

Rosliston Parish Council

Chairmans Report 2022/2023

This last year has seen its “highs” and “lows.” Whilst we welcomed the accolade of being named Parish Council of the year, the lows have included the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd and, frustrations with the interface and communications with the next tier of government and developers.

We developed a forward plan and have periodically reviewed this and are committed to improving local facilities for parishioners and visitors. However, SDDC have strongly indicated that we, as a Parish Council should take on a new lease for Strawberry Lane and take over responsibility for the play equipment on the Rec. Whilst perhaps welcoming the accountability, these 2 issues require investment and will cost the Parish Council money in maintenance. We have made representation to SDDC regarding the poor state of the pavilion (which with the new lease comes hand in hand with the pitch) on many occasions. We await new funding streams to explore possible funding to remedy the problems at the pavilion.

We have however, applied for 106 monies to create a pathway from the car park at Strawberry Lane to the pavilion and allotments. This has been successful. However, SDDC require that we forward a plan to install the path and contact has been made with the 2nd contractor to organise when the work may be started. A response is awaited.

The crossroads of doom continue to be a source of accident and injury and we welcome the measures that are coming into place for improving the road junction. On another issue with DCC, we are endeavouring to ensure work gets completed on the culvert and welcomed a representative from DCC who attended a recent meeting to answer questions and state when the work will be completed.

The play equipment at the rear of the Village Hall has been welcomed and despite a few teething problems should benefit Early Years and young children using it for many years to come.

The allotments have been a little disappointing in that despite demand for these some potential users have dropped out. The majority of those who have taken up their allotment have been busy over the last month or so trying to prepare for sowing season. A number of requests have been received for a water supply and Council needs to establish an outside before too long.

Developers on Walton Corner have been a source of frustration for a little while. Despite repeated requests to tidy up the corner work has been undertaken to install streetlights and in conjunction with Highways the village sign has been erected in a different position.

Swad Girls Football team continue to use the pitch and pavilion at Strawberry Lane. The team are keen to “home” themselves in Rosliston and have made a commitment for the next 5 years. Regrettably, SDDC have stated planning permission is required for the Football Team to install another container. Details have been provided to SDDC and their decision is awaited.

Revised agreements with both the allotment holders and the football have been issued.

It was pleasing to note the number of parishioners, both young and older, who attended a recent consultation regarding the Rec and Strawberry Lane. I believe we should endeavour to involve local residents in future decisions that the Parish Council may need to make.

The Parish Council has continued with its newsletter and the latest issue saw the Parish Council providing each home with a Coronation Badge. All school children in the village and attendees at Pre-school and the nursery at the Beehive have also received a Coronation Badge and so have the Scouts/Beavers.

The Parish Council applied to DCC for monies to open up a Warm Hub at the Bulls Head. This has proved popular, and the Parish Council has applied for additional financial support to keep the Warm Hub open into the summer and this application has been successful. Radio Derby made contact and attended a Warm Hub session and provided entertainment for attendees this was well received as was CVS attending to explain the Handyman Service and other information to residents. Our local PCSO also attended the Warm Hub and provided attendees with alarms and faraday bags.

Disappointingly, one of our members chose to step down as Councillor. However, there has been interest from a local resident to become a co-opted member. And a positive note 2 street parties were held in the village to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles.

The Parish Council welcomes the monthly report received from our County Councillor – Stuart Swann.

Stephanie

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