

ROLLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Rolleston Parish Council

Monday 2nd December 2024 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). One member 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 4th November 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 the Rolleston PC application for the NSDC Flood Mitigation Grant had been approved. He further reported that the tree project is still ongoing and will be updated in the January meeting and that the planning application 24/00402/FUL for the development of the land at the Village Hall had been turned down at the NSDC planning Committee meeting. The Council have written to Cllrs Saddington and Melton to thank them both for their contributions and their support.

Cllr Saddington reported that the £150 payment of the NCC donation for the Seniors' Lunch has now been passed for payment.

Cllr Saddington reported on a recent NCC discussion regarding a parcel of land at Rolleston (between Staythorpe and Station Rd near the phone box) that NCC own. NCC were querying if Rolleston PC might be happy to be given this land. Rolleston Parish Council expressed tentative agreement and requested that Cllr Saddington clarify precisely the area of land they were referring to and what the terms might be.

Cllr Saddington notified the Council that the dike at Station Rd has been brought to the attention of the new NCC Chairman (Sam Smith). She hoped that this might result in the rectification of the flooding issues on Station Rd being brought forward.

6. Public Participation

No matters were raised.

7. Planning

a. There are no planning applications for consideration as of the date of this meeting.
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 24/00402/FUL application was refused at the NSDC Planning Committee Meeting on 11th November 2024 as the Certificate of Lawful Development was upheld. The Council wished to express thanks to Chris Baillon-Saunders for his support and efforts.

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 other matters were reported.

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.
Cllr Gemson reported that he had received an amended budget from the Clerk and that the precept would be presented and agreed in the January Parish Council meeting.
d. Any other matters appertaining to finance.
Cllr Gemson proposed the setting up of a chairman's fund of £500 for the 25/26 civic year. This was seconded by Cllr Colman and agreed with a unanimous vote.

9. Footpaths and Highways

Cllr Colman reported that an NCC Temporary Closure Notice has been put up by Rolleston Footpath 9, Mill Level Crossing notifying residents that the footpath will be closed from 21.00 hours on 11th February until 06.00 hours on 13th February.

The Council noted that a letter had been sent to Mr Arlington regarding mud and debris on the village roads resulting from the movement of Arlington Vehicles within the village. The Council are aware that a tractor has moved the debris to the side of the roads but are concerned that this will now block the drains. The Council resolved to request that Cllr Saddington be asked to follow this up. It was also requested that Cllr Saddington be asked to request that the Rolleston drains and pavements are cleared.

10. Flooding Issues and Emergency Plan

a. Flood Warden Report
Steve Bosworth, the Flood Warden, sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting. He reported on the Council's successful application for the Flood Alleviation Grant.

The Council requested that Mr Bosworth notify the Clerk of the precise items that had been detailed in the Flood Grant application so that these could be purchased and the funding claimed.

Steve Bosworth also reported that he was still awaiting information from Matt Duckworth of NCC regarding the correct contact at Severn Trent for the resolution of the blocked drains in Rolleston.

He also reported that the playpark cushionfall will be collected from Giffords by 06.12.24. Cllr Colman stated that she would organise volunteers to spread the cushionfall

11. Parish Council Owned and Managed Village Land and Facilities

a. Tree planting/wildflower gardens

This is ongoing and Cllr Melton will report progress in January.

b. Playpark

i. Playpark Committee Update.

The Chair has received an email from a member of the playpark committee containing a quote for the playpark sign and proposed that the Council should purchase 2 signs with a budget of £100. This was seconded by Cllr Colman and agreed with a unanimous vote.

ii. Cllr Colman reported that she has set up and distributed the risk assessment for the playpark and has also set up the inspection rota for the first half of 2025.

iii. It was noted that the gate at the end of 2 Acre field is missing. This is the responsibility of the adjoining landowner. Cllr Steele resolved to write to the landowner.

12. Community / Neighbourhood Issues

a. Rolleston Neighbourhood plan.

This matter is ongoing. Cllr Steele is gathering historical information and gaining support from the villagers. Cllr Steele committed to talk to Chris Baillon-Saunders regarding the next steps.

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

c. Rolleston Station Signage.

Cllr Colman reported that on 30.07.24 she contacted EMR regarding the confusing signage at the station. On 10.09.24 she was advised to contact VIAEM re directional signage. She was also told that the matter relating to station signage had been passed to "the relevant department". On 05.11.24 Cllr Colman chased the EMT Contact Charter to ascertain who "the relevant department" was and she has yet to receive a reply. Therefore, the confusing signs at the station remain unchanged.

d. Fly-tipping in the River Greet.

Cllr Colman informed the Council that she had reported fly tipping in the River Greet and on the Claypits off Station Rd to NSDC on 05.11.24. Subsequently she heard nothing, and no action appeared to have been taken. Cllr Colman chased NSDC on 02.12.24 and was told that both the river and the land are privately owned and so NSDC would not be taking any action. Cllr Colman rang the landowner and discussed the problem. The landowner lives remotely and so is quite keen to see the matter resolved. The landowner suggested erecting a gated fence on the corner of Station Road (Footpath 9) but the landowner is unaware if the people who live across the

railway track use the land to access their properties by car. Cllr Steele resolved to investigate and update the January meeting.

e. Cllr Colman reported that Christopher Robin and Poo on “Poo Sticks” Bridge have been damaged and that the necessary repairs have been made.

13. Correspondence

A resident of Fiskerton contacted the Council asking about traffic management for Southwell racecourse when a hunting event was taking place. Tim Harries was contacted who reported that the racecourse voluntarily implemented traffic management, and this cannot be enforced. The Fiskerton resident had been contacted with this information.

The First Aid training providers have written to request that the Council registers interest and requests training dates for 2025 that are required. This will be resolved in the January meeting.

14. Agenda items for next meeting

2526 Parish Meeting dates
First Aid training review and dates.

15. Date of next meeting – Monday 6th January 2025

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.43.

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