

ROLLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Rolleston Parish Council

Monday 3rd February 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). 3 members of the public.

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7.30pm

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Kyte.

3. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 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 asked for an update on Rolleston Parish Council's decision regarding the NCC offer of the land known as the Millenium Garden. The Chair reported that the Council had decided not to procure the land as they still have the remainder of the 99-year lease on it and they were unwilling to pay for the legal costs (both their own and NCC's costs) as this was not good use of parish council funds. Clerk to write to Cllr Saddington to notify NCC formally.

The Chair notified Cllr Saddington and Cllr Melton of an email received from a parishioner regarding the mud on Rolleston roads. Clerk to email both Cllr Saddington and Cllr Melton to formally raise the issue.

Cllr Saddington had received an email from a parishioner to liaise with NCC Highways to ensure the broken tarmac is repaired on Staythorpe Road approaching Rolleston.

A villager complained about the speeding on Staythorpe Rd. Clerk to email Cllr Saddington to ask for rubbers to be put down to measure the speed of the passing traffic.

A Rolleston Village Speedwatch initiative is being considered. Cllr Colman agreed to approach the previous Rolleston Speedwatch team for their views and input.

Cllr Steele asked Cllr Saddington about the hedge cutting on Occupation Lane which has not yet been completed. It is the responsibility of Network Rail who had responded that it would be done by 1.5.25.

The Chair informed Cllr Saddington that a resident had complained that the humpback bridge on Occupation Lane was dangerous. The Chair had asked NCC if a sign could be installed warning of the humpback bridge. VIAEM had responded that they would assess the bridge and report back to the Chair.

Cllr Melton reported that the station signage is being progressed. A contact at EMR has submitted a request to look at the platform signage. VIAEM have not yet responded to Cllr Colman's request for signage directing foot traffic to Rolleston or Fiskerton.

Cllr Melton reported back to the Council that the Cypress trees at the Village Hall are not NSDC's responsibility to maintain. This was disagreed with by a member of the public. Cllr Melton will explore further and provide a written response to the Council.

Cllr Melton reported that Lynn Preece is planning on a walk about in April to progress the tree planting initiative. Dates are yet to be organised.

Cllr Melton discussed the proposed Rolleston Neighbourhood plan. The formation of the Unitary Authority which is proposed for 2028 will result in the Planning Committee forming a transition arrangement. If the Rolleston Neighbourhood plan was adopted by this point, then the Rolleston Neighbourhood Plan will be considered as part of the planning process and will ensure the views of the village are taken into account.

6. Public Participation

No further matters were raised.

7. Planning

- a. There are no planning applications for consideration at date of this meeting.
- 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. There were no other items.

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 payments were approved, voted unanimously and the Chair signed
- c. To receive and approve 25/26 budget and precept request
Cllr Gemson commented that the 25/26 budget had been scrutinised for several months. The main considerations were:

- inflation
- the increased ongoing costs of running the parish council professionally
- The maintenance and potential renewal of equipment in the play area. The Council are building reserves to facilitate the renewal/repair of the play area when necessary. The Council are aware that they can apply for funding from external bodies, but this will need to be match-funded. Cllr Gemson commented that £6,000 has already been built into a reserve for play park equipment maintenance/replacement. The budget for the play area replacement will be circa £50,000. Play area inspections are being regularly undertaken which themselves generate a level of spending. Cushion fall spend in 24/25 was over £1,000 for example. As the play area is well used, this is necessary expenditure.

The Budget was proposed by Cllr Gemson and seconded by Cllr Steele. Voted and accepted unanimously. Cllr Gemson proposed that the 25/26 precept will be £10,297.05. This was seconded by Cllr Colman. Voted and accepted unanimously.

- c. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

There were no other matters.

9. Footpaths and Highways

- a. Mud and debris on roads due to agricultural vehicle movements.

Cllr Saddington reported on this is the County Council report which is minuted in item 5.

10. Flooding Issues and Emergency Plan

- a. Flood Warden Report

The blocked village drain is now on Severn Trent's list to be maintained. Mr Bosworth is chasing to ensure this is not unnecessarily delayed. The NCC team recently collected all the road closure signs but also removed the Parish Council signs. Mr Bosworth is liaising to get those returned.

- b. Flood Alleviation Grant update.

The pump has been received, and Mr Bosworth has commissioned it for use. The Clerk will claim funding from NSDC. The pipe ramps are to be ordered by the Chair.

11. Parish Council Owned and Managed Village Land and Facilities

- a. Tree planting/wildflower gardens

The update from Cllr Melton was received and is minuted in Item 5. The Council agreed that the next season is the correct timescale for planting and that there will be an initial meeting in April 2025.

- b. Playpark Committee Update

Cllr Colman reported that the new Playpark sign has been erected. The cushion fall will be delivered next week. Volunteers will be organised to spread the cushion fall. Cllr Colman reported that Rolleston PC had received the annual play area inspection report. No high risks were reported, but several moderate risks have been reported notably because the wood on several pieces of equipment is rotting.

Some of the hanging rails should be removed and a volunteer team to be organised to cut back some of the shrubbery.

- c. Gateway to 2 Acre Field

Cllr Steele reported the owner has yet to be re-contacted but he also commented that full ownership and responsibility of the gateway has never been determined. To avoid any further delay, with the attendant security risks, Cllr Geraghty proposed that the Parish Council should fund the new gatepost. The Council voted unanimously to get a quote from Mr Bosworth to replace the gateposts.

12. Community / Neighbourhood Issues

a. Rolleston Neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Steele reported that there had been an initial meeting of the working group who are commencing work on the Neighbourhood plan. Cllr Steele will notify NSDC that we are commencing work on the plan and reconfirm the village/parish boundaries. A Public Meeting is proposed to be held in March (date to be confirmed) and flyers with details to be sent to the village. The aim is to get initial plan developed by end of 2025.

b. Rolleston Station Signage

This was reported in the District Council report and minuted in item 5.

c. Update on Fly-tipping near River Greet

Cllr Colman reported that the landowner now wants to put up a sign rather than a gate. It was decided that this was now a private matter and should no longer be progressed by the Parish Council.

d. PC ownership of land near phone box (Between Staythorpe and Station Rd)

This was reported in the Council report and minuted in item 5.

e. Dog Poo bins

Cllr Colman reported that NSDC poo bin team would supply an estimate for 2 bins and the erection of the bins.

f. First Aid Training review and future training dates

The next training course will be 1st April 2025. An email has been sent to the village notifying them.

g. Date for Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Steele to confirm the date.

13. Correspondence

There were no additional items of correspondence.

14. Agenda items for next meeting

15. Date of next meeting – Monday 3rd March 2025

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 9pm.

**I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 3rd February 2025
(approved at the PC meeting held on 3rd March 2025).**

Signed **Date**

Chair Rolleston Parish Council

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