

ROWDE PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair: Lisa Wills **(Locum) Parish Clerk: Tekla Hicks**

**Minutes of the general Rowde Parish Council (RPC) meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2026,
at Rowde Village Hall, Cock Road, Rowde, SN10 2PS at 7.00pm.**

Present: L. Wills (Chair), J. Wills (Vice-Chair), J. Dalley, E. Watt, R. Carine, S. Taylor, T. Lines, M. Somerville (arrived at 7.15pm).

In attendance: T. Hicks (Locum Clerk), 6 Members of the Public (MOPs).

Minute No.

25-26/62

Recording and filming of the meetings

The MOPs confirmed that they would not be recording the meeting one councillor confirmed they will be recording the meeting and the parish council confirmed it would be recording the meeting and this would be publicly available on the parish council website.

25-26/63

Public Participation

25-26/63.1

A MOP asked a question regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

25-26/63.2

The Council received no petitions or deputations.

25-26/64

Apologies

The Council received apologies from Cllr. Rigby and Cllr. Greenwood. Cllr. Skelhorn was absent. ACTION: Clerk to update the absence register.

25-26/65

Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Dalley declared an interest in an action on the MUGA, which is on the Action Plan document.

25-26/66

Motions on Notice

The Council was asked to consider a Motion of No Confidence received by the Clerk against Cllr. Skelhorn from Cllr. J. Wills. Cllr. Carine asked for this motion not to be heard. However, it was proposed to be heard by Cllr. Taylor, seconded by Cllr. Dalley. This was RESOLVED by 7 votes for and 1 against to be heard. Cllr. J. Wills read out the motion and it was proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Lines to RESOLVE by 6 votes for (Cllr. L. Wills, Cllr. J. Wills, Cllr. Lines, Cllr. Taylor, Cllr. Dalley, Cllr. Watt, 1 against (Cllr. Carine), and 1 absention (Cllr. Somerville) to agree with the Motion of No Confidence in Cllr. Skelhorn. The motion was carried.

Reports

25-26/67.1

The Council received an update from Wiltshire Councillor L. Mayes. The main points were:-

- Details of pothole repairs carried out locally.
- That a survey on waste management will be sent to residents by Wiltshire Council, and they are urged to complete this.
- That a booking system will be implemented to visit Household Recycling Centres, but no date is known yet.
- The Gigabit Voucher scheme, allowing residents to bid for the installation of fibre broadband. More information will be put on the website.
- A briefing has been held regarding the Gypsy and Traveller Plan, but this will only be

reviewed with the Local Plan review.

25-26/67.2

The Chair updated the meeting regarding, among other matters:-

- More work has been carried out registering the ransom strip between St Matthews Close and the church yard.
- That the Chair and the Clerk have been receiving support and training from WALC, and this will continue for the next few months.
- The Chair updated the meeting that the recruitment for the Clerk is ongoing.
- The Tree survey is going to be delayed by the Easter holidays. Report will follow shortly.
- The Chair has been notified by Wiltshire Council of a complaint against her from Cllr. Skelhorn, but that it was dismissed by the Monitoring Officer at Wiltshire Council as having no case to answer.
- As a result of the above matter, the Council has been advised that the list of violations to the adopted Reset and Restart Document currently published, should now not be made public, but will continue to be collated and kept up to date by the Clerk.

25-26/67.3

The Council noted the RPC External Meetings.

25-26/67.4

The Council discussed updates to RPC Action Plan 2025-26. ACTION: Clerk to update list.

25-26/67.5

The Council noted there were no updates to the RPC Reset and Restart Report.

25-26/67.6

The Council received an update from the Neighbourhood Plan group, and a consultation will be coming out to residents shortly.

25-26/67.7

The Council noted that there was no Clerk's report.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND OUTSTANDING MATTERS

25-26/68

Minutes of the previous meetings

The Council UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve (with amendments) as a correct record the minutes of the general parish council meeting held on 11.03.2026. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

25-26/69

Planning Matters

25-26/69.1

The Council noted the RPC Planning Schedule as at 1st April 2026.

25-26/69.2

The Council noted a planning application had been received after the agenda had been published:

25-26/69.2a

PL/2026/01535 Ox Lea Barn Farm, Rowde, Devizes, SN10 2BQ. Full planning permission sought for retrospective application for hardcore yard area around existing agricultural building. The Council considered this application and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to have no objection to this matter.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

25-26/70

Payments

25-26/70.1

The Council noted there were no payments to approve.

25-26/70.2

Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025-26 – WI0194

The Council noted that it had been selected as one of the 5% sample of parish councils for an intermediate review.

RECREATION AND WELLBEING

25-26/71

Council Inspection Activity Guide

Due to further work needed on this, it was noted that the review of the Council Inspection Activity Guide would be deferred to the next meeting.

25-26/72 **Allotments**

25-26/72.1 Due to further work needed on this, it was noted that the review of the Allotment Working Group terms of reference would be deferred to the next meeting.

25-26/72.2 The update to the tree survey was delayed. Please see 25-26/67.2.

25-26/72.3 Due to 72.1 the review of who will attend to the Memorial Garden plot is to be deferred to the next meeting.

25-26/73 **Playgrounds**

The Council agreed to defer the the playground inspection frequency and rota until councillors has confirmed who had completed their inspection training.

25-26/74 **Generator**

The Council agreed to defer any discussion regarding the future plan for the generator. The Chair updated the meeting that due to not being able to offer the use of the generator to the Fete Committee, that the Council would receive a grant request to cover the cost of this rental.

ENVIRONMENT AND STREETSCENE

25-26/75 **Refuse Bins**

The Chair updated the meeting on the outcome of the recent refuse bin audit. It was RESOLVED to:

- Remove Caen Hill emptying from our schedule as WC are emptying.
- Furlong Close bin to be removed as very near a WC bin.
- Rowde Ct/Marsh Lane Junction move to a weekly collection as always very full.
- Silverlands Park bin to be removed as WC bin very close.
- Tower View bins to be monitored. The large wheelie bin to be removed.

HIGHWAYS

25-26/76 **SID**

25-26/76.1 It was agreed to defer the consideration of purchasing a spare mounting pole for the SID – approximate cost £90 until Cllr. Greenwood is available at the next meeting.

25-26/76.2 It was agreed to defer the consideration of request to LHFIG for a pedestrian crossing until Cllr. Greenwood is available at the next meeting.

25-26/77 **Confirmation of date of next meeting**

The Council agreed that the Annual Meetings will be held on 13th May. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 6.30pm and the Annual Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm. It was agreed for the Clerk to invite community attendees as suggested.

There being no further notice, the meeting was closed at 8.39pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next council meeting.

An audio recording of this meeting is available on the parish council website www.rowdeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Minutes prepared by the clerk.

13.04.2026