

## Rogate Parish Council – Chairman’s letter

A new chapter begins for the residents of Rogate and Terwick Housing Association. The final vote agreed 19 votes for to 5 against to transfer the properties to PHA Homes Ltd. We understand that it needs to be approved by the regulator but that is a formality. The next step is the village representative (nominated by the PC) will be appointed to the PHA board, that is John Craven. He has selected a team of four who will representing the residents and consult on plans as they develop. A separate article on this is included in the magazine.

The Dell, just west of the entrance to Fyning Lane, was created to celebrate the Silver Jubilee, with a number of now mature trees being donated by local residents. Over the years the area has fallen into disrepair. A big thank you to Laura Craven and the team of local residents for clearing the area, clearing the path and painting the railings. The Council arranged for the bench to be repaired. Still some trees to cut back, but it looks great.

Whilst on the subject of areas created by local residents, we have obtained permission from WSCC highways for ERA (Eco Rother Action) to plant a wildflower area at Frog Hole.

We have been alerted to a change in pre-planning applications – Planning Officers have been overwhelmed by responses from individuals and parishes, so pre-app information has been removed from SDNP website though should be included if a later application is received. We have alerted other parishes to this change and are asking for this useful information to be restored to the SDNP website.

We have become increasingly aware of concern over long ambulance response times, this has been passed to Kate O’Kelly the District and County Councillor, she has issued a press release and is seeking to raise awareness.

If you are aware of any problems with roads/footpaths or fly tipping please report to the appropriate body – WSCC ‘lovesussex’ for roads/footpaths and CDC for fly tipping. Contact details are our website [www.rogateparishcouncil.gov.uk/useful-links/](http://www.rogateparishcouncil.gov.uk/useful-links/). A photo and the ‘what3three words’ address is very helpful. Please let us know too (especially if there are persistent problems) or if you have any difficulties using the system.

To close, the weather has been fantastic but it has made the ground and woods dry. Please take extra care to avoid fires when using BBQ’s and cigarettes etc.

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Chairman, Rogate Parish Council