

ROLLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Rolleston Parish Council

Monday 4th November 2024 at 7.30 pm, in The Greenaway, Rolleston

Minutes

Present: Cllr Bob Steele (in the Chair), Cllrs Geraghty, Colman, Kyte, Cllr Saddington (NCC) and Cllr Melton (NSDC), D Bryant (Clerk) and 6 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 Gemson

3. Declarations of Interest.

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests pursuant to section 31 Localism Act 2011 from councillors on matters considered at this meeting.

No Declarations of interest.

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2024

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 Melton reported that there had been no progress on the tree project. He reported that the Holly Court purchaser remained unknown.

Cllr Melton stated that the planning application 24/00402/FUL for the development of the land at Greenaway is on the NSDC Planning Committee agenda for 11th November. A member of the public asked Cllr Melton if the 24/01194/LDCE Certificate of Lawful Development which had been granted for the site would be considered by the Planning Committee as part of the consideration of the 24/00402/FUL Planning Application. Cllr Melton responded that planning issues are considered as a balanced argument which included all factors. A member of the public stated that in terms of local social housing need, 2 of the 3 council houses in Rolleston are currently vacant and this negated the argument of a compelling need for social housing.

Steve Bosworth asked that, given he had submitted the Rolleston application for the NSDC flood mitigation grant over a week ago and had not heard anything and this was now urgent given the flood season was commencing, if Cllr Melton could chase this.

Cllr Saddington reported that she had received an email from a Rolleston parishioner about the state of the roads in Rolleston. She stated that hot boxing is due to be done early in 2025 and the gullies are to be flushed out in the very near future.

A member of the public explained that tractors using the village roads and the mud they had deposited on the road surface had scrubbed all the yellow “for repair” markings off the road which would hinder the hotboxing. The member of the public was also concerned that drain-cleaning will now be negated by the mud that has been spread by the tractors. Cllr Saddington explained that it is usual practise that farmers clean the roads after they have transported crops etc. The clerk was asked to write to the farmer concerned, with Cllr Saddington on copy, stating that numerous members of the public had complained about the state of the roads and to remind the farmer of the obligation to clean the road. Members of the public also asked that the farmer be asked to ensure his drivers observe the speed limit within the village.

Regarding the blocked gullies, Cllr Saddington reported that gullies feeding into the carrier drain situated within the footpath at the junction with Greenaway are the responsibility of Severn Trent. This carrier drain is broken and needs to be fixed before the gullies can be fixed.

Steve Bosworth asked if Cllr Saddington could arrange for Matt Duckworth to contact him with regards to the correct contact within Severn Trent re the blocked main drain running through the village. Cllr Saddington agreed to chase.

Cllr Saddington reported that the Kate Greenaway house has been bought by a private individual who knew of the history of the Greenaway connection and would be mindful of this in the future.

Cllr Saddington was told that Cllr Colman had applied for a donation to the Seniors lunch. Cllr Saddington agreed to progress it.

A member of the public complained that rubbish had been fly-tipped on Station Rd. Another member of the public responded that the material had been put there by Network Rail for railway maintenance. The member of the public gave the Chair the contact details of the person to contact in Network Rail if the material and the site is not cleared to the council's satisfaction.

A member of the public asked Cllr Saddington about the cutting of the Holly Court hedge. The road-side hedge has been cut back but not the footpath side. Cllr Saddington to chase.

6. Public Participation

A member of the public asked about the hedge on Occupation Lane heading towards the Station as this hedge needs to be cut. Cllr Steele agreed to contact Network Rail Land Management Team who are responsible for this hedge.

7. Planning

- a. There are no planning applications for consideration as of the date of publication of this agenda.
- b. Update on 24/01194/LDCE Application for lawful development certificate to confirm use of existing land known as Rolleston Village Hall as a local community use. Pertinent to 24/00402/FUL, Demolition of two bungalows and erection of five dwellings including parking provision and amenity spaces on the land at the Greenaway, Rolleston

Cllr Steele reported that the Council had received an NSDC letter notifying the council of the inclusion of the above planning application in the NSDC Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 11th November. Cllr Steele stated that he planned to ask Mr Baillon-Saunders if he wished to speak on the parish's behalf. Cllr Steele to work with Chris Baillon-Saunders on the content strategy.

- c. 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.

Approved and signed by the Chair

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

Approved and signed by the Chair

- c. Update on budget setting for 25/26.

A preliminary budget has been drafted by Cllr Gemson which is to be reviewed by Cllr Steele and the clerk.

- d. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

Cllr Colman to inform Cllr Gemson of the payment contact for the Xmas tree donation which was agreed at the October meeting.

Cllr Steele informed the Council that the Clerk's 2024 pay increase has now been agreed. This increase in the Clerk's pay was proposed by Cllr Steele, seconded by Cllr Colman and agreed with a unanimous vote.

9. Footpaths and Highways

- a. Update on hedge at Holly Court overhanging the footpath. Minuted in item 5.

10. Flooding Issues and Emergency Plan

- a. Flood Warden Report
 - i. Update on Flood Resilience Grant application – The grant has been applied for and is in hand.
 - ii. Update from Cllr Saddington on blocked gullies in the village. Minuted in agenda item 5.

11. Parish Council Owned and Managed Village Land and Facilities

- a. Tree planting/wildflower gardens
 - i. Update from Cllr Melton on progress.
 No progress as minuted in item 5.
- b. Playpark
 - i. Playpark Committee Update.

Cllr Colman reported that the Committee have produced a risk assessment which they propose the Parish Council adopt. The playpark signage is to be renewed. On the sign an email address is to be provided for the notification of defects. Cllr Steele proposed the adoption of the Play Park Risk Assessment, Cllr Kyte seconded, and the adoption was agreed with a unanimous vote.

ii. Update on Cushionfall.

A Pro forma invoice has been issued and sent to the Council for payment.

12. Community / Neighbourhood Issues

- a. Rolleston Neighbourhood plan. Ongoing
- b. Update on Severn Trent blocked drain at Croft View Close. Ongoing
- c. Rolleston Station Signage – Cllr Colman to chase.
- d. Council to request donation from NCC for Senior's Xmas lunch. Requested. This will be paid into the Parish Council's account.

13. Parish Council Administration

- a. Email address update for Councillors. Completed.

14. Correspondence

- a. Email Request regarding fireworks and noise. An email was sent to the village.
- b. Email request for a donation for Church grass cutting. Proposal from Cllr Steele to donate £300. Cllr Colman seconded. Agreed with a unanimous vote.
- c. The council noted it had received several messages about the mud and blocked gullies which had been discussed with Cllr Saddington and minuted under item 5.
- d. The council had received an email about past issues of Rolleston Junction. These are now being put on the Rolleston village website as a source of useful information about Rolleston.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

16. Date of next meeting – Monday 2nd December 2024

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.40.

**I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 4th November, 2024
(approved at the PC meeting held on 2nd December, 2024).**

Signed **Date**

Chair Rolleston Parish Council

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