

ROLLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Rolleston Parish Council

Monday 1st September 2025 at 7.30 pm, in The Greenaway, Rolleston

Present: Cllr Steele in the chair, Cllr Colman, Cllr Gemson, Cllr Sanders and Cllr Kyte, Cllr Keith Melton (NSDC), the clerk (D Bryant) and 4 members of the public

MINUTES

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7.30pm

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Geraghty and Cllr Saddington

3. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 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 Melton reported that the meeting regarding Neighbourhood Plans had been a success. There had been a request for potentially creating a set of Neighbourhood plans which would encompass all five villages as this would potentially lessen the work for each village. Cllr Melton reported that the central government funding for the Neighbourhood Plan development is no longer available.

Mr Bosworth asked about the status of the village hall land. Cllr Melton commented that the outcome of the recent appeal would mean that it would be some time before development of the village hall land could be considered. The Chair informed Cllr Melton that there had been deliberations about the potential purchase of the village hall land to protect it from future development. Cllr Melton agreed that this could be feasible and requested that the Chair write to him to progress this.

Cllr Saddington had apologised that she was unable to attend the meeting due to an unfortunate accident. Cllr Saddington reported (via email) that Severn Trent Water undertaken some works in the village and that Matt Duckworth is waiting for a report from them. Cllr Saddington also reported that Fiskerton Road had been repaired through the village to the 30mph roundel, as had been the Greenaway.

6. Public Participation

Alec Jezewski asked the PC to consider setting up a benevolent fund to support the poor and needy of the village. He stated that the village could also get charitable donations from local businesses. It was stated that the charity could assist any Rolleston parishioners negatively affected by a potential fire at the local BESS. The Chair clarified that Alec's request was that the Parish Council were being asked to set up the charity and to also fund it. Cllr Melton pointed out that NSDC would offer emergency funding should the village need evacuation because of a BESS fire.

After much debate, it was decided that the Parish Council felt that the concept was very laudable but the Council did not feel it was able to set up a charity and that the Council's precept funding could not be used to fund a benevolent charity. However the Chair stressed that requests for donations would be considered and approved if councillors felt it appropriate.

For clarity, the Chair proposed a motion that the Parish Council would support a benevolent charity being set up in Rolleston but that the Parish Council could neither set this up or fund it. The councillors voted to accept this motion unanimously.

7. Planning

- a. No planning applications have been received as of the date of this agenda.
- b. Great North Solar and Biodiversity Park: Application for a Development Consent Order.
The Council noted this meeting and are considering attending.
- c. Update on Planning Appeal for Rolleston Village Hall Land.
This has been discussed and minuted under agenda item 5.
- d. 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 bank reconciliation was received, voted unanimously and signed by the Chair.
- c. To approve the annual salary increase of the clerk in line with the Local Government Services Pay Award 2025.
This was approved with a unanimous vote.
- d. To review the progress on obtaining an interest-bearing bank account.
Cllr Gemson updated the Council and proposed that £15,000 be transferred from the Corner Farm current account into a higher interest-bearing account. Cllr Gemson also proposed that £12,000 be transferred from the Council's current account into the interest-bearing account. Both proposals were approved by the Councillors who voted unanimously
- e. To note the completion of the Rolleston PC Audit.

The council noted the successful completion of the audit and the period of public inspection.

- f. Any other matters appertaining to finance.
There were no other matters.

10. Footpaths and Highways

Gill Rowles had contacted the Chair about the poor state of the path from Holly Court to Fiskerton. Cllr Colman reported that she had already notified the state of this path which is now overgrown and has collapsed.

Cllr Steele has contacted Network Rail about the hedge on Occupation Lane.

Network Rail have cut as much as they are able but were hampered by nesting birds.

Cllr Kyte agreed to report to NCC the potholes and cracks on Occupation Lane and also the lack of road markings on the top of Brinkley Hill.

Cllr Colman reported that the litter bin on the road to Staythorpe has been replaced but had been subsequently smashed. Cllr Colman has also reported this to NCC. Cllr Colman has reported fly tipping Fiskerton Rd (leaving Rolleston).

11. Flooding Issues and Emergency Plan

- a. Flood Warden Report

There is a flood meeting at NSDC on 18th Sept for anyone interested in flood resilience. This has been sent out to the village.

Alex reported that a pump had been installed by the racecourse to pump water into the Greet and the racecourse had installed bollards in the Greet. He stated that he believed this to be impractical as it would not prevent the water from by-passing the bollards and the pump is the wrong size for the water levels in the Greet. The fear is that if these mitigating solutions fail then this will exacerbate the flooding in Rolleston.

12. Parish Council Owned and Managed Village Land and Facilities

- a. Tree planting update and grant consideration/approval

Cllr Steele proposed setting up a sub-group to organise the tree project. Cllr Sanders, Cllr Gemson and Cllr Kyte volunteered to set up this group. Cllr Steele agreed to chair the first meeting.

- b. Playpark Committee update

- c. Mr Bosworth reported that the step is to be fixed in the next couple of days. The Flying fox is to be ordered.

13. Community / Neighbourhood Issues

- a. Licensing update for Southwell Racecourse.

Cllr Steele proposed the need for a traffic management plan which would apply to all events that were held on the race course. The racecourse had contacted Mr Harries to agree the need for a updated traffic management plan.

- b. Rolleston Neighbourhood Plan update following NSDC meeting.

Cllr Gemson reported that the NSDC Neighbourhood plan meeting was well attended and the Rolleston Neighbourhood plan meetings are now progressing.

- c. Potholes update.
Potholes on Occupation Lane already discussed and minuted in agenda item 10.

14. Correspondence

- a. Request for Rolleston PC to set up a charitable benevolent fund
This was discussed and minuted in agenda item 6.
- b. Request for dog-walking in 2 Acre Field
The Council debated this. It was felt that any dogs would need to be on leads and that all the dog faeces would need to be removed. IT was further believed that for village events there would be a need to have the field inspected before they could be held and this would be too onerous. Finally, it was stated that there are lots of dog walks in the village and so there is no need for additional walks on 2 Acre field. This was put to the vote. 4 councillors voted against using the field and one abstained.
- c. Email from Corner Farm Close to request funding for laurel tree hedge.
This will be investigated and minuted at the next meeting.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

16. Date of next meeting – Monday 6th October 2025

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting closed at 21.10.

Following the closure of the meeting, Cllr Steele noted Pati Colman's resignation as Councillor. He said that Pati and her husband, Arne's, contribution to the parish council, and to the community, had been outstanding, and they would be very much missed. The Council thanked them on behalf of the Parish Council and the wider community.

The council considered the activities that Cllr Colman and her husband undertake in the village.

Defibrillator . This will be undertaken by Cllr Kyte

The waste bin currently held in the Colman's house. The bin will be housed in The Crown's car park. Cllr Colman to inform NSDC that the bin will be moved to the back of The Crown.

Litter picking. Three volunteers have said they would undertake the litter picking.

Play park. Cllr Colman agreed to ask Sue Readman if she would become lead on the playpark management

Village hall Committee – Cllr Geraghty volunteered to be part of the committee.

Parish Council Noticeboard – Cllr Gemson will now manage the noticeboard, and Cllr Colman will give her key to Cllr Steele.

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