

Rodsley & Yeaveley Parish Council Meeting

Monday 3rd August 2026 at The Pear Tree Inn, Yeaveley
7.30pm

Minutes

Before the meeting started Cllr Fitzakerley (Chair) explained to the members of the public that the meeting would be closed to the public after number 7 on the agenda.

1. Apologies

Cllr Sue Bull, Cllr Schroeter

2. Declaration of Members Interests

None

3. Public Participation

Jim Bates – Asked if the results of the resident's letter regarding Yeaveley Footpath 12 would be communicated to the Parish. Cllr Fitzakerley told him it would.

Jamie Ellis – informed the meeting that a number of BT cables had been brought down in Rodsley due to trees being cut down on Land South of Rodsley Lane (ass 26/00671/FUL). He believes no permission was given from BT for the cables to be removed and it took a while to get anyone from BT to attend. A boundary line hedge has also been taken out unlawfully as well. Trees and hedge removed belonging to a neighbour. He stated that he has had the potential new dwelling valued and it will be worth in excess of £1 million. Not in his opinion an 'agricultural worker's dwelling.'

Jo Sills – in response to Mr Ellis' comments, Mrs Sills said that 'BT had been in attendance that day regarding the low hanging wires.'

Jamie Ellis – Mr Ellis said that no one from BT or Openreach were seen on site that day.

Tori Salmon and Nia Williams – talked about the letter regarding Yeaveley Footpath 12. They feel the questions were not fair and some of the options given on the letter are not possible. Their opinion is that the Footpath can not stay as it is because it runs through gardens and then into farm land. They requested replies to the emails sent to the Clerk in response to the letter. The Clerk said that email responses would be discussed in the meeting later and replies would be sent in due course.

Andrew McLachlan – talked about the removal of over 20 metres of hedge at Land South of Rodsley Lane (ass 26/00671/FUL). To remove the length of hedge is an offence and not acceptable especially during nesting time. The new plans for the agricultural worker's dwelling are an 85% increase in floor space from the original plans and include a dressing room and Juliette balcony.

Tina Ryding – wished to echo Mr McLachlan's comments and said that it was a complete turn around from the original plans.

Darryl Cottingham – spoke about how the trees on Land South of Rodsley Lane (ass 26/000671/FUL) had been ripped down and BT cables had come down. This left his property without internet or security and they were away on holiday.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Agreed by the PC. Proposed by Cllr Chapman, second by Cllr Watson.

5. Outstanding Issues from Last Meeting

151/22 Darley Moor Race Track Enforcement

WK/202500739 Environmental Health Enquiry

Nothing further has been received regarding the bunds.

Race Track has possibly been sold

Nothing further from Wyaston PC

12/23 Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Fitzakerley is going to co-ordinate the signs being put up.

14/23 22/0378/FUL Land North of Park House Farm (Twin Oakes)

Appeal APP/P1045/C/24/3340463 (DDDC ref ENF/23/00124) now completed.

Ongoing work includes windows and doors which are not fit for purpose as a stable block and an entrance to the property which is not agricultural.

Clerk has tried to look at the plans for the development but they are all missing from the planning portal.

Email sent to planning to request that they are uploaded again and sent to Clerk as well. Photographs of the new brick gateway included in the email. Email received back to say documents can now be seen.

Clerk to follow up concern over property entrance.

14/23A FS-Case-590219833 Missing junction sign

FS-Case-652928281

This sign is still in the field next to the junction.

Nothing further.

Clerk to send information to Cllr Hill at DCC and copy in Cllr Bull.

Nov 23/02A Yeaveley Footpath 11

DCC have told the Clerk that they will look at concerns over Yeaveley Footpath 11 when issues over Yeaveley Footpath 12 are sorted.

Nov 23/02B Yeaveley Footpath 12

Discussed later in the meeting

Mar 24/03 & Jan 25/05 & 06 Litter and Dog Waste Bins

Clerk and John Whitby Office continue to follow this up but no progress to report. Residents still reporting dog waste not being put in the bin. Also reports of a dog going into resident's garden and pooing on the lawn.

Clerk to follow up request for a bin and email Cllr Sue Bull.

July 24/02 .gov Website

The PC have a new .gov web site and Cllrs have .gov email addresses. Details will be circulated to residents soon.

Sept 24/01 Hales Green Defibrillator

Clerk has a quote from Defibs4Life of £1506 to purchase a defib and box. Council currently have £500 in reserve for the job. £1000 more needed plus installation costs.

Sept 24/02 Rodsley Footpath 11

The Footpath Register shows a continued closure from 24th Jan – 25th July 2026.

The Clerk is going to work on issuing a S56 to the DCC which is appropriate to Rodsley Footpath 11.

The Clerk has received further information from the DCC to say that the Footpath will be closed until 1st August 2027 or until works are completed – this is due to the bridge structure. Clerk has written to Vicky Killeen to ask for a progress report before Cllrs take further action.

Margaret Foot has received a letter asking if the bridge on Rodsley Footpath 11 is needed for vehicles or just pedestrians, she has replied to say just pedestrians. Cllr Steve Bull recommended that the Clerk contact Julian Gould regarding the issue as he believes that there is money available for such work to be

done.

Sept 24/03 Rodsley Speed Limit FS-CASE-735773079

Received confirmation on 23rd October 2025 that Rodsley signs are going to be replaced with the addition of 'Please drive safely'. An inspector had been out to the village. Clerk was told the work would be done within 12 weeks. These are still not in place.

Cllr Chapman has contacted the DCC to chase and not received any information. Cllr Chapman has written a letter of complaint.

Nov 24/01 Damaged Bollard in Rodsley FS-CASE-680232547

Still not repaired.

Clerk has followed up again. No progress.

The ditch where warning bollards should be is opposite the site of a new property. Cllrs discussed that they think a better barrier is required or they think an accident is imminent especially with darker nights in the Autumn. Cllr Steve Bull asked for photographs and a What3Word location to be sent to him.

Clerk to chase and provide information to Cllr Steve Bull.

Sept 25/01 Caravans at Airways Airport/Long Chimneys

A member of the public raised concern at the last meeting about caravans alongside the footpath at Long Chimneys, Darley Moor. The Clerk has completed a planning breach enquiry number 1170542.

Property is believed to have been sold. Clerk has followed up with planning but no progress.

Clerk to follow up with Gavin Treen from DDDC enforcement team

Nov 25/03 25/00963/FUL Bay Tree Farm

Still awaiting decision

Nov 25/04 Telephone Box

The Pop Up Café committee have agreed to do some maintenance work on the telephone box. They are currently applying to The Repair Shop programme to see if they could get the box on the programme.

Clerk to look into insurance implications if needed.

Jan 26/01 Community Flood Warden

Cllr Chapman has applied but has not heard back.

Severn Trent have contacted the Clerk with regards to flooding. Information has been forwarded to Cllr Chapman who is going to follow up.

Jan 26/03 Hedge loss at The Rallops

A large amount of hedge has been removed around The Rallops. A wire fence has been put in place but no replacement hedge.

The owner has contacted a Councillor to say that the hedges are going to be replaced. Nothing has been done. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should report to the planning department.

Clerk has filed a planning breach.

Jan 26/05 Rodsley Crossroads

A resident has reported a problem with the drains from Rodsley Crossroads towards Shirley. Possible blockage.

Clerk reported, nothing has been done.

Cllr Steve Bull has asked for a photograph and a What3Words location. If the drain belongs to the DCC he will follow it up. If not the Clerk will contact Severn Trent.

Jan 26/06 Rodsley Cottage Farm

No permission found for Rodsley Cottage Farm. Clerk reported to planning department. Ref number 1278251

Nothing further.

Clerk to follow up with Gavin Treen at the DDDC Enforcement Team.

June 26/01 Proposed Extinguishment of Yeaveley Footpath 12

To be discussed later in the meeting

June 26/02 Alkmonton and Hungry Bentley Email – re road conditions

Alkmonton and Hungry Bentley PC have written to the Clerk regarding the conditions of local roads and the quality or time taken to do the work. Also they feel that public funding allocated to address these issues is inefficient. They have written to the Chief Executive of DCC to complain and have asked our PC to do the same. The PC discussed this and agreed to write a letter of complaint as well.

Letter sent.

June 26/03 Rodsley Grass Verges

The grass verges in Rodsley are very overgrown and are dangerous for visibility.

Clerk has reported. Verges have been cut.

Closed

June 26/04 Gully near Springfield House

As in previous notes, the bollard near the gully at Springfield House is still broken. The verges are overgrown so it is very difficult to see the gully and ditches. Very dangerous. Nothing further

June 26/05 Finney Lane Footpaths 11 & 15

Discussed later in the meeting.

June 26/06 26/000545/PIP Land at Junction of Shirley Lane and Rodsley Lane

Clerk submitted comments from PC discussed at the last meeting.

6. New Councillor For Yeaveley

No one came forward

7. Annual Footpath Survey

Parish Council will be doing an annual survey of the Footpaths in the Parish. The Parish Council will write to any landowners if there are any access problems etc on the Footpaths. The PC request that all Footpaths are kept free of blockages and overgrown vegetation.

The meeting was closed to the public from this point.

8. Yeaveley Footpath 12

The majority of replies received from residents regarding the potential extinguishment of Yeaveley Footpath 12 were not in favour of the Footpath being closed. The Clerk submitted this information to the consultation as requested.

PROW have subsequently written to the Clerk to ask for more information regarding resident's comments on the consultation. The PC discussed this and the Cllrs decided that they will not be sending any further information, as all emails sent to the Clerk in reply to the letter were confidential.

The PC have not received any further information regarding the extinguishment. This is now in the hands of the DCC. Any further communications will be included in future meetings.

9. Darley Moor Events

The Chequered Flag café on Darley Moor are holding regular bike nights and classic car nights. They have been advised by the Licensing Department of the DDDC that any events involving live music or the sale of alcohol require a licence.

Parking for the LIV Golf Event at JCB took place on Darley Moor recently. There was very good early notification. It was very well organised and did not cause any traffic problems on Hales Green or the A515.

10. Finney Lane

Finney Lane in Rodsley has historically been used as a Public Footpath. It was originally owned by the DCC before being purchased by private owners. The Parish Council believe that it should remain as a public footpath and will apply for it to be adopted as such.

11. Planning

- 26/00670/VCOND Land North of Springfield House, Rodsley Lane, Rodsley
The Parish Council note that the floor space of the new dwelling has been increased by the addition of an extra level but this has not increased the elevations of the property and therefore have no objection – although this has taken the floor space of the property over 150 square meters. No objection to the addition of solar panels or the new roof plan.
- 26/00671/FUL Land South of Rodsley Lane, Rodsley
The Parish Council will be objecting to this planning application on the following grounds
 - Proposed scale of the new dwelling compared to the original planning application – excessive for the recommended size for an affordable ‘agricultural worker’s dwelling’
 - Raised position compared to surrounding properties
 - Increased numbers of traffic flow and nature of vehicles
 - Access and visibility onto lane
 - Plot can be accessed via the farmyard which would remove the need to dig out 50m of a 6ft high bank and remove hedging. As the property is for an ‘agricultural worker’ for the farm it would make sense for access to be via the farmyard.
 - Preservation of the landscape, trees and hedges
 - Concern over land drainage and sewage
 - The land is owned by A Sills and not the farm business.

12. Clerk Report

- Work is taking place in a garden on Yaveley Footpath 13. A patio is being built. Resident is aware and happy that walkers will have to cross over the patio to follow the route of the Footpath.
- AGAR annual audit paperwork is moving to digital and will be compulsory to do online by 2029.
- Clerk has reported the damage done to the ditch near Rodsley Notice Board
- A new laminated sign for Rodsley Notice Board with access arrangements has been put in place.

13. Financial Matters

Summary of Accounts

The PC approved the summary of accounts noting that discussions would be necessary when setting next year’s precept budget to keep reserves at the recommended level and also to make provision for new defib equipment needed at Hales Green.

Reserves

Account for PC stands at £3,549.90 which is acceptable but recommendations are for it to be at a higher level.

Rodsley Social Club funds stand at £479.81 after the purchase of new peat and plants.

Approval of invoices

- ICO GDPR £47.00
- Village Hospitality Rent £40.00

Approved and signed by the Chair

Bank Statements

Approved and signed by the Chair

Audit Task List

ICO registration completed (DD annual renewal)

Next task to be completed will be a risk assessment.

14. Date of the next meeting – Monday 5th October 2026 at 7.30pm

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