

Rogate Parish Council – letter from the Chairman March 2021

Following on from last month, the second speed indicator device has now been delivered and is in operation in Rogate. With two devices we can now use them more frequently at the 8 WSCC approved locations in Rake, Hillbrow and Rogate. As detailed in the SID article published last month, data indicates that they do have a positive impact. We were concerned that budgetary pressures on WSCC this coming year would affect the Rake Community Highways Scheme but the good news is that it remains in the programme for delivery by Highways some time over the next 12 months.

The finger post on the corner of Bull Hill and Canhouse Lane has now been refurbished. This is the last old-style finger post we are aware of in the parish and completes the project to restore all of them. If you are passing please take a look, it does look good.

In my March letter I said that the SSE hard standing at the top of North Street was to be removed. A planning application has since been received to retain the hard standing and this is being considered by SDNPA planning.

The drainage works near Sandhill financed under the operation watershed scheme have now been completed and we are now turning our attention to the problems in North Street. We shall be looking at this over the next few weeks.

The WSCC boundary panel has agreed to our request to reduce the number of Parish Councillors from 12 to 9 from the next election, subject to public consultation. This is good news as it will help us retain the full complement of your councillors and I am sure we can be just as effective with 9 people.

We are currently considering a litter picking day. We haven't set a day yet, but hopefully in May or early June in line with the national schemes. We are checking what we are allowed to do under the current regulations. More news in the next few weeks.

My final comment is a note of caution, we understand that there have been a number of thefts of water troughs and machinery from outbuilding in the Milland valley and the surrounding area. Please be on your guard.

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