

## Rogate Parish Council Chairman's letter

As we move from summer into autumn the work of the Parish Council has a season trend. Firstly, and big thank you to Laura and the working party who cleared the Dell ready for the winter. The path provides a safe and attractive route along part of the A272 between Fyning and Rogate.

We mentioned in previous articles that the PC has received a £500 grant from the County Council to commemorate the Coronation. The PC agreed to spend this money on bulbs and to plant the bulbs around the parish. Laura has taken delivery of a large quantity of bulbs, we are looking for suggestions where to plant them and very shortly we shall be seeking will people to help to plant the bulbs ready for spring. In addition to this a group in Rake are going to plant wild flowers on a section of Bull Hill recreation ground. If you have ideas on where to plant the bulbs or would like to join either of the working parties please, please get in touch.

We have finally heard back on the drainage work in North Street. The work is scheduled to start on the 2nd October and will last for 7 weeks. During that period North Street for the A272 to the Village Hall will be closed or subject to traffic light control. Diversions will be in place. For the houses directly affected, they will be contacted separately. This has been a long term project and we look forward to seeing the flooding finally being tackled.

We currently have 3 applications in for alterations to the speed limits upon local roads. The request for a 20mph limit in Fyning Lane has been rejected at the first stage. We have sought clarification with the intention of putting forward a new application. If you have any views on this, both for and against we would appreciate hearing from you. The second application is for a 20mph limit in the centre of Rogate, no news yet. The third application is a 30mph limit on Rogate Road near the Jolly Drover. This application has been accepted at the first stage and we are awaiting to hear the next steps.

At our meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> September we accepted funds from the now closed youth club. The PC are holding the money for activities relating to youth in the parish. It is frustrating to hold these funds as we would like to see them benefit the youth and we would appreciate proposals on how to best spend the money. Sure you will agree, a very good cause.

Two big thank yous in the in the same article. Thank you to Edward and the working party who cleared and repaired the steps from the school playing field to Garbett's Wood. The PC has approved a grant to help with the materials needed to complete the work. We hope the children enjoy the forest school.

Finally the time of year has arrived when the PC is starting to consider the budget for 2024. In our budget we set aside funds for small grants for worthwhile projects which help the Parish. If you are thinking of any projects and funding would help, please get in touch.

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Chairman, Rogate Parish Council