

Rolleston Parish Council

Minutes of Rolleston Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at The Greenaway, Rolleston

Present:

Cllr B Steele (in the Chair) **BS**

Cllr P Colman **PC**

Cllr M Gemson **MG**

Mr S Bosworth (Rolleston Flood/Snow Warden) **SB**

1 member of the public.

Chair's Welcome:		
The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 19.30 p.m.		
1	To receive apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllrs Geraghty and Parslow and D Bryant. (Clerk)	
2	To accept Declarations of interest. No interests were declared.	
3	To Approve and accept the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2023 The minutes of the meeting held on 4 th December were approved as a Correct Record. To be signed by the Chair, BS.	BS
4	Matters arising not on the agenda. No matters were noted.	
5	<p>First Open Session</p> <p>a) District and County Council Reports As neither Councillor was present, no reports were heard.</p> <p>b) Public representations A member of the public referenced his own experience in respect of Battery Storage facilities. He noted an objection raised regarding the Staythorpe development was the potential noise level. On the basis of tests he carried out at a facility in Kent, he stated that Rolleston would not be affected by noise from the Storage Facility at Staythorpe. The tests at Kent emitted no more than 65 decibels (the sound of one vacuum cleaner.) He said that noise could be further reduced to about 15 decibels by using noise baffling systems.</p> <p>Questions were raised about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire risks, particularly “thermal runaway”, where fire in one battery triggers others to catch alight. • Flood risks. • The effects on wildlife, particularly badgers, which have all but disappeared from the proposed site at Staythorpe. <p>The member of the public suggested that, as part of the appeal process, the Parish Council could request sight of the BESS Fire Safety Management Plan plus the noise level and flood risk assessments</p> <p>BS informed the meeting that BESS has lodged the appeal and the deadline is 15th January '24 for representations to be made to NSDC. ACTION: BS to contact NSDC and Staythorpe/Kelham prior to making representations to NSDC if necessary.</p>	BS

6	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) No planning applications have been received for consideration at this meeting. b) Update on Planning matters including recent and extant planning applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Planning Status report from Cllr Melton [KM] on NSDC owned land adjacent to Rolleston Village Hall. Deferred due to absence of KM. ii. KM update on Staythorpe Battery Storage. Deferred due to absence of KM. iii. Update on Holly Court Planning Committee representation. BS reported that he made representation at the NSDC Planning Committee meeting on 7th December. Planning Permission was not granted on the grounds of “over-development of the site.” c) Any other items notified to Rolleston Parish Council prior to the meeting and requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council Meeting. There were no other matters 	<p>KM</p> <p>KM</p>
7	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To approve payments as listed on the payment schedule. No payments required other than the monthly salary for the Clerk. b) To receive and approve bank statements. The council received and approved the current account balance: Main Acc. (ending 433) As of 23.12.23 - £21,948.16 Corner Farm Acc. (ending 006) As of 13.13.23 - £21,261.20 MG suggested a meeting with BS and DB and any other interested Councillors, to go through the detailed figures of the budget for approval at the next meeting. ACTION: BS to arrange. c) Precept: BS said that in view of the small turnout at the meeting due to local flooding, DB had requested a delay in the submission of the Precept to NSDC so that it can be approved and minuted at the next meeting on 5th February '24. Approval for this delay has been received from NSDC. 	<p>BS</p>
8	<p>Footpaths and Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Dog Fouling: BS clarified that there is no Working Party with Fiskerton cum Morton but he has agreed on co-operation. PC reported that Footpath 2A (from the Village Hall to the Staythorpe end of the village) was badly effected by dog fouling. This was confirmed by a member of the public who is aware of dogs roaming free over the area. ACTION: PC to put up notices at both ends of the footpath. b) Footpaths. PC noted that the gate between the Village Hall and the Footpath 2A is off its hinges. ACTION: PC to contact the footpath Officer, NCC. 	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
9	<p>Flooding Issues and Emergency Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Flood Warden’s report on future flood risk mitigation initiatives. SB reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. he has had no success in replenishing the Resilience Store. He has ordered sand which, if used to mitigate the effects of the current floods, 	

	<p>he will need to charge the PC. This was voted on and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>ii. he has contacted the Environment Agency regarding the raw sewage which is flowing into the water course from the drain outside "Saxonwell." He has received no assurance that any action will be taken in a timely fashion.</p> <p>b) BS reported receipt of a cc email from a Parishioner to Cllr. Saddington [SS] and Cllr Melton [KM] regarding flooding in Rolleston on Station Rd. SS had responded saying she would take up the matter with the Flood Response Team.</p> <p>c) Steve Bosworth reported that, as required a part of his role as Snow Warden, he had tried to report snow showers to NCC, only to be told that he was ringing the wrong number (the one he was given) ACTION: As per the minutes of the previous meeting, the Clerk to continue to liaise with Cllr Saddington to progress.</p> <p>d) Cllr Melton [KM] update on Trent Ward Flood Warden meeting. Deferred due to absence of KM.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>DB</p> <p>KM</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Parish Council Owned and Managed Village Land and Facilities</p> <p>a) Play Park: BS noted that consideration should be given to allocating funds from the precept and council reserves to cover the cost of future replacement of equipment. PC suggested and the council agreed that, in view of the likely cost of replacements, the council should wait until equipment is "condemned" by the NSDC Inspector before taking any action. BS noted that weekly visual inspections of the Playpark are carried out by volunteers. MG suggested that the Inspector be asked to comment on the likely life of the existing equipment to assist with budgeting. ACTION: PC to contact NSDC .</p> <p>b) Tree planting/wildflower gardens on Parish Council land within the village – organisation of a meeting with Cllr Melton and NSDC Tree officer regarding the grants available. Deferred due to absence of KM.</p> <p>c) Finger Post repair/replacement. PC is still awaiting a response from Cllr Saddington who undertook to chase up the required repair.</p> <p>d) MG raised the need to improve the signage for the Village Hall. This to be progressed in 2024 if necessary.</p> <p>e) Provision of a village noticeboard. As the Parish Council has found it necessary to use the full Notice Board on the KG Garden for the required display of Council business, all leaflets / adverts etc have been transferred to the old Telephone Box. It was agreed and voted on that the council would compensate the village for the loss of space by funding 2 lockable A4 waterproof boards to be mounted on the outside of the telephone box. ACTION: PC to progress.</p> <p>f) Station Rd and National Grid BS reported that he has received a response from H Harland of National Grid that a road sweeper is to attend the site on Station Road on 3rd January '24 "to clean up the mess". The Council noted that the current flooding would render this</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>KM</p> <p>SS</p> <p>PC</p>

	impossible. The contractor is putting a plan in place for dates to carry out reinstatement of the verges to their correct status. BS to follow up progress	BS
11	<p>Community / Neighbourhood Issues</p> <p>a) Defibrillator Training. PC reported that the training was well received, and several parishioners had expressed interest in general First Aid training. ACTION: PC/JG to feedback at the next meeting.</p> <p>b) First Responders PC reported that a member of the public had suggested that a group of volunteer informal First Responders might be formed to offer support in the event of health incidents in the village. ACTION: PC to report back on how this might be progressed.</p> <p>c) Electric car charging points. PC reported that the meeting with “50five” took place as planned. It was agreed that, as the plan is to have charge points sited in The Vinery Car Park, the Vinery team will take on future negotiations with the suppliers.</p> <p>d) Southwell Racecourse meetings. Tim Harries reported via email that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 76 meetings are planned for 2024 of which 40 are evening meeting and 6 are on Sundays. This is an increase of 7 meetings compared to 2023 but is less than the 80 fixtures per annum the course have permission to hold ii. Due to remedial repairs, there will be no public access until at least 4 March 2024. iii. It was re-stated that there has been no loss/movement of the Tapeta all-weather racing surface due to flooding. iv. The racecourse representative is aware of and is sympathetic to Rolleston’s ongoing concerns regarding racecourse traffic passing through the village. The racecourse website directions and signage directs all traffic to use Racecourse Rd but the racecourse cannot enforce this. Additional signage is put in place for Sunday and evening meetings. However traffic still passes through Rolleston including horse-box drivers claiming mitigating horse health issues which the racecourse are obliged to support. 	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
12	<p>Parish Council Administration</p> <p>a) Update on development of Parish Council Website. BS reported that he is liaising with various Parishioners and with Diana Powell from Fiskerton with the aim of creating a bespoke website to suit the needs of the village. ACTION: BS to progress this procurement.</p>	BS
13	<p>General Correspondence Received</p> <p>BS reported receipt of :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. An email from a member of the public regarding recent sewage problems. Copied to SB, as Flood Warden, for any appropriate action. 	SB
14	Second Open Session. No matters raised.	

15	<p>Matters Raised in Open Session/ Matters Received After Publication of Agenda (for report only)/ Agenda items for next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agree and vote on 2024-25 budget and Precept request – delay agreed with Phil Ward of NSDC. b. Report on issues relating to the battery energy storage system in Staythorpe [BS] c. Matters outstanding raised with Cllr Melton: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning status of NSDC owned land adjacent to Rolleston Village Hall. ▪ Update on Staythorpe Battery Storage. ▪ Update on Trent Ward Flood Warden meeting. ▪ Tree planting/wildflower gardens on Parish Council land within the village, to include the organisation of a meeting between Cllr Melton and NSDC Tree officer re available grants. d. Matters outstanding raised with Cllr Saddington: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Response from the Flood Response Team to an email from a member of the public regarding the flooding on Station Rd. ▪ Finger Post repair/replacement. PC is still awaiting a response from Cllr Saddington. e. Feedback on Playpark [PC] f. First Aid Course– potentially to be included in the Annual Parish Meeting [JG] g. Set the date and agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting h. Feedback from meeting with Caroline Henry, Notts Police and Crime Commissioner on 24th January. [MG] 	
16	<p><i>Date of next meeting: Monday 5th February 2024 @ 19:30pm in the Meeting Room at Rolleston Village Hall, The Greenaway. Rolleston.</i></p>	

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.45.

I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 2nd January 2024 (approved at the PC meeting held on 5th February, 2024).

Signed **Date**

Chair Rolleston Parish Council

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