

ROLLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Rolleston Parish Council

Monday 7th October 2024 at 7.30 pm, in The Greenaway, Rolleston

MINUTES

Present Cllr Steele (in the Chair), Cllrs Geraghty, Colman, Gemson and Kyte, Cllr Saddington, (NCC), Cllr Melton (NSDC), D. Bryant (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

1. Chair's Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 19.30pm

2. Apologies

No apologies were received

3. Declarations of Interest.

None were received

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2024

The minutes were received, approved and signed by the Chair

5. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Melton updated the Council on the Certificate of Lawful Development relating to the Village Hall and associated land. He reported that during a recent NSDC meeting with Matt Lamb, Director of Planning and Growth, various options were discussed for the provision of parking at the village hall. NSDC's preferred option is to reference the planning rules in order to ascertain the designated number of parking places for a hall of this size. NSDC's view is that once the new houses have been built, there would still be sufficient parking spaces on the remaining land for the hall. This stance was debated at the Parish Council meeting as it was felt by villagers that this would contravene the Certificate of Lawfulness which now defines the Village Hall land as community use.

Cllr Melton also reported that an NSDC plan being considered is to submit the original plan for new houses on the Village Hall land to the NSDC Planning Committee for consideration so that a decision can be made that is "clear and concise". This course of action has not yet been decided.

A member of the public asked if NSDC could choose to ignore the Certificate of Lawfulness and build on part of it instead. Mr Baillon-Saunders (a Rolleston Villager who is acting for Rolleston in this matter) stated that in the year 2000 the boundary of the village hall land was established as encompassing the whole plot of land and the newly acquired Certificate of Lawfulness corroborates this. Therefore, NSDC have a legal duty to behave in accordance with policy. Mr Baillon-Saunders explained that NSDC could

decide to go against the Certificate, but they would need to demonstrate a compelling need to make an exception.

Cllr Melton also updated the Council on the tree planting project. Matt Adey is the NSDC officer on the tree project. A District Council tree project will go ahead but the size and scale is yet to be determined. For Rolleston, this could include 2 Acre Field and Pear Tree Farm Barn and potentially others. The plan will be put forward to the County Council for funding. The area on the corner towards Fiskerton and also Station Rd (beyond the Church) would not be taken forward as the area is re-wilding itself.

Cllr Gemson asked about the car parking area next to river between Fiskerton and Rolleston as there are frequent wild-campers in the car park. Cllr Melton responded that felt that this would be for Fiskerton PC/Notts CC to resolve.

Cllr Saddington reported that Holly Court had gone to appeal, and the appeal had been successful.

Cllr Colman asked Cllr Saddington who had bought the Kate Greenway house (18 Fiskerton Rd) and was there any risk the house would be demolished. There is a strong cohort in the village who would be against any such development. Cllr Saddington suggested that a NCC FOI request would determine who had bought the land. Cllr Colman to action.

Cllr Saddington reported that Fiskerton Rd will be hot-boxed to repair the potholes.

6. Public Participation

There was no additional public participation

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.

This was discussed in the District Council Report and noted in Minute 5

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. No further items were noted.

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. Preliminary budget review and consideration of 25/26 Precept
The draft budget was circulated to Councillors for consideration.

d. Consider spend year to date and plans for expenditure for the remainder of the current budget year.

The spend and forecast were considered and will be considered further.

c. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

Cllr Gemson proposed to move funds on both accounts into interest-bearing accounts. It was decided that this is to be resolved in parallel with the 2025/26 budget setting.

9. Rolleston Parish Council Policy and Procedure Documents

a. Update on Rolleston PC Playpark documentation.

Ongoing

b. Risk assessment documentation.

Ongoing

10. Footpaths and Highways

a. Update from Cllr Saddington re hedge at Holly Court overhanging the footpath.

This was discussed in the County Council Report and minuted in Minute 5.

b. Update from Cllr Saddington on vegetation overhanging Station Rd.

Resolved.

11. Flooding Issues and Emergency Plan

a. Flood Warden Report

Mr Bosworth (flood warden) reported that there were now 3 qualified flood wardens in Rolleston. He requested that he be permitted to apply for a flood grant of up to £2,500 for further trash pumps and hose boxes (to protect hoses on the roads). The Council unanimously voted to ask Mr Bosworth to apply for this funding. The grant funding would be paid to the Council who will procure the equipment as specified by Mr Bosworth

12. Parish Council Owned and Managed Village Land and Facilities

a. Tree planting/wildflower gardens

i. Update from Cllr Melton on progress.

Minuted in District Council report, Minute 5.

ii. Update from Cllr Saddington regarding NCC advice on potential location issues.

No longer relevant.

b. Playpark

i. Playpark Committee Update.

Cllr Colman to send the Clerk the historic play inspection reports and schedule of visual inspections so they can be officially stored on the Council laptop.

ii. Update on Cushionfall.

In hand.

c. Update on Bee-keeping presentation held on 10th September.

Cllr Steele reported that the session had been attended by over 20 attendees. Michael Coombs had given a very interesting presentation with demonstrations etc. £150 was raised and donated to Michael Coombs to encourage bees. There are currently 4 active hives on the Rolleston allotments. Cllr Steele to follow up progress.

13. Community / Neighbourhood Issues

- a. Rolleston Neighbourhood plan – consideration of benefits of the plan.

Mr Baillon-Saunders reported that a Rolleston Neighbourhood Plan would give Rolleston Parish Council more ability to objectively control and comment on planning applications within the village. A Rolleston Neighbourhood Plan would be a definitive statement of the Rolleston Parishioners' plans for village improvements and developments. He stated that the first step is to define the boundaries of Rolleston.

Mr Baillon-Saunders volunteered to lead the development of the plan but stated that assistance would be needed for surveys etc. This course of action was proposed by Cllr Steele and seconded Cllr Gemson. The Council voted unanimously to proceed and for Mr Baillon-Saunders head up the project.

- b. Update on Severn Trent drain blocked at Croft Farm Close.

Ongoing.

- c. First Aid Training course update.

Cllr Colman reported that over 15 attendees were present at the training course and that is was a good course that covered lots of information. There had been requests for further training, especially emergency training for CPR etc. The Council resolved to reconsider further training during the January meeting.

- d. Rolleston Station Signage

Ongoing.

- e. Bus shelter noticeboard

Completed.

- f. Kate Greenway Action Group (KGAG) meeting.

Cllr Colman reported that KGAG has taken on responsibility for the Carol concert and that the Group were seeking a donation for an Xmas tree for the village from the Parish Council. Cllr Geraghty proposed a donation of £100 which was seconded by Cllr Gemson. Vote unanimous.

14. Parish Council Administration

- a. Email address update for Councillors.

Ongoing

15. Correspondence

There was no additional correspondence for consideration.

16. Agenda items for next meeting

Request for NCC donation to Senior's Xmas lunch.

17. Date of next meeting – Monday 4th November 2024

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.16.

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