

Rogate Parish Council – Chairman’s letter

As mentioned in the May letter the Neighbourhood Plan is, after many years in preparation, drawing to a conclusion with a referendum to be held on the 1st July. A more detailed explanation of the plan is included later in the magazine and events will be held in Rake and Rogate before the referendum. This plan helps to define the future of our Parish for many years, so please get involved and vote on the 1st July.

Deidre Walking has resigned from the Council. She brought a wealth of expertise, particularly on planning matters and we thank her for contribution during the short time that she was with us. We now have another vacancy so please apply if you feel you can help with the function of the Parish Council – we would be especially pleased to hear from anybody who was able to represent Parsonage or the village centre.

We have had strong support the White Horse footpath with 45 forms being submitted to the Rights of Way team at West Sussex Council. The next step is for the objections to be considered and the application being put before the Rights of Way Committee. We understand this process is likely to take several months.

We have also made an application to reduce the number of Councillors from 13 to 9 and West Sussex County Council have now started the consultation process.

Our recent Litter Pick Day was a great success, despite the weather being against us. The litter pick volunteers collected ?? bags of rubbish. We identified several areas where littering was a particular problem and have contacted the relevant department at West Sussex CC for assistance. Many thanks to all who helped on the day.

I am pleased to say that the defaced finger post at the junction of Fyning Lane and Dangstien Road has been fully restored by Southern Water.

In conclusion, please find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan and importantly, plan to vote on the 1st July. Meanwhile, we are keen to hear from you if you are interested in becoming a councillor – please call myself or the Clerk.

Max Harwood