

MINUTES OF ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14th October 2015, 7.30pm, at Rowde Village Hall

PRESENT: S Mundy (Chair), B Bentley, J Dalley, J Hawkins, C Stevens, L Stewart Clerk: R Jeffries		
1.	Apologies & Acceptance of Apologies – A Seedhouse Absent – P Evans	
2.	Resignation of Parish Councillors – I Marr & J Graham resigned from the Parish Council. Thanks were given to both Parish Councillors for all of their hard work during their time on the Parish Council.	
3.	Register of Members’ Interests J Dalley registered an interest on agenda item 9: planning application no. 15/09015/FUL development on land behind Silverlands Road.	
4.	Chairman’s five minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair thanked everyone who attended the village meeting on fibre-optic broadband meeting with BT. It was noted that Bromham Parish Council has been awarded a grant by the Devizes Community Area Board for new play equipment. The Area Board also granted money to Rowde Village Shop to upgrade their computer equipment. 	
5.	Public Question Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A question was asked about how far fibre-optic broadband will reach when it arrives. The strength of the signal will start to decrease if an address is more than 1.5km away from the cabinet. 	
6.	Agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 9th September 2015. The minutes were approved by all Councillors and duly signed (proposed by J Dalley, seconded by B Bentley).	
7.	Actions arising from the Parish Council meeting on 9th September 2015. Highways Maundrell Close: The potholes at the entrance to Maundrell Close have been filled. WC will re-surface the entrance in due course. Street Lighting: WC has been asked to provide a map of lighting positions in the village with locations suitable for part night operation highlighted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street lights in Cock Road have been repaired. Conscience Lane: S.Hanks, from Highways, WC visited on 18 September to discuss visibility at the junction of Conscience Lane with Devizes Road. S.Hanks agreed to speak with WC’s Rural Estates department about cutting the hedge back between the two telegraph poles opposite the junction. Man hole cover on the High Street has been re-set. Drainage on Marsh Lane: Wiltshire Council has agreed to jet the drains on Marsh Lane, between Broad Corner and the Marsh Lane bridge. The ditches also need clearing in that area to enable the water to flow away from the road and footpath adequately. Ditch clearing is the responsibility of the landowner. Sands Lane Track: It was agreed to meet on Sands Lane after the Neighbour Plan village meeting on Saturday 14 th November at 12pm to discuss the repairs needed to the track. Grit bins: Two green lidded grit bins have been ordered. One will be situated in Maundrell Close and the other will be situated at the entrance to Silverlands Road.	<div>Clerk</div> <div>Clerk</div> <div>Clerk</div>

	<p>Development</p> <p>Community Fund money: The Parish Council has asked Wiltshire Council if Community Infrastructure Levy (C.I.L) money will be available from the bungalow development behind Silverlands Road. Wiltshire Council responded that the six bungalows are being built as affordable rented accommodation for elderly people. It is likely that Affordable Housing Relief will be applied for by the applicant, therefore there will be no C.I.L money available.</p> <p>Referendum for the Devizes Area Neighbourhood Plan on 17th September 2015 received a 90% yes vote, with 22% of the electorate voting. This plan will now be adopted by Wiltshire Council and referred to in all future planning applications in the Devizes Area (Rowde is not included).</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Police: Vandals have damaged wing mirrors and wiper blades on cars parked on Rowde Court Road, Tower View and Maundrell Close. The Police are investigating leads.</p> <p>Noticeboard: The Clerk will obtain an estimate for the cost of a noticeboard to be sited at the Large Playing Field. The Clerk will also obtain an estimate for replacing the noticeboard at Tanis.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>Village Infrastructure</p> <p>RoSPA safety reports on the small playing field and the large playing field, including the Skate Park and the BMX track have been received. Many of the repairs needed in the small playing field have already been carried out due to the recent refurbishment of the toddlers' area. The climbing igloo has also now been painted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk has asked the contractors on site to quote for repairing items highlighted in the RoSPA report. • A copy of the report for the large playing field has been forwarded to the Youth Council who have agreed to undertake the work needed to the BMX track and the skate park. <p>Toddlers' Play Area: the damaged rockers have been removed and two new items installed. The wet pour has been skimmed over and the gaps filled. The wet pour has also been repaired under the swings for older children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The village fete committee has kindly donated £800 towards the refurbishment of the toddlers' play area. This covers the cost of a new rocker. The Clerk will write to the Committee to thank them on behalf of the Parish Council. <p>Fence repairs needed around the toddler play area: it was agreed to look at the cost of replacing the fence with a hooped top fence similar to the one in Silverlands play area.</p> <p>Towpath: The Canal and River Trust is carrying out bank protection works between Marsh Lane and Lock 26 which will include re-laying the towpath along this stretch to improve the surface. The work will take approximately 6 weeks to carry out.</p> <p>Permissive footpath: The Parish Council thanked Neal Bawden and Steve Pearson for strimming the new permissive footpath from the Rowdey Cow to Marsh Lane.</p> <p>Overhanging hedges: The footpaths around the village are being obstructed by overhanging shrubs and branches. The Clerk has written to some residents concerned. A plea was made to all villagers to cut back shrubs and trees on their properties if they hang over pavements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Clerk has reported the overgrown grass verge on the Devizes Road towards Dunkirk Hill to Wiltshire Council. <p>Bus shelter cleaning: The contractor has failed to clean the bus shelters in the village since April. In spite of many attempts by the Clerk to contact the contractor, there has been no response. The Clerk will seek quotes from three new contractors to clean the four bus shelters in the village on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Pavilion: A structural engineer would need to be employed and a planning application made to Wiltshire Council, before renovation work could take place at the pavilion. There</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>was discussion amongst the Parish Council of finding funding to construct a wooden timbered building instead. A possible grant application could be made to Viridor, although they are closing their recycling site in Calne within the next 18 months, so an application for funds would need to be made swiftly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was noted that a temporary changing room will need to be considered for next season if any major work takes place at the large playing field in the meantime. <p>Defibrillator has been delivered. We are still waiting for the cabinet to be delivered, after which installation can be arranged at the Cross Keys pub.</p>	
9.	<p>Planning Applications for consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 15/09105/FUL Land to the South of Silverlands Road, Rowde: 6 bungalow development. Some objections to the proposed location and lack of service road to the site were raised. Concerns around the safety of children during the construction period were noted. The Parish Council supported the application with conditions that there are no contract movements before or after school time; and that construction vehicles park on site and do not park on Silverlands Road or Springfield Road. ○ 15/09057/FUL 1 Foxhangers Cottage, Teasel Cottage, Marsh Lane, Rowde: 2 storey extension. The Parish Council found no objections to the application. ○ 15/09696/FUL Melvyn, Marsh Lane, Rowde: demolition of storage/machine store and construction of new building in same footprint forming garages/store with games room over. The Parish Council found no objections to the application. 	
10.	<p>Neighbourhood Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An initial meeting to start the neighbourhood planning process was held on Wednesday 16th September in the Cross Keys pub. Twelve people attended. • It was agreed that two open village meetings should be held to discuss the need for a plan and to gauge local opinion about development in the village. The meetings will be held on Saturday 14th November 2015 from 10am – 12pm in Rowde Primary Academy School & Wednesday 18th November 2015 from 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone in the village is encouraged to attend. • It was agreed that the Parish Council would cover the costs of printing leaflets (up to £200) for the forthcoming meetings regarding the Neighbourhood Plan (Proposed by B Bentley, seconded by C Stevens). • It was noted that the consultation period for the Potterne Neighbourhood Plan has been extended to 24th November 2015, as part of the submission was missing from the website. • There was a referendum on 17th September 2015 for the Devizes' Neighbourhood Plan whereby Rowde residents were invited to vote on the proposal 'Do you want Wiltshire Council to use the neighbourhood plan for the Devizes Area to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?' The plan received a 90% 'yes' vote, with 22% of the electorate voting. This means that the plan can now be adopted and used for decision making on future planning applications in the Devizes Area. This plan does not cover the Rowde area. 	
11.	<p>BT fibre-optic broadband – update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BT representative, Matthew Lloyd visited Rowde residents at an open meeting on Wednesday 23rd September in the Village Hall to discuss fibre-optic broadband coming to Rowde. • The estimate for Rowde to receive fibre-optic broadband is summer 2016. If you wish to see the notes from the meeting, please contact the Parish Council Clerk. • Rowde Parish Council has received a letter from MP Claire Perry in support of our pursuit of fibre-optic broadband for the village. Claire Perry has advocated with BT on behalf of Rowde, Potterne and Worton to speed up the installation of super-fast broadband to these villages. 	
12.	<p>Wiltshire Council – update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cllr Anna Cuthbert did not attend the meeting 	

	<p>Community Governance Review – S Mundy and the Clerk attended a public meeting hosted by Wiltshire Council regarding proposals to change boundaries within Devizes town, Roundway Parish and Bishops Cannings Parish. There are no immediate effects of these proposals on Rowde.</p> <p>Grounds Maintenance Contract at Wiltshire Council: Balfour Beatty is no longer responsible for the grounds maintenance contract for Wiltshire Council. The new contractor is The Landscape Group.</p> <p>Syrian Refugees: Cllr Cuthbert asked that it be noted that Wiltshire Council will follow the government’s lead regarding housing refugees from Syria.</p>	Clerk								
13.	<p>Financial matters & monthly invoices for September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The invoices for September were approved and cheques were signed (Proposed by C Stevens, seconded by J Dalley. All Councillors were in favour). <table border="1"><tr><td>Staff and admin costs</td><td>1046.85</td></tr><tr><td>Grounds maintenance</td><td>387.60</td></tr><tr><td>New play equipment, safety reports, removal of dead trees</td><td>6357.55</td></tr><tr><td>Total:</td><td>7792.00</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">There was a request to purchase a new tennis net (£42.99 + VAT), which was approved.English Landscapes has quoted £114 + VAT to clear the pathway along the bend near no. 32 Tower View. It was requested that the Clerk clarify what work will be carried out.The Clerk provided a financial forecast up to the end of the financial year 2015-16. The Parish Council discussed possible projects that could be carried out with the anticipated carry over money, for example a trim trail for the large playing field; and picnic benches. Ideas to be submitted to the next Parish Council meeting.	Staff and admin costs	1046.85	Grounds maintenance	387.60	New play equipment, safety reports, removal of dead trees	6357.55	Total:	7792.00	Clerk
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14.	<p>Additional Question Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">C Stevens raised concerns about fly-tipping of green waste on the car park by the allotments. This should be reported to Wiltshire Council.C Stevens has offered to tend ‘The Hill’ from March 2016.J Dalley thanked C Stevens for all of his work in over-seeing the allotments and commented on their good condition.									
15.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A new draft agreement has been received from the director of the Sandridge Solar Farm development.									
	<p>Dates for the diary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Neighbourhood Planning meetings: Saturday 14th November 2015 from 10am – 12pm in Rowde Primary Academy School & Wednesday 18th November 2015 from 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Village Hall.									
	<p>The next Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 11th November 2015, 7.30pm, Village Hall.</p>									

A reminder that all requests for work/or goods should be presented to the relevant Committee first for authorisation.

Signed: Chairman Date: