

Rogate Parish Council – Chairman's letter

As we move into autumn strange things are happening. The Parish Council meetings are moving away from zoom and will be meeting in Rogate Village Hall at 5pm on the 11th October. That has not happened for close on 18 Months.

This is also the last reminder for those considering applying for a grant - our Finance Committee meeting is on the 4th October. This is when the draft budget for 2022/23 will be prepared. We have managed to retain the precept at the current level for the past 7 years but it is possible that inflation is going to catch up with us. More on that in next month's magazine.

For anyone who has recently walked in Terwick Wood may have noticed the pink spot markings on some of the pine trees. These trees are destined to be felled as part of our woodland management plan and will give the necessary space for others to grow more strongly. As mentioned last month the work will be carried out with minimal disruption to the wood and its wildlife.

I also mentioned in last month's letter that we needed a new person to tend to the Hugo Platt playground. I am pleased to say that Sean Farren has taken on the role. The garden club has done a great job on the planter by East Lodge in Rogate which is appreciated by many, I am sure. We are currently looking for a new planter to be placed in a safer location at the Parsonage end of the village. The current planter has disintegrated and sadly, the sign is still missing.

The work on the bus shelter by the Flying Bull in Rake continues to be delayed as the volunteers have been called away to support the effort to rehouse refugees from Afghanistan. I wish them well on that project. No more news on our annual footpath clearance.

We are starting to look at celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee next year. Please contact the Parish Council or the Village Hall with suggestions and of course, offers of support.

I will close with a plug for the Big Green Week, 18th to 26th September. Please join in and pop along to see the displays at Rogate Church especially the gallery of pictures of the outdoor green areas owned by Parish Council.

Max Harwood, Chairman