

ROLLESTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Risk & Resilience

A second bund has recently been finished in the field which led to the 2012/2013 flooding. This is a considerable achievement as it did not fit into any template that the EA uses. In the end we had a lot of help from their local personnel particularly Ash Reeves. It would take an Oscar acceptance speech to thank everyone involved but the major players know who they are.

The Parish Council has recently purchased a small pump which can be used in flooding situations but is not for use filling/emptying swimming pools. Three people will be trained up to use this and the contact person is John Smith.

Emergencies can occur other than flooding, and our last experience with a telephone cascade system exposed a number of expected flaws. People could not be contacted and some residents in safe areas were unnecessarily panicked. I am therefore suggesting a simpler method. 12 to 15 volunteers would act as a contact person for a group of nearby residents. I would take responsibility for notifying the volunteers when there is a problem. If anyone is interested in such a role please contact me 819181/07786 536 915/ johns@hawthorns0.freeserve.co.uk and groups can be worked out. Volunteers could alert people in their area by any means they see fit phone/text/shouting/banging on doors/etc.

Steve Johnson
PC Risk & Resilience Warden

The Parish Council

would like to welcome any new residents to the village. Monthly meetings are held (except August) on the first Monday of every month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the Public Session and we try to represent the views of the village. However it is possible for individuals to make their own representations on many issues directly on line.

Agendas and minutes are posted on the notice board in the phonebox on the Millennium Green or can be emailed to you if you register your email address to our clerk at village-lage-parishcouncil.rolleston@gmail.com

Extra meetings are sometimes held when planning application deadlines have to be met. Interested parties can look for details of these on the NSDC website.

The Parish Council has objected to the proposed gravel pits at Averham Flash on the grounds of road congestion. Anyone remembering the chaos of last Summer at Kelham Bridge will appreciate our concerns.

Playing Fields

These are a great facility enjoyed by both Rolleston residents and other communities. Please continue to enjoy them, use the litter bins and do not exercise dogs either in the play areas or the playing fields. Thank you.

Contact details.

Chair. Alec Jezewski 814585
V. Chair. Linda Mason 819009
Steve Johnson 819181
Frank Mitchell 813014
Steve Short 815019
John Smith 814686
Rob Wilson 815246
Parish Clerk 650667

Liaison Meetings

These occur with both the Power Station and the Police Community Liaison Group. Contact Steve Johnson and Steve Short respectively with any queries or information you may have.

The Speedwatch Group has made a big difference to the speed at which vehicles drive through the village, anyone interested in joining it should contact Steve Short.

Emailing Rolleston

There are more than 130 houses in the village of Rolleston and we have more than 75 internet addresses which are used to send by email, Rolleston Updates, Rolleston Parish Council's monthly Agenda and Minutes and any important news that needs to be circulated to the village. We have been circulating such emails for the last two or three years

There will always be residents who don't have email facilities and they will continue to receive notices delivered by hand. However, if you don't receive Rolleston emails at the moment or have never received them, it may be perhaps because you haven't let us know your email address or you've changed it and not let us know the new address. If you would like to be put on the circulation list to receive Rolleston emails, please send your email address to either:

Alec Jezewski :
alec@rollestonvcb.net
Or Julian Richardson : julianrichardson@mac.com

Highways/Footpaths

Although we managed to get the bulk of the village footpaths resurfaced both Station Road and the Station Road footpaths remain of concern. We will continue to press for improvements even though funding for rural communities has been reduced.

Could residents and their visitors try not to park on the footpaths as this not only wears out the surface but in some cases completely blocks the footpath for pedestrians. *any of the village footpaths*

We are aware that the surface water drain running down Staythorpe Road is not fully functional and needs a lot of money spending on it. We will continue to keep on the case.

A reminder that any parishioner who has concerns near their property over footpaths/potholes/street lighting can contact the County Incident Hotline on 0300 500 8080 or contact the Severn Trent helpline on 0800 783 4444 *with drainage issues*

Corner Farm

We are trying to find out who is responsible for the maintenance of the grass area on Corner Farm, either the developers or NSDC. Once this is resolved we can consider it's future.

Fibre Broadband

After the aborted attempt to install hub at the corner of Staythorpe Road we are pushing for it to be installed as quickly as possible next to the Millennium Garden.

Rolleston Village Hall

To all the new and old residents of Rolleston, I am delighted to contribute an article for the Rolleston Parish Council newsletter.

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic facility in our village which we believe is the envy of many other communities in the area. The new Village Hall opened in 2005 and we will celebrate its 10th Birthday next year. We do hope that the newest residents of Rolleston have had a chance to see what is on offer. We are fortunate in that it is completely paid for so we have no debt to service. However, in spite of a rates free benefit from Newark & Sherwood District, we still have substantial running costs and on-going commitments which means that we need to generate an income and also increase our financial reserves for capital replacements etc.

Village Hall Insurance, Licences, waste removal, heat and light, gardening, cleaning and broadband provision are just a few of the on-going costs we have to bear and although we do have a steady stream of users who pay rent including the bowls club, the Pilates and fitness clubs who use the facilities, this income stream alone is insufficient to meet our monthly bills and for us to build up our financial reserves.

Once again, we have re-started our connection with Nottingham County Council's Village Ventures and have had 6 events this year which have been successful, well attended and enjoyable evenings. It provides light live entertainment

and we have another full programme starting in the Autumn.

We have a small committee comprising of elected members and representatives of Rolleston Parish Council and the Parochial Parish Council but we do have vacancies if anyone else wants to join! We'd be delighted for any willing volunteers.

The allotments that are just outside the village on the way to Staythorpe and which we have been waiting for have now been handed over to the Village Hall. It not only provides a facility for villagers and those from surrounding districts to use but it will also provide a small income for the Village Hall in the future. I understand works to prepare the allotment site for use have been started, including the drilling of a borehole to provide a free water supply. All of these works will be carried out at no cost to the village. Already an enthusiastic Allotment Society is being set up with new faces forming its Committee and if you would like a plot please contact Bob Marshall who is the chief organiser on 07702 616664

If you need any further information or you want to join one of the fitness sessions or clubs, please either go to Rolleston Village Hall website: www.rollestonhall.org.uk or telephone me for contacts etc: 01636 816370

Julian Richardson
Chairman Rolleston Village Hall Committee