

Rogate Parish Council Chairman's letter

The Parish Council have several things on the go with residents where we are awaiting decisions, these include the community highways scheme in the centre of Rogate village, the traffic regulation orders in Fyning Lane and on Rogate Road, Hillbrow by the Jolly Drover. We assisted Rogate Village Hall with a grant application to SSE for a generator to create an emergency warm space and we are awaiting dates for the commencement of flood prevention works in North Street. Just a few of the things on the list but we are keen to keep them moving.

New this month, as many may be aware the Rogate Youth club has closed, we hope temporarily. We have been keen to get this restarted, but nothing yet, despite different people trying. As part of that the old youth club held some funds which were to go to Sussex Youth Clubs for Young People, but this organisation has closed. As a result, the Parish Council has agreed to hold these funds and to ring fence the money for a time when a suitable opportunity arise to provide something for the youth of Rogate and Rake. It would be fantastic if someone had some ideas around this. Would love to hear from you.

We have been advised that Garbitts Wood is overgrown and difficult to access. We have contacted the Woodland Trust who manage the wood and they are organising the annual clearance. If you are a regular user of the wood we would like to hear from you.

We are currently looking at options to give the village hall playground a small make over and preserve the equipment. No decision yet but when we decide it is likely to involve closure of the playground for a couple of days.

Those who live on the London road between Hillbrow and Rake know the dreadful noise caused by vehicle tyres on the ragged road surface. It was a welcome surprise that WSCC Highways, without any notice at all, undertook 'surface treatment' of the road. The result is a more even surface and noticeably less noise.

To finish this month's article another plea for a couple of new councillors. I have set out a few of the things we are involved with above but we are currently not connecting with all parts of the parish and it would be great to increase our number, have new ideas and closer contact in different parts of the parish. If you feel you can help please get in contact.

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Chairman, Rogate Parish Council