

Minutes of the Rowney Green Association Meeting on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7:30pm



Attendees: John Cypher (Chair), Andy Dunkers (Vice-Chair), Michael Corfield (Treasurer), Pete Cain, Margaret Rollason, Cllr Ruth Clarke, Cllr Alan Bailes, Nigel Jealous, Martin Miller (Secretary).

1. Apologies received from: Andy Ballard, Liz Ballard, Wendy Easter, Cllr Marc Worrall, Richard Woodward, Wendy Jealous, Tim Edwards.

2. Approval of Minutes. The minutes for the March 3rd 2026 meeting were approved.

3. Matters Arising from the Meeting on March 3rd 2026.

3.1 Michael Corfield has chased Sue Stevens (Village Hall Trustee) about adding a bleed kit to the defibrillator at the Village Hall and she apologised that it was outstanding as was the refurbishment of the defibrillator case. Cllr Clarke said the Alvechurch Parish Council (APC) will fund this. She will contact Sue Stevens on this (**Action**).

3.2 Cllr Clarke said she had obtained benefit from using Campaign To Protect Rural England (CPRE) planners and they were keen on sustainable development. Michael Corfield had obtained advice from them (their Norfolk branch) about changing Wain's Homes plans for the lighting at Bordesley Hall. It was noted that Worcestershire CPRE was not as active as one would like.

3.2 It was noted that the Tanyard Lane parking now had reduced numbers and available parking in Alvechurch centre was tricky and for those living in other parts of the Parish could adversely affect people's ability to attend GP surgery, Dentists and the Pharmacy. John Cypher had written to Cllr Worrall about what could be done to improve things. This letter had been noted by APCs Planning and Highways committee but no discussion or action taken had been reported. Cllr Bailes had made 3 separate complaints to Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) officers about lack of plans to improve parking with a redesign of the Tanyard Lane parking to give extra spaces and some allocated for different parking durations. Some spaces are currently being used for uncontrolled 24hr parking for local residents. Cllr Bailes had approached Crown House that has about 50 unused spaces but they were not of a mind to allow public access. Cllr Bailes had offered a monthly sum to the Alvechurch Inn to allow for some 'time limited free' parking but this was not accepted. John Cypher will forward to Cllr Bailes his comments made to the APC (**Action**).

4. Community Improvements

4.1 The findings of the RGA survey were posted in the Calling Oak with the three most cited improvements wanted being: improving local countryside footpaths, improving the local environment and better road signage together with foot path resurfacing in RG centre. In the open box for residents' additional comments there was interest in CCTV, reducing excess foliage from paths and roads, and one person complained about horse droppings on the road. Cllr Clarke said that the Lengthsman service available to APC could be asked to address the foliage by an approach to the APC clerk. Pete Cain stated the locations of this intrusion onto the highway were always the same. Cllr Bailes said he would supply the RGA with an OS map outline of RG (**Action**) so the RGA could report the exact locations of the foliage with photos on the WCC highways portal (**Action**).

4.2 Footpath improvement is needed for the bridleway from RG Lane through to Alvechurch Lodge Farm where there are at least three deep holes that for many months of the year are full of water and

impassable without high wellington boots. Wendy Easter as a Parish Cllr had raised this matter with Cllr Bailes – the relevant Worcs CC section accepted the need for remedial work but could not treat it as a priority. Mention was then made of the timely introduction of the new BDC community investment fund supported by Cllr Bailes and other independent Cllrs for improvements for the local community, for example community buildings, parks, open spaces etc., with applications needing to be made by June 7th to include plans and costings. Michael Corfield is a member of the Alvechurch footpath group and will liaise with group members and Cllr Bailes on this **(Action)**.

4.3 John Cypher will write to Cllr Bailes about the scope for resurfacing of the few pedestrian pathways in RG **(Action)**. Cllr Bailes can then get Council Engineers to inspect and advise.

4.4 RGA committee discussion will continue on the local environment improvement project to identify the type of plants, their location and housing to produce the best village effect. **(Committee Action)**

5. Highways Matters

5.1 We still await Worcestershire County Council (WCC) to clear the vegetation around the Holloway pinch point, to move the 30mph sign to a better location and to add “dragons teeth” surface signage to the pinch point approach. Martin Miller asked about priority designation for traffic around the pinch point but Cllr Bailes said it was too long a stretch of road for this.

5.2 John Cypher indicated that a new law was now enacted (The English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act) with government guidance to follow with respect to obstruction caused by vehicle pavement parking. The RGA was encouraging APC to monitor the scale of pavement parking in the parish. The Police had recently investigated a complaint about pavement parking in RG.

5.3 Michael Corfield indicated that there were 3 green grit bins supported by APC but the two yellow bins which were thought to be WCC maintained had been disowned by WCC on the basis that the one on RG Lane was already on a gritting route and the one on Chapel Lane did not serve sufficient dwellings. A request would be made to APC to take over responsibility for the one on Chapel Lane. **(Action)**. Cllr Bailes will contact WCC about the removal of the other yellow bin on RG Lane **(Action)**.

6. . Planning Issues

6.1 There were no new issues with regard to the Bordesley Development. It was reported that Steph Affleck had asked Wain’s Homes site team to replace the broken RG Lane Road sign and they had recently agreed to do this.

6.3 The APC proposal for a neighbourhood priorities statement, as an official update to the Alvechurch Parish Plan, was being undertaken by Cllr Robin Van der Plank who should be communicating with relevant Parish constituents to help him prepare it. Cllr Bailes thought that the Bromsgrove DC timetable for the completion of a new District Plan was forever slipping. Without an agreed Plan developers have a much stronger case in selecting land for their new housing developments.

7. Crime.

There had been a recent car theft from RG centre.

8. Treasurer’s Report.

Finances as of 30th April 2026 were £2347.07 in the bank, £229.51 as cash making £2576.58 total. There was still £250 for set aside for Newbourne Wood information board which had been in place for several months. No invoice had yet been received from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust.

9. Any Other Business.

9.1 Cllr Bailes indicated that there were changes to the Reform party leadership and cabinet positions

taking place within WCC. It is possible that a more favourable view will emerge of 20mph limits where appropriate.

9.2 Only one person had opted in favour of a bus shelter in the RGA survey and Cllr Bailes said his intelligence indicated there was only one user of the 182/183 bus service. This regular service (5 per day) could soon be reviewed potentially in favour of a more appropriate route along the Redditch Road to Alvechurch. There were also the Worcestershire on-demand bus and the Bromsgrove Urban and Rural Transport (BURT) Bus otherwise available. The people at the meeting were not fully aware of all these bus options and Cllr Bailes said he would draw up an informative explanatory statement for the RGA (**Action**) which could be placed in the Calling Oak and placed on the Village Noticeboards.

Meeting closed at 21:15hrs

Next meetings are on July 7th, Sept 1st and Nov 3rd.