to work on the Traffic Regulation Order to extend the 30mph speed limit beyond the school. Cllr Mayes has requested information on postcodes for pupils who will be attending Silverwood School. The Passenger Transport Team has not received this data yet.</p>
6.	<p>Rowde Primary Academy School – Swimming pool Acting Headteacher, Miss Simpson, will attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the possibility of the school swimming pool becoming a community asset. The school pupil roll is falling and funding for the school is cut accordingly. This makes it difficult to carry out the necessary repairs needed for the pool. In addition, it has been decided that the pool is too shallow to allow Keys Stage 2 children (7-11) to use it for lessons.</p>

	There is an event to help clear the memorial garden at the school on 25 th June 2022. The school is looking for volunteers from the community to help. Please contact Rowde Primary School directly if you can give time to help in their garden.	
7.	Review of the minutes of the Annual Village Meeting The Parish Council reviewed the minutes from the village meeting held on 11 th May 2022. These will be approved at the next village meeting.	
8.	Agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 11th May 2022. J Dalley proposed and seconded C Greenwood that the minutes should be accepted. All Councillors who were present at the meeting agreed. It was proposed that A Humphreys joins L Wills in looking after the Parish Council's social media.	
9.	Matters arising and actions taken from meeting on 11th May 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C Greenwood will speak with A Humphreys regarding platform issues around the new website. • The Clerk has contacted the landowner of the bridleway ROWD27 and ROWD28 about applying for a grant for a kissing gate for that area. • The Parish Council arranged for the road sweeper to come to the village on 1st June 2022. The sweep on the A342 was difficult due to the mud that has been dragged from the adjacent fields and left on the road. The Parish Council has previously asked for the Parish Steward to clear this. It was agreed by the Parish Council that the tenant farmer will be written to ask them to clear the road the next time mud is left on the road by tractors. • P Brown looked at the tree at edge of Maundrell Close/High Street which is growing through the wall at the drive entrance to St Matthew's Church. Wiltshire Council has confirmed that the tree is in the curtilage of 8 Maundrell Close. The Clerk will send confirmation to J Dalley [confirmation has been sent to JD]. • A new crank handle (10mm) will be ordered, along with a new net for the tennis court. • Thank you to J Dalley & P Dalley for creating a portable stand for the flagpole. It was asked if a Ukrainian flag could be flown. 	CG
10.	Youth Club J Wills has met with Miss Simpson, Acting Head Teacher at Rowde Primary Academy to discuss the possibility of the Youth Club starting up again in the school. The School must seek approval from the Acorn Trust. The Youth Club would have to have liability insurance and pay for any damages that they cause. There would have to be a designated safeguarding lead. There is no storage space available at the school. L Wills agreed to ask the pre-school if they have any storage space. J Dalley will speak to a local resident about possibly storing items there. J Wills agreed to speak with Youth Action Wiltshire. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk was asked to re-send details of expenditure on the BMX track and skate park to J Dalley for discussion with the Youth Council. 	
11.	Finance Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly bank reconciliation & monthly invoices for May 2022 <u>May 2022 invoices</u> (total: £6,944.34) Admin costs: £1,929.63 Ground's maintenance: £937.13 Jubilee celebration: £1,210.44 Insurance: £1,417.14 Village donations: £1,450	

	<p>Payments were proposed by L Wills, seconded by C Greenwood (P Brown abstained from the vote on payments to L Brown for litter collecting). All other Councillors were in favour. <u>Request for donation from toddlers' group</u> of £403. The Clerk was asked to clarify if the group had been charged for the use of the hall during Covid. The Parish Council agreed to give the donation (proposed by J Dalley, seconded by C Greenwood. All Councillors present were in favour of making the donation).</p> <p><u>Finance Committee</u>: C Greenwood agreed to join the Finance committee. The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th July 1.30pm in the Rowdey Cow.</p>	
12.	<p>Allotments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that there are people waiting for an available allotment plot. • J Dalley will speak with M Somerville about strimming the grass area behind the PC Shed. • J Dalley will arrange for a grab lorry to remove the grounds waste at the allotments. 	<p>JD</p> <p>JD</p>
13.	<p>Platinum Jubilee Celebrations</p> <p>Thank you to B Zaccarelli, J Wills, C Greenwood, J Dalley, L Wills, R Berry and everyone who was involved with the celebration. The Sea Cadets were also commended for their work on the day. Many positive comments have been received about the day. The raffle raised £443.75, and the stalls and other donations raised £224.25. The total to be donated to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is £668.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to thank P Dawson, for the loan of the PA equipment. B Zaccarelli will write to others to say thank you.</p> <p>[Josh left the meeting].</p>	
14.	<p>Footpaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Dalley will draw a plan for the new footpath at Tanis path for Wiltshire Council to consider and approve. 	<p>JD</p>
15.	<p>Highways</p> <p><u>Update from the Community Speedwatch Team</u>. The Clerk noted that there are a very small number of people currently serving on the Speedwatch Team. Volunteers put forward to join the team are C Greenwood, L Wills, C Stevens, C Zaccarelli.</p> <p>The Clerk will send an advert for Speedwatch to L Wills to upload to the Facebook page.</p> <p><u>Bunnies Lane verge</u>: Residents have complained about the overgrown grass verge on Bunnies Lane. If overgrowth is hanging over the road or impeding the road, it is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain it.</p> <p><u>Village appearance</u>: M Somerville has agreed to regularly cut the grass at the entrance to Springfield Road from the High Street. The Parish Council will reimburse costs for fuel to do this.</p> <p><u>Marsh Lane</u>: the hedge near to the junction of Springfield Road needs to be cut. The Clerk will contact the grounds contractor to ask for this to be cut.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>LW</p> <p>Clerk</p>
16.	<p>Playing fields</p> <p>Large planning field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Dalley will install railings at the pedestrian entrance to the large playing field. • There is a donated table available for use in the playing field (12ft x 12ft). J Dalley agreed to send pictures of the table to the Parish Council to see if the Council would like it. • J Dalley has proposed to fill the potholes in Sands Lane with concrete. It was proposed to carry out this work in the next month. • J Dalley will speak with Bishops Cannings football team about whether they will need changing room facilities for the coming season. 	<p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a brief discussion on laying the hedge between the sports field and the allotments. This will be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting. • J Dalley asked about ownership of a shed at the allotments. • J Dalley proposed buying new goal posts (10ft long x 4ft high) for young people to use on the large playing field, while the existing posts are stored for the summer. J Dalley will source some goal posts and send details to members of the Parish Council. <p><u>Silverlands play area</u> The transfer paperwork is being prepared. It has been agreed that it will be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. L Wills has met with a playground equipment company called Playdale. L Wills will speak with idverde to see what equipment they can provide.</p>	Clerk JD
17.	<p>Planning <u>Planning Application:</u> PL/2022/03672, Dunkirk Hill Farm, Dunkirk Hill, Devizes Wilts, SN10 2BD, Lawful development: Existing use Certificate of lawfulness for the residential use of land and buildings. This application is on the border of Rowde Parish. C Greenwood noted that this application has been considered by Devizes Town Council and they do not support the application. There is currently a holiday let on the site and the application is attempting to get permission to build on the site. The Parish Council objects to the application as the site is outside of the development envelope of Devizes town. The Parish Council objects to the application as it does not want to see development on the northern escarpment of Devizes. <u>Neighbourhood Planning:</u> C Greenwood and the Clerk attended a Neighbourhood Planning meeting on 30th May 2022. The plan consultant said that all sites put forward would be assessed through the agreed methodology. After that, it may be considered necessary to alter the settlement boundary in Rowde.</p>	Clerk
18.	<p>Community Engagement Comments received on the Facebook page have said how popular the Jubilee event was and that residents loved the community spirit of it and loved the community being together.</p>	
19.	<p>Correspondence There was no further correspondence to report.</p>	
20	<p>Date of next Parish Council meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 13th July 2022, 7.30pm, Rowde Village Hall. <p>Everyone is welcome to attend all meetings.</p>	
	Closed meeting	
	<p>Minutes for salary review of E Brown were approved (Proposed by C Greenwood, seconded by B Zaccarelli. All Councillors were in favour – except P Brown who abstained from the vote)</p> <p>Minutes for the salary review of T Batten were approved (Proposed by J Dalley, seconded by P Brown. All Councillors were in favour.</p>	

A reminder that all requests for work/or goods must be presented to the relevant Committee first for authorisation.

Signed: Chairman Date:

