

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

We started our February Council meeting with the co-option a new parish councillor. Fred Fosberry is a past councillor who now has more time available and wants to get back involved with the local community. Previously he has been a youth leader at the Youth Club and organised the village Flower Show. We very much welcome him onto the Council.

Two of the three pubs in the parish have been struggling in recent times but I am pleased to report there may be better times ahead. The Flying Bull has new publicans, Len and Mel, along with new menus and things are looking up for this local in Rake. Although the White Horse in Rogate has been shut for a while a lot has been going on behind the scenes and you can read more about it in this issue. I just wanted to thank Emma and Nick Yellop for taking on the brunt of the work to date and urge anyone with time and expertise to save the pub to respond to Emma's 'call to arms' as more help is needed.

Around the parish there are a number of black and white finger post signs that date back to the 1930s. Some are in a poor state and others have been lost. Apparently, these are the responsibility of the Parish Council and not WSCC Highways. Consequently, we are undertaking a review of their condition and obtaining quotes for their repair. If you remember any that have disappeared please let us know so we can consider reinstating them.

We heard that the Youth Club has appointed a new leader and we wish her every success.

Finally, we agreed updated versions of our Financial Regulations, Banking Procedures, Internal Controls and Risk Assessments. These are all available for inspection on our website www.rogateparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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