

# ROLLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Meeting of Rolleston Parish Council

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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 he is yet to receive an update from Matt Adey of NSDC regarding the tree planting project. The project still needs to go to NCC for further approval.

A member of the public asked about the Bess system at Staythorpe. Cllr Melton confirmed the project is still going ahead. No timescales have been confirmed.

Cllr Melton was asked about the leylandii hedge bordering the Village Hall land. The hedge is partly maintained by Village Hall Committee and the remainder should be the responsibility of NSDC. The hedge needs urgent maintenance. Cllr Melton committed to investigate.

Cllr Saddington reported that the hotboxing on Fiskerton Rd will take 10 days to complete commencing 12<sup>th</sup> March (weather depending). Hotboxing on Greenaway will take 3 days and will commence 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Cllr Saddington provided more detail on the NCC offer regarding a parcel of land at Rolleston (between Staythorpe and Station Rd near the phone box). NCC is offering ownership of the land for the cost of £1 plus all legal fees for the transfer. The Council noted that this land is currently on a 99-year lease which has over 60 years remaining.

The Council expressed concern of the likely cost of the legal fees but committed to discuss this further and let Cllr Saddington know of the outcome.

Cllr Saddington reported that the letter to Arlington farms re mud and debris on the village roads has been passed to highways who are inspecting. Cllr Saddington to chase progress.

Cllr Saddington offered to donate to Rolleston the funds to provide a clock in the village hall. Rolleston PC were asked to write to Cllr Saddington requesting the funds. The Chair committed to do this.

## **6. Public Participation**

There were no further items for public participation

## **7. Planning**

- a. There are no planning applications for consideration as of the 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 for consideration.

## **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. Update on budget and precept setting for 25/26.

The Council noted that it had received agreement from NSDC to submit the precept after the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Cllrs Steele and Gemson agreed to meet to finalise the budget and proposed precept which would be agreed and voted on in the February meeting.

- d. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

Cllr Gemson noted the need to move funds to an interest-bearing account in the coming months.

## **9. Footpaths and Highways**

- a. Mud and debris on roads due to agricultural vehicle movements.  
This had been discussed with Cllr Saddington during the NCC report. Minuted in item 5.

## **10. Flooding Issues and Emergency Plan**

- a. Flood Warden Report

Mr Bosworth reported that he has identified the correct contact at Severn Trent to assist with the blockage in the drain at Croft View Close. It has been identified and confirmed that there is a blockage in the drain. Severn Trent have committed that it will be rectified but no timescales have been committed.

There have been issues reported by various parishioners regarding the bank on River Greet at Rolleston Mill. Mr Bosworth reported that it appears Southwell Racecourse have

installed a new sump which, in the flooding, may have resulted in the top of the bank being washed away. Mr Bosworth is investigating this further.

Flood Alleviation Grant update - Mr Bosworth supplied a list of the equipment that is to be purchased using the grant.

## **11. Parish Council Owned and Managed Village Land and Facilities**

### **a. Tree planting/wildflower gardens**

This was reported on by Cllr Melton in the District Council report and is minuted in item 5.

### **b. Playpark Committee Update**

Cllr Steele reported that a quotation had been received for the new noticeboard for the playpark area. The wording on the sign was agreed and the Council voted unanimously to proceed.

Cllr Steele reported that the gate over the haulage way leading to 2 Acre Field has fallen off. The landowner has agreed to replace it however concern was expressed regarding timescales for the replacement and the security risk whilst the gate was not in place. Cllr Steele agreed to chase. Cllr Melton committed to talk to NSDC officers to see if the gate would be replaced with NSDC assistance. It was agreed to progress this at the next meeting.

## **12. Community / Neighbourhood Issues**

### **a. Rolleston Neighbourhood plan.**

The Council noted that it has received a copy of the NSDC Adopted Plan dated 1999 which includes Rolleston. Cllr Steele asked Cllr Melton if it would be possible to have a copy of the Rolleston detailed plan as this could be a valuable source of information for the RPC Neighbourhood Plan development. Cllr Melton advised the Council to contact Matt Lamb (Dir of Planning) to get more detailed information for Rolleston.

### **b. Update on Severn Trent drain blocked drain at Croft View Close.**

This had been reported on by Mr Bosworth in the Flood Warden report. Minuted in item 10.

### **c. Rolleston Station Signage.**

Cllr Colman continues to email EMR and chase progress regarding the sign on the station platform providing wrong directions. Signage has also been requested to provide directions to either Fiskerton or Rolleston from the station. NCC Highways are being chased.

### **d. Update on Fly-tipping near River Greet (near Claypits).**

Cllr Steele has spoken to all the residents regarding a gate being installed. All residents are supportive. Cllr Colman was asked to notify the landowner that the residents were happy with the plans for a proposed gate.

### **e. Rolleston PC ownership of land near phone box (Between Staythorpe and Station Rd).**

This was reported on by Cllr Saddington during the County Council report and is minuted in item 5. Cllr Steele reported that he had received further information from The Rowles family who were responsible for the instatement of Jubilee Gardens. It was resolved that this would be progressed further with Cllr Saddington and discussed at the next meeting.

### **f. First Aid Training review and future training dates. Ongoing.**

g. Dates for 2025/26 Parish Council Meetings.  
2025/26 Meeting dates had been circulated to Councillors and would be posted on the website.

h. Date for Annual Parish Meeting.

It was decided to resolve the date and location at the February meeting.

### **13. Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received.

### **14. Agenda items for next meeting**

Gateway to 2 Acre field.

Rolleston PC ownership of land near phone box (Between Staythorpe and Station Rd

Date and location for Annual Parish Meeting

Dog poo bins

### **15. Date of next meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.00

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