



Meeting held in Rogate Village Hall starting at 5.00pm.

Parish Councillors in attendance: Chairman Max Harwood (MH), Adrian Collins (AC), Zoe Maclehose (ZM), Elena McCloskey (EM), Gerard McCloskey (GM) and Mairi Rennie (MR).

Clerk: Debbie Harknett

There was two members of the public in attendance.

District/County Councillor: Kate O'Kelly (KOK)

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- 1) **It was noted the meeting would not be recorded.**
- 2) **Apologies for absence were received and accepted** from Laura Craven(LC) & Steve Williamson(SW).
- 3) **There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.**
- 4) **The minutes of the last meeting** held on **11th October 2021** were approved by the Council as a true record to be signed by Chairman.
- 5) **Public representation** – none at this time.
- 6) **County & District Councillor reports** – KOK reported:
As County Councillor:
 - a) Covid data is high - 623 new cases in Chichester; 4,494 in WS for 7 days to 23rd October.
 - b) Test and trace support scheme (paying eligible residents £500 to self-isolate) has been extended to 31 March 2022 - www.chichester.gov.uk/helpwithfinances
 - c) KOK has submitted motion to persuade WSCC to have a more flexible speed policy including introducing 20mph where appropriate. The Council believe promoting active travel and improved road safety is priority and therefore calls upon cabinet member for Highways and Infrastructure to introduce a more flexible policy on speed reduction and other measures such as quiet lanes – all of which have potential to improve road safety, air quality and encourage active travel. She attended the 20-is-plenty zoom discussion with a new group of people working across the county.
 - d) Adult social care savings were identified by closing Marjorie Cobby House in Selsey and stopping funding Shaw day services. They are recommending to the cabinet at this unprecedented time the decision is deferred for 6 months.As District Councillor:
 - e) Supporting the vulnerable new fund (part of national £500m) scheme is being worked on with WSCC.
 - f) Housing progress - short term accommodation - 3 refurbished flats ready for use & 17 more planned.
 - g) Environment – Lib Dem group proposing motion to next full council to put more pressure on Southern Water re sewage discharges and calling for real time boards so residents know current water state.
 - h) Trees – more than 8,000 will be planted this winter as one of 5 rural areas in DEFRA funded scheme.
 - i) Christmas parking offer of extra free hour when 2 hours bought at most CDC owned car parks.KOK's next drop-in at White Hart, South Harting – Monday 15th November 10.30-12.30.
Questions:
 - j) GM asked about situation in county care homes with vacancies and staff. KOK confirmed the care home and home care sector has a need with rural areas a real problem.
 - k) In response to a further question KOK explained there is homelessness across CDC with the majority of rough sleepers in towns. During covid they were able to use temporary accommodation (like Butlins) to get people off the streets but this is no longer available. The units being refurbished are to help prevent families using expensive B&B's which might not be within the district. A community team are working hard to help Afghanistan refugees with WS taking some as it is close to Gatwick.
 - l) In response to AC's question KOK explained the 20mph principal is to be more flexible with the ability to listen to residents rather than make decisions purely based on such things as the number of recorded accidents, driveways and residential frontages. In future cars will be able to govern how fast they are being driven so speed limits may not need the same amount of policing.
- 7) **Chairman's report** – MH's report had been circulated prior to the meeting:
 - a) Fyning Recreation Ground – the Clerk has visited WSCC records office and taken certified photos of several documents which have been sent to our solicitor to discuss with the land registry.
 - b) Gym lease – we were unhappy with the first draft so this has been reported to solicitors for a redraft.

- c) Public Rights of Way footpath team are due to visit the parish to clear paths. Fyning Hill are carrying out some remedial work on a bridleway we raised concerns about.
- d) The new noticeboard for outside the shop has been delivered to the Clerk. We need a handyman (or 2) to put it up – suggestions to the Clerk. One of the bus shelters also needs a repair.
- e) Bus shelter cleaning has been streamlined so it is all carried out by Mick Butcher – thanks to Julie Reed for many years of looking after the Fyning shelters.
- f) He and KOK attended the 20-is-plenty zoom call. The issues with not applying a 20mph limit to more roads rests with the County Council. Kate is building support to challenge this position.
- g) We understand the Trustees of Rogate and Terwick Housing Association are seeking to transfer the assets of the association to Petersfield Housing Association – this includes East Lodge and 8 properties at Hugo Platt. Given the close relationship of East Lodge with the village and its vulnerable residents this has raised a fair amount of correspondence. He has contacted the trustees to seek further information/clarification and understands the shareholders (of which the parish council is one) will be consulted when an offer has been agreed. MR added that the village raised money to build East Lodge which then used its funding to help build Hugo Platt.

Matters for discussion:

8) Meeting dates 2022 including Annual Parish Meeting

Proposed dates (continuing second Monday of each month) had been circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed together with Thursday 7th April for the Annual Parish Meeting.

9) Highway Matters

- a) MH explained different concerns have been raised about highway matters in Rogate (motorbike noise, Fyning lane junction, 20-is-plenty scheme, church wall damage, green lanes, Haben bridge and accidents on the Durleighmarsh and S bends on A272) but there is no common theme and central collection point.
- b) AC explained Rake joined together to pro-actively establish a group to work on the Community Highways Scheme (CHS). It involved an enormous amount for work (which can be done by an individual or any group). He emphasised a large part of a scheme being adopted by WSCC Highways is demonstrating the level of community support for what is being proposed. Rake did so initially by forming an active community speed watch (CSW) group managed by volunteers before embarking on work on the CHS application. The PC acquisition of Speed Indicator devices have proved to be a very effective local 'self-help' measure in calming traffic on the main roads in the parish, including the Fyning lane junction with the A272 in Rogate. The difficulty in finding volunteers for managing SID in Rogate contrasted with Rake and perhaps is an indicator of the level of community concern for the issue in that area. The SID in Rogate is now managed very efficiently by a volunteer who is resident on Fyning Lane. The Hillbrow residents have gone further by forming an association and donating sufficient funds to the Parish Council for the purchase a SID, associated traffic post and village gateways on their Road.
- c) A MOP understood that CHS are expensive and that only part of the original plan for Rogate was implemented. However, she felt that small things could be done to make things better in addition to the SID'S that are moved around the village. She asked the council to consider:
 - i) Road signs that are obscured by vegetation and/or dirty should be reported – currently the one in the middle of Rogate village centre is very muddy and obscured. MR noted she recently reported one at Terwick Common and it was cleared within a few days.
Agreed: article for R&T encouraging everybody to report through 'lovesussex' and to Clerk.
 - ii) A272 Rogate Road by Garage has coloured markings and rumble bars that are no longer red or effective – are these maintained? AC understand from Highways they are repaired along with the road surface but do not have a special maintenance budget
Agreed: MOP to do lovesussex enquiry asking for them to be re-instated.
 - iii) Why does the 30mph in Rogate not extend to include Fyning and this junction with the A272. There appear to longer stretches in other parishes such as Cocking, Singleton and Tillington.
Agreed: AC to ask through 'WSCC Highways Enquiry system.'
 - iv) FOI request for statistics to better understand traffic levels, accidents/noise and how these are applied to each of the villages. AC explained Highways traffic data is readily available from the embedded 'data loops' (one is located on A272 at Durleighmarsh and another on B2070 in Rake). Given the action re enquiry re 40/30mph at iv above, no additional action was agreed at this stage.
 - v) Village gateways for Fyning area may help show drivers they are entering a more built-up area and where the exit from Fyning Lane is blind on one side. AC explained gateways have to be

approved by Highways and S115 consent issued. Requirement for a specific design/materials, purchased from selected companies & installed by a WSCC Highways approved contractor. Rogate road residents are in the process of applying for permission, purchasing 2 signs (approx. £500 each) and obtaining quotes for their installation in Hillbrow. He reminded the meeting that one is also due to be installed at Rake as our contribution to the CHS.

Agreed: to determine final cost of two installed gateways at Hillbrow so the expense/effectiveness can be analyzed before considering other locations (other than already committed in the Rake CHS scheme).

A MOP left with thanks.

10) Community road verge project

- a) ERA (Eco Rother Action) group have asked if we would like to work with them to make an application to WSCC for a community verge – the area near the Alpaca fields on the A272 at Terwick has previously been suggested. WSCC are looking for another 10 verges for their project. Costs are unknown but it is hoped that much work would be carried out by volunteers and possible community sponsorship. After discussion, MR's proposal of **resolution 'to support ERA's application to WSCC at Terwick to nominate the verge on the A272 for WSCC Community Verge project'** was seconded by ZM, with two abstentions and everybody else in favour the motion was carried. MH suggested the group talk to the adjacent landowner before an application is made.
- b) Clerk added SW has asked if the area opposite Rake Garden Centre could also be considered.
- c) MR added SDNP are also looking at rewilding schemes which may be another opportunity – to be discussed more at the next Open Spaces meeting.

11) **Platinum Jubilee 2022 plans** – GM noted he is investigating a food festival.

12) Finance report and matters

- a) GM reminded Members that the Finance committee are due to meet in two weeks to go through the final detail of the budget.
- b) GM explained he would like to bench-mark our finances against other parishes – how much we spend, what we do, what others do etc. – he may ask KOK some questions.
- c) Non-cheque signatory – EM to check the reconciliation.
- d) Bank payments authorisation – MH and AC to approve this month's online payments.

Receipts and payments approved:

Receipts noted:		
Rogate Road Residents Assoc	Donation for SID post	£1,103.76
Payments approved:		
Clerk/RFO	Salary/PAYE/Pension	Undisclosed
Debbie Harknett	Zoom video conferencing monthly cost	£14.39
D.W.Dolby	Terwick wood rhododendron treatment	£312.00
Rogate Village Hall	Room hire	£22.00
R.J. Playgrounds	Playground repairs	£2,280.00
Information Commissioners Office	Annual registration fee	£40.00

Committee reports:

13) Planning Committee -

- a) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 27th September 2021 were received.
- b) The zoom Planning Committee meeting on 15th November 2021 was noted.
- c) It was noted some concerns have been raised about the Pumpkin Patch event – traffic, noise, rubbish. KOK suggested contacting Laurence Foord, CDC Events Officer - Clerk will contact him.

14) Finance Committee –

The zoom Finance Committee meeting on Monday 29th November 2021 was noted.

15) Open Spaces

- a) The zoom Open Spaces Committee meeting on Monday 22nd November 2021 was noted.
- b) MH noted 2 days holly grubbing (organized by Roger Fitter) is currently underway at Terwick Woodland after which they hope to clear the gorse from Oliver's Piece.
- c) Oliver's Piece steps/handrail installation - MH reminded members of quote discussed last month and proposed **resolution 'to accept quote put forward by SW to replace 9 slabs, erect 4 treated pine fence posts and cylindrical rail at a cost of £379'** was seconded by AC and unanimously approved.

Working groups:

16) RATA – AC's report had been circulated prior to the meeting

- a) The road works for the CHS are continuing beyond the anticipated duration of 6 weeks.
- b) WSCC Highways have given the necessary S115 consent for a pair of village gateways on the Rogate Road verge immediately in front of the 40mph speed restriction signs. These gateways, approved by WSCC are approx. £500 each and this cost is being met by Rogate Road Residents Association. Quotes are being obtained for their installation and the PC have been asked to consider meeting this cost. It will be considered at the December meeting when quotes have been received.
- c) A village gateway on the London Road, Rake formed part of the CHS as a self-funded element of the scheme proposal. A S115 consent application will be made for a single gateway on the right-hand verge just beyond the 30 mph (to be) speed restriction sign and Oliver's Piece on the approach to the village from the Petersfield direction. There is no space for a gateway on the other side of the road. It is felt that gateways on the approach to Rake from the Liphook direction will not have the desired effect given the various traffic signs (e.g. 'School') already in place there.
- d) As resolved at the October PC meeting a works order has been placed for the slotted traffic post for the operation of SID in an easterly direction on Rogate Road, Hillbrow and it is expected to be in position within the next two weeks.

17) Drainage issues/operation watershed – MH noted WSCC have cleared the drains in North Street, Rogate which should prevent immediate flooding but further investigative work is required as one drain is still blocked and another appears to have dropped. We are waiting to hear when a radar survey will be carried out so the next steps and a possible Operation Watershed application can be made for remedial work. The farmer has dug a large ditch in his field to help prevent some of the sand run-off but it appears to have made a large dip in the footpath.

18) Projects and grants – EM reminded the meeting she is keeping an eye out for grants and is aware of some more – they all have different criteria. Please share project ideas!

Village organisation reports:

19) Rogate and Rake Schools – MH noted that everything appears ok with pupil recruitment increasing – the schools have a good reputation as a very caring group of schools with good management.

20) START (Community Land Trust) – MR noted they had a positive response to a recent R&T article and the AGM. The site at the Flying Bull may be their first affordable home and two other sites are being discussed with SDNP planning and Hastoos. A new allocation policy is being considered and a new housing survey is now required.

21) Rogate & Rake Village Halls – MH noted Rogate annual users' meeting on Thursday 25 November.

22) Youth Club – MR noted Ann Arnold will give a report to the Village Hall AGM but is unable herself to recruit a new leader – it has to be done by the youth club committee.

23) White Horse – MH noted a working party to save the pub reached the stage where offers were made to Harvey's but they have yet to receive a response. There has been an attempted break-in at the property so windows have now been boarded up. MH has written to Harveys expressing concern over the deterioration of this listed building within the conservation area and asked for a meeting.

24) Correspondence -

- a) Emails as previously circulated.
- b) Clerk noted she is in contact with SSE and planner authority about the re-instatement of the Rogate site that was originally due to be removed by September – latest is that it will be needed for the storage of spoil and won't be removed until March.
- c) Bank statements received – filed in finance file.

25) Information for the Council (for noting or inclusion on a future Agenda) – none.

26) Date of next meeting – the next Full Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday 13th December 2021 at 5.00pm at Rogate Village Hall.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.35pm.

Chairman:

Max Harwood