

MINUTES OF ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on 14th December 2011, 7.30pm, at Rowde Village Hall

PRESENT: J Bawden, P Allfrey, P. Bryant, A Seedhouse, J Barber, PC Emma Reed (intro)

Clerk: Rebekah Jeffries

	<p>Parish Council welcomed new Beat Manager PC Emma Reed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic offences in Rowde have been given a North Rural Policing Priority for the next 3 months. Police are working in conjunction with the Community Speedwatch Team. • PC Reed was reminded of the second Community Speedwatch site on Marsh Lane. The Police will concentrate on A342 during this period. The results will be published. <p>RJ to send Councillors' contact details to PC Reed</p>	Clerk
1	<p>Apologies – C. Thompson, L. Bryant, P Spear Absent – D Packer</p>	
2.	Register of Members' Interest – None reported	
3.	<p>Public Question Time <u>Crossing Open Morning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you was mentioned for holding the Open Morning, although it was noted that no one attended from W.Council • Question asked about who is ultimately responsible for making the final decision on the crossings; who should the public contact? Queries should be sent to the Clerk • Steve Pearson will attend the Parish Council meeting in January and present the collated results from the survey. • A suggestion was made that if the crossings do not go ahead, a similar amount of money should be spent on road safety in the Village. 	
4.	<p>Chairman's five minutes</p> <p>a) <u>Jubilee Wood</u>: There have been no further updates from British Waterways.</p> <p>b) <u>Communication</u>: E-mails: Please beware of using the 'reply to all function'. Please reply only to the person who has sent the e-mail. Letters: Any formal letters sent on behalf of Rowde Parish Council should be written by the Clerk and go before the full Parish Council.</p> <p>c) <u>January Parish Council Meeting</u>: Short agenda meeting, followed by Precept decision.</p> <p>d) <u>Community Carol Service</u>: Sunday 18/12/11 at 6pm, St. Matthew's Church</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th November 2011: Accepted. Proposed by P. Allfrey. Seconded by J. Barber.</p>	
6.	<p>Matters Arising & Actions taken from meeting on 9th November 2011</p> <p>Completed Actions from meeting on 9/11/11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk contacted Mr Hues from Poulshot Farm and he agreed to investigate the bramble on Devizes Road causing visibility problems from junction of Conscience Lane • Clerk has spoken with Manor Farm about the hedge on right hand side coming out of Conscience Lane junction. It was confirmed that hedge is cut on an annual basis and is due to be cut again before March 2012. Farmer will investigate and cut hedge back if it is dangerous. • Clerk arranged for Andy Smith to paint noticeboard in Tanis • D.Packer spoke to English Landscapes about BMX track strimming. Clerk confirmed strimming has been done, w/c 14/11/11 • Clerk contacted Margaret Tipper and declined offer of a mobile skate park • P. Bryant submitted article to Village Magazine about the Devizes Traffic Model. • P.Spear submitted a report on condition of allotments • J.Bawden has discussed parking problems on Marsh Lane with new Beat Manager PC Emma Reed (now a priority for North Rural Police) • J. Bawden has spoken with new landlords of Cross Keys about positioning of A-frame noticeboard and they confirmed that it will be kept within their boundaries. • Clerk has spoken with Caretaker of Rowde School and confirmed that the floodlights are only on at the school on Friday evening when the Youth Club is on. Other low level lights are on for a period in the morning and evening, and then they are on a sensor. • J. Bawden has obtained all of the required information for £300 Jubilee Grant fund • Clerk contacted Environmental Health about oil in drain in Springfield Road. Drainage Team cleaned out impacted drain on 16/11/11. • Clerk contacted Rights of Way officer and improvements have been made to footpath no. 8 (the 	

	<p>Waterfall)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk has received quote for removing tree stumps at Rowde Court Road entrance to the Small Playing Field (next to the Church). PC agreed that they could be removed. <p>Action Items discussed at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 5: Clerk will take photographs of potholes on Conscience Lane, in spite of recent remedial work. Item 8: Councillors still to submit information for website Item 14: P Bryant has received verbal quote for allotment fencing. Will submit written quote to PC for January meeting Item 18: L Bryant still investigating reduced lighting on Caen Hill PC agreed on bin for tennis court: Clerk will order. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk (item 5)</p> <p>PB, JB, DP, AS (item 8)</p> <p>P.Bryant (item 14) L.Bryant (item 18) Clerk</p>
7	<p>Monthly Reports</p> <p>a) Clerk's Report:</p> <p><u>Dyson cold calls:</u> This is a legitimate company but servicing quotes are expensive. Update given on a bogus company reporting problems with your Windows applications.</p> <p><u>Safety meeting:</u> Speed limit outside Rowdeford School will be reduced to 50mph. W.Council will also put yellow backing board on the bend sign. They are still investigating using a road grip surface.</p> <p>b) Area Board: Nothing further to report</p> <p>c) Finance: Nothing further to report</p> <p>d) Sports Field & Play Area/Small Playing Field:</p> <p><u>Fees:</u> A.Seedhouse will provide Clerk with football team contacts to arrange invoicing and direct payment to Clerk. 3 football clubs currently use the field: Rowde Crown, Bell on the Green, Under 13 Devizes Club.</p> <p><u>Renovation of tractor:</u> Students who wanted to renovate it are now unable to do so due to college requirements. Costs to PC in renovating would be: oil changes; filter changes; new radiator and grill. PC agreed to get an estimate from a collector to obtain re-sale value before renovation.</p> <p><u>Sports Field consultation:</u> Survey results had 12 common features, including a wish to improve access from road and 3G masts. Question was asked about whether we have a sufficient mandate to move forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question asked about why projects are always specific to young people. Reply was given that young people in the Village have raised money themselves for their projects and been successful in grant applications (£25K) and that there were grants available for older people if they wished to apply for them. <p><u>Skate Park:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC formally thanked Jan Barber for all of her hard work in raising money for the new skate park. Thank you to John Midgley who has put up safety sign. Grand opening will be 30th December 2011. Phase 2 will then go forward. 3 more pieces of equipment required. Need to raise another £6K <p><u>Small Playing Area:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC would like to thank Mike Bowden for providing the monthly safety reports. Clerk to speak with Andy Smith about remedying remaining safety items. <p>e) Youth: Nothing further to report</p> <p>f) DCAP: Nothing further to report</p> <p>g) Parish Steward: J Barber has chased Eastern Highways but had no response. No reply from Parish Steward either.</p>	<p>A.Seedhouse</p> <p>A.Seedhouse</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	<p>Website Update: P Bryant took remaining photos for website. P Bryant to pass photos to Clerk to collate with written information</p>	<p>P.Bryant</p>
9.	<p>Allotments: PC asked Clerk to write to allotment holder about the construction raised at last month's meeting to ask what their plans are and remind them that they need permission to erect a structure. Also to write about concerns of rubbish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to write to all holders of unattended allotments and ask if they wish to keep their allotment before renewals in February. Recommendation to replace fencing (that separates car park and allotments) with hedgerow. Might be able to get a WC grant. JBawden to ask Chris Collett 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>JBawden</p>
10.	<p>Pavement Issues: Clerk to write to Paul Bollen, Highways Department about footpaths: High Street, Devizes Road, outside Rowdeford school. PC noted that a letter of complaint about footpaths in Rowde had been printed in the Gazette and Herald.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation that Liz Brown is offered one extra hours work, to rotate litter picking on The Common, Marsh Lane and Conscience Lane. Proposed by PAllfrey. Seconded by A Seedhouse. Clerk to write to Liz Brown 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11.	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rowdefield Farm, ref. no: E/2011/1552/FUL for creation of replacement pond. 	

	<p>Council had no objections about this planning application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West End Farm, ref. no: E/2011/1648/FUL for construction of steel framed building <p>Council had no objections about this planning application. Clerk to notify Planning Department (completed 15/11/11)</p>	Clerk
12.	Right of Way (The Common) Update: J.Bawden is checking with Commons Registration Act that land is officially registered to Rowde Parish Council before proceeding.	
13.	Dog Control Orders: Question asked about who polices the orders. What sanctions do we have? Can we impose fines? PC to give more thought before next PC meeting	ALL
14.	Hosting Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile: Clerk to ask Rowde Runners if they are interested in hosting it and to offer the use of the Sports Field	Clerk
15.	Wiltshire Council's Update: None received	
16.	Parish Council meeting dates: Circulated to Councillors	
17.	Correspondence: Request from Shop Manager to have a loading bay marked up outside the shop, to assist shop customers. PC in support. Clerk to investigate with Highways about road markings.	Clerk
18.	Financial Matters: Cheques signed, totalling: £1281.87. Proposed by P.Allfrey. Seconded by J.Barber Request for Clerk to obtain a set of Playing Field keys, to be kept in the shop.	D Packer/Clerk
	Next meeting – Wednesday 11th January 2012, 7.30pm – Village Hall	

Signed: Chairman Date: