


Draft MINUTES of the Ordinary ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 9th March 2022, 7.30pm, Rowde Village Hall

	<p>PRESENT: P Brown (Chair), J Dalley, C Greenwood, A Humphreys, D Pullen, C Stevens, L Wills, Josh Wills, B Zaccarelli Public audience: Two</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies & Acceptance of Apologies Apologies: S Green, Cllr Laura Mayes Absent: Pat Bryant</p>	
2.	<p>Register of Members' Interests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P Brown did not take part in the discussion or vote on the salary review for L Brown. 	
3.	<p>Public Question Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback was given on the new village website, with thanks to A Humphreys for setting up the site. • An update was requested on the hedge cutting debris left in Bunnies Lane. P Brown has spoken to the hedge cutter, and they have noted the comments and will be more vigilant next time. • Concern was raised about footpath ROWD8, at the Hangings. The bank to the stream by the side of the footpath is eroding and the footpath is falling away. The bank will need to be restored to ensure the future safety of the footpath. 	
4.	<p>Wiltshire Council written update from Cllr Mayes. <u>Silverwood School.</u> There was a press release on 9th March 2022 about the planned traffic management for the construction work at Silverwood School. From 14th March 2022, there will be temporary traffic lights on A342, which will be permanently on green or turned off unless construction traffic needs to enter or leave the site. A concern was raised about the mud that will be left on the road by the construction vehicles and a question was asked about who will be responsible for clearing that. Second entrance: further conversations have taken place between the landowner and Wiltshire Council regarding a second permanent entrance. It does not look as if it will be possible to implement this due to costs. Wiltshire Council notes that they have consulted with Highways throughout the planning process and have visited other similar schools to look at the safe transportation of children. It has been a key part of the design for the development at Silverwood. A member of the Parish Council expressed concern about three hundred children all entering and exiting the site from the same point. The Clerk was asked to contact Wiltshire Council again to express continued concern about the proposal. <u>Furlong Close:</u> Discussions are continuing positively between the potential new developer and care providers. The CQC has published its most recent report on HfT and there have been improvements in their grading. They have moved from 'inadequate' to 'needs improvement'. The Friends and Family group still continue to meet. <u>Waste strike:</u> Talks between the unions and employers are continuing. Union members have been picketing the depots and it has been unsafe for some vehicles to leave the site. The Police have been involved.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>
5.	<p>Approve the minutes from the Parish Council meeting: 9th February 2022 The minutes were approved by the Parish Council (proposed by C Stevens, seconded L Wills. All Councillors were in favour).</p>	

6.	<p>Matters arising and actions from meeting on 9th February 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk has contacted the Devizes Policing Team and asked if a Community Support Officer could attend a Parish Council meeting. There has been no response yet. • The Clerk has asked Cllr Mayes if there is an opportunity to take on a redundant classroom in the County to use as a football changing room. • The Parish Council has donated £20.00 to the Rowde Village Hall towards the cost of the electricity for the village Christmas tree. • C Greenwood has inspected the two silver birch trees on the proposed asset transfer at Silverlands. The trees are in good condition. • L Wills has spoken to Rowde Primary Academy School, and they do not need the parish's MUGA. They are purchasing a much bigger one for the school. • The Clerk has asked the solicitor why the asset transfer of Silverlands Play Area does not go up to the boundary. The Parish Council agreed to proceed with the asset transfer. • C Greenwood noted that there is money available through the Devizes Area Board for play equipment. The next Area Board meeting will be on 20th June 2022. • The Parish Council thanked R Wills, C Greenwood and M Somerville for tending to fallen trees on Marsh Lane, after Storm Eunice. • Further complaints were raised about cars parking on the pavement next to Slade's Garage. The Chairman noted that the parking on pavements will be illegal soon. • The Clerk has asked the Parish Steward to clear the mud from the roadside along A342 by the bus shelter. • The Clerk has also asked the Parish Steward to repair the highway at the lay-by opposite the bus shelter on Devizes Road, as the road has deteriorated by the edge. • The Clerk has started the process to obtain mapping software. • M Somerville will look at leveling the skate grind box at the skate park. • It was suggested that a mobile welder is needed to look at repairing the steel bridge on footpath ROWD11. • The public bin at the bus stop on Caen Hill has not been emptied and there is waste piled up by the side of it. 	
7.	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>The Parish Council was issued with the bank reconciliation and payment schedule in advance of the meeting. There were no comments on the bank reconciliation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Humphreys obtained a two-week free trial for the website. The Parish Council can now purchase a subscription. The domain name has been renewed for a further year and has now been transferred to the new host. <p>Monthly invoices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments were approved for the following, proposed by C L Wills and seconded by C Stevens (P Brown abstained from voting on payment to E Brown for litter collecting). All other Councillors were in favour. <p>February <u>invoices</u> (total: £11,245.58) Admin costs: £1,263.19 Ground's maintenance: £1,100.99 Fencing (Tower View play area): £8647.05 Misc. (shed, allotments, donations): £234.35 Finance Committee meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will take place on 21st March 7.00pm in the Cross Keys. Parish Councillors are welcome to attend. 	

<p>8.</p>	<p>Platinum Jubilee Event</p> <p>B Zaccarelli has been working on a proposal for the celebrations on the Jubilee weekend (June 2022).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal is for the village to host a picnic in the park on Saturday 4th June 2022, from 12pm – 3pm on the small playing field. • The grass will need to be re-seeded after the recent fencing work. J Dalley agreed to look at this. <p><u>Entertainment:</u> St Matthew’s Church have kindly offered to make tea for the event. The Rowdey Cow has offered to bring their ice-cream bicycle. The G & D pub have offered to sell Pims & beer, which the Parish Council voted in favour of. People will be invited to bring their own tables, chairs, picnic blankets. There may be some stalls selling crafts.</p> <p>There was discussion on whether there should be entertainment. P Brown agreed to speak with Paula Winchcombe. C Greenwood agreed to speak with his contact at Fantasy Radio. It will be necessary to consider whether a stage is needed, or a small curtain sided lorry.</p> <p><u>Safety:</u> Hi-vis jackets were discussed. L Wills agreed to ask the Primary School if they have some that can be borrowed.</p> <p>A Humphreys proposed that T Humphreys could act as First Aider for the event.</p> <p><u>Funding:</u> The Parish Council has ring fenced £2k for community celebrations. The Parish Council agreed that money could be spent from this fund, with power delegated to the Chairman and Clerk. The Parish Council is looking to purchase a Jubilee mug for children in the village. L Wills will look at costs.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Parish Council should gauge how many people would like to attend. The Clerk will ask people to register their interest.</p> <p><u>Other events</u> taking place over the Jubilee weekend will be a family event at the Rowdey Cow, a salads and puds event at St Matthew’s Church (Friday 3rd June 6.00pm), a barbeque and quiz at the G & D, and a possible disco at the Cross Keys. It was suggested that Sunday could be left for people to have their own street parties. There will be a Songs of Praise in St Matthew’s Church at 4pm.</p> <p>R Berry has proposed that the Primary School holds a Jubilee drawing competition. Winning entries will appear on the cover of the June/July issue of the Rowde Village News.</p> <p><u>Committee:</u> The Clerk will put a notice in the Rowde Village News and ask for people to join a Jubilee Committee. C Stevens, L Wills, R Berry agreed to join the committee. There is a request for bunting or for people to make bunting.</p>	<p>PB CG LW LW</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Highways and Village Appearance</p> <p><u>Tanis footpath:</u> J Dalley has discussed the proposed footpath with the new tenant farmer and members of the Parish Council. There is an intention for the Parish Council to create a permissive footpath inside the hedge line and to carry out the work themselves. There is an issue around crossing the stream or exiting pedestrians onto the road at the point of the stream. It was proposed that the Parish Council could apply to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to fund a bridge to cross this area.</p> <p>The Parish Council is still waiting for consent from Wiltshire Council for the proposal. J Dalley has proposed that the work can be carried out for around £9k.</p> <p><u>Best Kept Village competition:</u> the Parish Council voted against entering the Best Kept Village Competition, as it was placed last in the previous year. It was suggested that the parish works towards entering next year.</p> <p><u>Highways:</u> J Dalley and the Clerk has met with Matt Perrott, the new Highways Engineer for this area, to discuss flooding by the bus shelter on the A342. M Perrott has identified some ditch work which could be carried out on both sides of the road to alleviate flooding</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>in this area. It will mean that the makeshift lay-by area opposite the bus shelter will be lost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the A342 also floods by the Rowdey Cow. 	
10.	<p>Playing Fields & Play Areas</p> <p>Large Playing Field</p> <p>There has been an issue around securing additional cuts for the football pitch. The grass has grown unseasonably quickly and the contract for grounds maintenance did not recommence until 1st March. The football team that uses the pitch said they were unable to play on it due to the length of the grass. The Parish Council's regular contractor was unable to help on this occasion. Devizes Town Council were asked to carry out a one off cut on the pitch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Dalley is arranging to fill the potholes on the Sands Lane track. The track will likely be closed overnight. It was suggested that the potholes are blown out to get a more compacted fill. • M Somerville has cut back a tree overhanging the BMX track; weed killed the basketball court and removed the derelict public bin. • M Somerville will look at repairs needed for the skate park equipment. • The Parish Council agreed to expenditure of up to £500 for the pedestrian gate to be installed next to the tennis court. <p>Small Playing Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The field gate has been replaced, with thanks to J Dalley. • The new seat for the toddlers' picnic bench has been powder coated and will be refitted soon, with thanks to M Somerville. The other seats have been removed and repaired for woodworm. The correct bolts will be used to replace all of the seats. • Other work completed by M Somerville includes replacing broken picket pales on church park fence, tightening bolts on climbing frame. • The wooden bench outside of the toddlers' play area has been removed for repair work to be carried out on it. • It was noted that the lock is wedged open on the toddlers, gate. <p>Silverlands Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The asset transfer is continuing. • J Dalley proposed knocking door to door to obtain views of local families. L Wills has engaged with local families and the Primary School. 	
11.	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>Planning Application</u></p> <p>PL/2021/11580: Chapel House, Marsh Lane, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2NP. Replace deteriorated arched wood window with UPVC first floor window to fit existing arched brickwork opening on the first floor. Replace existing back door with UPVC French doors. Responses by 31/3/22. The Parish Council had no objections to the application.</p>	
12.	<p>Allotments</p> <p>There were no updates.</p>	
13.	<p>Footpaths</p> <p>Work will begin on the footpaths when the weather improves.</p> <p>C Stevens said it was not possible to walk the footpath from Tanis to Rowdefield Farm.</p> <p>There is a request for more footpath volunteers.</p>	
14.	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>L Wills suggested a village clean up on 2nd 3rd April.</p>	
15.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>There was no further correspondence to report.</p>	

	Confidential notes of salary review for L Brown kept separately.	
	Date of next Parish Council meetings  Wednesday 9 th March 2022, 7.30pm. Rowde Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend all meetings.	

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

Signed: Chairman Date: