

Rolleston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Tim Harries (In the Chair)
Cllr Chris Baillon-Saunders
Cllr Pati Colman
Cllr Jane Geraghty
Cllr Christine Salter

Members of the Public: 4

Also in attendance Cllr Saddington NCC and Cllr Blaney NSDC

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33/23	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr Lucy Sole and Cllr Richard Thackeray .	
34/23	Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
35/23	Matters Arising not on the Agenda One item of finance to be added -Request for payment contribution received from the organisers of the 2022 Seniors' Christmas Dinner.	
36/23	First Open Session County Council Cllr Saddington reported that the NCC element of the 2023/2024 Council Tax bill would rise by 2.84% plus an additional 2% for Social Care. She reported difficulties in accessing money from the divisional fund and the noted the unfortunate non-payment of money towards last year's Seniors' Dinner. She believes there is £50 remaining in her budget this year, which is allocated to be paid to the PC along with the £200 agreed towards the Coronation celebrations. When new money is available in the next financial year, the remaining promised money will be transferred. District Council Cllr Blaney reported that the NSDC element of the 2023/2024 Council tax bill would rise by 2% but the total bill is likely to rise between 4 and 5% as the NSDC element equates to only 10% of the total. He reported that the planning application for housing near the Village Hall is not currently listed to be considered as the County Council Highways Department has withdrawn its previous conditional support until parking for the Village Hall is resolved to comply with previous planning permissions. An application has been received by NSDC for a second BESS Battery Storage at Staythorpe on land between the 2 sets of traffic lights. The plans can be seen at Robin Hood Theatre on Wednesday 15th March between 2.30 and 7.30 p.m. The cumulative impact of numerous applications for energy storage will have to be taken into account when assessing the planning applications. General Public Cllr Blaney was asked whether the local area is likely to be inundated with requests for change of use of land to the energy industry. He was unable to say, but noted that a planning application is expected on land adjoining Kelham House for solar powered plant, and expressed the view that in future it is expected that solar/wind farms will have Battery Energy Storage units to make maximum use of energy produced, and that the country needs to have a secure energy supply.	



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37/23	Declaration of Interest None	
38/23	Planning Application: Nothing to report	
39/23	Financial Matters. Councillors unanimously approved the following payments from the Main Account: a. Invoice 2716 N.A.L.C. Annual Subscription £100.60 b. A provisional payment of £100 to be made to J Doyle in respect of the Seniors' Christmas Dinner by way of shortfall in the level of expected contribution from NCC, in the event that the contribution is not received within the next month. The annual maintenance contract with Ulyett Landscapes Ltd for the Parish Council owned land comprising Jubilee Gardens, the 2 acre field and play park, and the Kate Greenaway Garden/Corner Farm, was considered and agreed to be renewed. Cllr Harries reported the following balances in the Parish bank accounts: £20,414.09 in the Main Account and £22,075.59 in the Corner Farm Account. Current expenditure for the 2023/24 year to date remains broadly on budget.	TH
40/23	Footpaths and Highways It was noted that the level of the Rolleston Railway crossing had been raised as part of recent works by Network Rail and was rather uneven. Further work is expected shortly and the situation will be monitored.	
41/23	Flooding and Emergency Plan Nothing to report.	
42/23	PC Owned & Managed Amenities a. A working party to continue the planned improvements on and to the front of the Jubilee Garden is to take place on Saturday 1st April from 9 a.m. b. Platinum Jubilee Oak Tree – It was agreed that the small sapling donated by NSDC will be planted within the new Church hedge.	
43/23	Community / Neighbourhood a. Coronation of King Charles. A Village Event is planned for Sunday 7th May between 2–6 pm the Village Hall and grounds. The celebrations will continue in to the evening at the pub. b. May Elections for Parish Councillors. Only three of the current councillors have indicated an intention to seek re- election to the Parish Council so vacancies will exist for new members.	
44/23	Ongoing improvements to Village Amenities. The pub is now open.	
45/23	General Correspondence Received a. Poster received, promoting volunteering for Community First Aid, posted on the village notice board.	
46/23	Second Open Session Concern was expressed about a recent event at the Village Hall which resulted in some anti-social behaviour to neighbours, and minor damage.	
47/23	Matters Raised in Open Session or received after publication of the Agenda (for report only) None	
48/23	Date of next meeting: Cllr Harries closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.	

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	The next meeting is scheduled to take place at 7.30pm on <i>Monday 3rd April 2023</i>	
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