

ROLLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Rolleston Parish Council

Monday 7th April 2025 at 7.30 pm, in The Greenaway, Rolleston

Minutes

Present: Cllr Bob Steele (in the Chair), Cllr Gemson, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr Colman, Cllr Saddington (NCC) and Cllr Melton (NSDC), D Bryant (Clerk). 8 members of the public.

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7.30pm

2. Apologies

No apologies were received. The Council noted that Cllr Lucy Kyte had not attended but had not apologised.

3. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2025

The Minutes were received as a correct account, the vote was unanimous, and the minutes were signed by the Chairman

5. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Saddington updated us on the drainage issue in Rolleston. She reported that Severn Trent are stating that the water main has been bored through and the repair will not be simple. Cllr Saddington is to chase it again.

Cllr Colman asked Cllr Saddington about speeding within Rolleston. A member of the public asked if the parish council could have access to the data that is contained in the speed monitoring grey data storage box. Cllr Saddington was to investigate. She also reported that although the current interactive speed sign could be turned round, a better solution is to request a second interactive sign to be positioned as cars enter the village. The Council agreed and asked Cllr Saddington to request a second interactive sign and also that speed assessment rubbers be put down.

The Council also requested that the tarmac on Staythorpe Rd be repaired (outside Holly Cottage just after interactive speed sign location). Cllr Saddington agreed to progress.

Cllr Melton reported on the NSDC appeal on the Land at Greenaway. The Councillors also made Cllr Melton aware that NSDC are already tendering for the contractors to

undertake the development work. Cllr Melton is aggrieved that he had not been informed before the appeal was lodged.

The Council expressed concern that the appeal application did not mention overly that the application had been refused due to the certificate of Lawful Development. Cllr Geraghty asked Cllr Melton to approach John Robinson regarding the lack of due process with regards to this application.

Cllr Steele asked Cllr Melton to progress this internally. Cllr Steele to notify Chris Baillon-Saunders to update him. Cllr Geraghty suggested we consider legal representation to fight this case.

6. Public Participation

A member of the public asked about the hedges on the boundary of the village hall. The Village Hall Committee agreed that the hedge was unsightly and also noted that the Council had terminated the village hall lease on the land which the hedge circumvents. So the Council are now responsible Cllr Steele agreed to write to Matt Adey at NSDC.

7. Planning

a. Planning applications have been received as follows:

- i. 25/00481/S73 Southwell Racecourse, Station Rd, Variation of condition 4 attached to planning permission 22/00168/S73M to amend the wording to allow greater flexibility on when the floodlights can be used but not exceed 70 within the calendar year
- ii. 25/00480/S73 Southwell Racecourse, Station Rd, Variation of condition 1 attached to planning permission 54/89/0792 to amend the wording of the condition to read 'There shall be a maximum limit of 100 race meetings in any one calendar year.' to provide some flexibility in the number of races that can be held in any one calendar year.

Both of the above applications were considered within the same discussion. Tim Harries, who liaises with the Racecourse, presented the details to the Council. The Racecourse would like to increase their "Twilight races" to 70. Tim Harris noted that the "verbal agreement" regarding Sunday racing traffic restrictions would apply to Twilight races. Cllr Steele requested that the Sunday restrictions be made a planning condition rather than a verbal agreement.

Cllr Steele also mentioned that the traffic redirection boards are being left out and the PC had received a complaint. Tim agreed to report back to the racecourse about this.

Cllr Geraghty felt that the increase in race meetings was too large. She also wanted to see the racecourse manage the traffic issues throughout the village – especially at the end of the meetings.

Cllr Steele proposed to object to both of the applications. Cllr Gemson seconded. This was agreed by the Council with a unanimous vote. Cllr Steele agreed to lodge the objection with NSDC.

b. Any other items notified to Rolleston Parish Council prior to this meeting and requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council meeting.

The Council has received notification from NSDC that there has been an appeal lodged against the refusal of the planning application 24/00402/FUL, Land at Greenaway Rolleston, Demolition of two bungalows and erection of five dwellings including parking provision and amenity spaces. The Appeal reference is APP/B3030/W/25/3360525. Representations should be made online on [Planning Inspectorate](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk) using the reference 3360525 or sent via email to east1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk quoting reference 3360525 by 29th April.

8. Finance

- a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule if any.

The payments were approved, voted unanimously and the Chair signed.

- b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation and bank balances

The bank reconciliation to year end (31st March 2024) and to current date where received, voted unanimously and signed by the Chair.

- c. Approval of appointment of internal auditor - approved
- d. Approval of Ulyett Landscapes Ltd maintenance contract for 2025 - approved
- e. Approval of NSDC Dog Bin emptying contract – approved.
- f. To review and approve the asset register and Hiscox Insurance Renewal questionnaire.

Proposed by Cllr Gemson, seconded by Cllr Steele. Unanimous vote

- g. Donation from NCC from To be given to Village Hall committee to buy a clock and other assets.

Cllr Colman proposed, Cllr Geraghty seconded. Approved with a unanimous vote.

9. Footpaths and Highways

No issues

10. Flooding Issues and Emergency Plan

- a. Flood Warden Report.

No report given.

11. Parish Council Owned and Managed Village Land and Facilities

- a. Tree planting/wildflower gardens

A tree planting meeting will be held on 2nd May at 10am. Lynn Preece from NSDC is attending. Cllr Gemson and Cllr Steele to attend.

- b. Playpark Committee Update

Cllr Steele distributed a brochure from a company who could assist with identifying sources of funding. Cllr Geraghty suggested that we investigate further. Cllr Colman chased the hedge cutting back and other works that were to be undertaken by Steve Bosworth.

- c. Gateway to 2 Acre Field.

Steve Bosworth to arrange.

12. Community / Neighbourhood Issues

- a. Rolleston Neighbourhood plan

A recent open meeting held at the Pub was attended by 2. However a further group has met and formed a steering group. They plan to use the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April to further interest and participation in a working group. They plan to use a village email to publicise it and distribute leaflets.

- b. Speeding in Rolleston

i. Interactive sign positioning and potential second sign
This was discussed with Cllr Saddington and minuted in Item 5.

ii. Speedwatch initiative
This was discussed with Cllr Saddington and minuted in Item 5.

c. Dog Poo bin

It was agreed to purchase a new dog bin which will be sited on the grassed entrance to the Kate Greenaway Garden. This was proposed by Cllr Colman and seconded by Cllr Gemson. Agreed with a unanimous vote. The Clerk was asked to contact NSDC to purchase the bin and Cllr Colman was to liaise with NSDC regarding the exact required location.

d. Annual Parish Meeting

This was now organised.

e. First Aid course

The First Aid course had been attended by 25 people and was widely praised. Cllr Colman asked for a donation of £50 as a thank you. This was agreed and the vote was unanimous

f. A Litter picking session had been hold on Saturday morning which was a joint effort with Fiskerton. Cllr Colman reported that 8 volunteers collected 14 bags of rubbish.

13. Correspondence

a. NSDC VE Day Celebration grant

The Church are holding a VE Day and Cllr Colman agreed to liaise with the Church regarding any necessary funding.

b. Email received from Vicky Spencer regarding hedge surrounding the village hall.
This was discussed in Item 6. Cllr Steele agreed to reply to Vicky Spencer.

c. Email received from Phil Blinston regarding race course signs.
This was discussed in Item 5. Cllr Steele agreed to reply

14. Agenda items for next meeting

Councillor recruitment

15. Date of next meeting – Monday 12th May 2025 (please note date change due to May Bank Holiday).

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 21.16.

Distribution: Parish Councillors, Cllr S Saddington, Cllr K Melton, Noticeboards, Website