

## Rogate Parish Council – Chairman's letter

By the time you read this it is very likely Rogate and Terwick Housing Association will have given £500,000 and the freeholds on properties in Hugo Platt and East Lodge to PHA Homes. We did see a number of different opportunities but we were not allowed close enough to the information to put forward a credible plan. We, together with some other shareholders did vote against the proposal but there was a majority in favour as there was no obvious alternative. The community have lost a valuable asset. On the plus side the residents have continuity and PHA have very good customer ratings and improvements to the properties continues. We are hopeful the Parish Council will nominate a local representative (John Craven) to the PHA board and we are pulling together a group of 4 people to look after the residents and review any development plans. We look forward to phase 2. At the July Parish Council meeting, we agreed a grant of £1,000 to Rogate school. Now for a little plug - the grant was to buy books to support early years reading and is part of an appeal by the school to raise £5,000. The appeal is going well, but if you should feel like supporting, please do.

The damaged bench at The Dell has been repaired and some of the area has been tidied up with the help of Laura Craven and local residents.

Damage to the railings between bottom of school lane and Parsonage - we are in contact with WSCC Highways to try and re-open the footpath as soon as possible. We would also like to see ideas for a replacement barrier. It must be possible to find something that is safe, visible and looks fairly good.

Adrian Collins is working with the National Trust and the Milestone society to try to re-instate our old milestone back to the village – it was moved to Petworth for safekeeping during WWII.

We are speeding through the year and it will soon be time for us to consider annual Parish Council grants - if you have suggestions where the Parish Council can support, please let the clerk or me know.

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Chairman, Rogate Parish Council