

Rowde Parish Council – what has been delivered in 2014 – 15?

Ongoing

- Litter picking around the village all year
- Grass cutting on large playing field, small playing field and other small areas. The grounds maintenance contract has been renegotiated until 2017.
- Administration of allotments
- Review planning applications – 21 during the year
- Regular meetings with Wiltshire Council Highways officials to address issues

Donations from precept to support village life

- Village fete – start-up money donated
- St Matthew's Church – towards a hearing loop, purchase of new chairs for the community area and support of clock maintenance
- Village Magazine – towards printing costs
- Village Hall – towards replacement fire doors
- Monday Club – towards entertainment and running costs of the club
- Tuesday afternoon Club – donation towards coach trip
- Link – towards ongoing service costs
- British Legion – remembrance poppy wreaths for the village.
- Parish Council purchased a megaphone for use by Rowde Primary School and the community.
 - The village tractor was sold for £950.00

Repairs carried out or initiated

- Repairs carried out to goal force equipment in small playing field.
- Maintenance work on 3 Oak trees. Dead wood material and storm damage removed.
- Posts that supported unauthorised 'Caen Hill Locks' car park sign were removed.
- Pavement was resurfaced near the G & D pub, at the bottom of the Church drive and opposite Slade's garage.

- Marsh Lane from the junction with the High Street to Furlong Close has been resurfaced. Further anti-skid surfacing has been carried out on 'Broad Corner' near Furlong Close.

Initiated and delivered improvements

- A permissive footpath was created on Wiltshire Council and Canal and River Trust land from Marsh Lane to Devizes Road. Created by a team of volunteers and WC Rights of Way team, headed by Paul Millard. P.I.G.S grant obtained. Footpath was officially opened on Sunday 7th December 2014, with refreshments at the Rowdey Cow.
- 2 pairs of dropped kerbs: Chestnut Close, and Springfield Road.
- New planter was made for 'The Hill' and planted with flowers to commemorate the start of WWI, with thanks to Pam Evans.
- Poppy trail took place in the village. The Parish Council contributed to the permanent poppy memorial for the village.
- Purchased and installed new rubbish bin, & 'No dogs in play area' sign. A further bin that is located on 'The Hill' will be re-sited by WC to Springfield Road.
- Double rocker removed from toddlers' play area and bench installed
- Village Clean – up day was held on Sunday 11th May, with 5 volunteers.
- 2 new 'Springfield Road' signs were installed at the junction with Marsh Lane.
- Environment Agency investigated effluent seeping from stables on The Common Rowde. Advisory notices were issued.
- Parish Council supported the re-start of the Youth Club.
- The pavement was sided out from Conscience Lane through Rowde to Bromham.

Research

- Investigated supplying electricity to the large playing field: over ground is approx. £30k, and underground is £60k.
- Investigated possibility of having a phone mast in the village. It was agreed that the large playing field site did not fit the criteria to market it as a potential site.
- Roll out of fibre-optic broadband in Rowde is being pursued.

In progress

- Purchase of village defibrillator.
- Repairs to fences in small playing field

- Development of a snow plan for the village and application for 1 tonne of free salt from Wiltshire Council.

News

- A new Community Police officer is in post for this area: PC Andy List
- Cllr Liz Bryant has resigned and Cllr Anna Cuthbert was elected to Wiltshire Council.

Keep updated through the reports in the Village News magazine or, better still, come along to Parish Council meetings on every second Wednesday in the month, 8.00 in the Village Hall (except August).