

## Rogate Parish Council Chair's letter

A big welcome back to Gerard McClosky who has rejoined as a Councillor. He was unable to stand for re-election in May 2023 due to work commitments but with this pressure easing he is able to rejoin. With his co-option we have someone with Parish Council experience, always valuable and we have filled our vacancy.

At the top of the article this month are a couple of sites where there are very early signs that they could be considered for housing development. We are aware of planning pre-application being submitted by Hyde Housing for Parsonage Estate & Hugo Platt. Would stress that this is a pre-app and the Parish Council are not consulted. We have very few details but it looks like a rehash of the plans some years back to develop the eastern corner of Parsonage and by the playing field on Hugo Platt. The second site is land opposite Rogate Village Hall. The SDNP Land Availability Assessment (LLA) look at potential sites across the South Downs National Park as part of their Local Plan Review. An area of land west of Rogate Village Hall has been identified by the LLA as having potential for 9 dwellings. There will be a consultation on the proposed allocations for 8 weeks from January to March 2025. At present both of these sites are in the very early stages. If either or both of these plans progresses we will keep you informed and organise a public meeting if appropriate.

The organised Police scam presentation attracted over 20 people but unfortunately the Police did not turn up as they were attending an incident. They have apologised. This is the second time a scam meeting has been cancelled. On a more successful note, we organised an MP's surgery in Rogate Village Hall - all available slots were filled and the feedback was positive.

Please look at the Community Highways scheme on our website. The Traffic Regulation Order Consultation set to open April 2015.

Lastly, time to sing our own praises. Each year all activities of the Parish Council are looked at by independent auditors - we received a very positive report again.

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Chair, Rogate Parish Council