

Rogate Parish Council – Chairman’s letter

The conversation around East Lodge/Hugo Platt continues. The Parish Council recognise that over time and with updates and new legislation that changes need to happen. Nothing stands still. We would like to ensure that the options are fully considered with all interested parties having a full understanding.

We are again planning an annual litter pick. The timing of this needs to be before the roadside vegetation starts to grow but at a time when it is a little warmer. We are going to hold the event on Saturday 30th April. Hopefully, you will be able to find a small amount of time to come along and lend a hand. All equipment supplied. Full information later in the magazine.

Good news on the traffic calming measures in Rake. The highways traffic count system has been restored for the data loop in Rake (outside the Garden Centre). This shows the mean average speed in both directions has reduced from 40.4mph (2019) to 34.6 (without SID) to 33.2 (with SID). The vehicle count shows volume of traffic is similar to pre-pandemic at total average of 6500 vehicles a day (in both directions). The village gateways on the Rogate Road should be up by now. Rake will have a gateway installed on the grass verge near Oliver’s Piece in the next few weeks.

We applied for and have been awarded a Chichester District Council grant of £250 for the Jubilee celebrations. The money will go towards a community orchard at Rogate Village Hall with a small amount will be left over to help towards the large screen TV at the Rogate Village Hall celebrations. We have only just been informed about Rake’s plans and hope to consider a grant for them next month.

Finally, a big thank you to Nick Heasman and his team for planting wildflowers and tree on the entrance to the Parsonage. We look forward to seeing the results as the seeds germinate and start to flower.

Max Harwood, Chairman