

Rolleston Parish Council Annual Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4th May in The Greenaway, Rolleston

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

Members of the Public: 4

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the annual parish meeting and explained what it entailed

2. Observation from Nottinghamshire County Council and Newark & Sherwood District council
County Council
Cllr Saddington spoke about the need to comply with governance requirements as the County and District Councils move to a 3 tier system, the existing District Council and County Council structure would remain, together with a new Mayoral tier. This would secure additional finance from Central Government. One requirement is that the various committees are run by a cabinet system as oppose to the committee system presently worked.

Cllr Saddington will be in further discussion re the railway barriers via zoom on 11th May.

She reminded that she represents 23 parishes therefore her time would be limited visiting all the Jubilee Celebrations but she would try to visit Rolleston.

Cllr Saddington thanked all Parish Councillors particularly those undertaking clerking and finance duties. She also thanked members of the public for attending meetings.

District Council

There was no representative present from District Council

3. Annual report of the Parish Council

Cllr Harries reported that the past 12 months had again been one of continued busy and effective performance from the Parish Council, with the ongoing novelty of meetings having been held both in person and virtually.

There had been a modest increase required in the village budget precept, deemed essential to meet the inflationary pressures on the cost of delivering services, but careful fiscal control meant that expenditure was again held on budget, and with a reasonably healthy surplus carried forward towards nominated future projects.

This strong financial position had enabled the Parish Council to continue to make contributions towards a number of parish initiatives and events and the Parish Council has continued to work effectively alongside a growing number of important village organisations and amenities.

In addition to the normal business, the Parish was consulted on some 13 planning applications during the year to March 2022, including a number which were perceived to have potentially significant long term impacts on the village and required lengthy examination, notably those from the neighbouring Southwell Racecourse and those which would result in an increase in new housing stock in the village.

Cllr Harries thanked all of those Councillors who had served on the Council over the past year, and particularly those who had gone the extra mile to spearhead village initiatives and who had committed a lot of their own time maintaining village amenities.

The Councillors' current 4 years term of office will end in 12 months' time, and Cllr Harries issued an invitation to those parishioners who may be interested in putting themselves forward for election at that time to contact anyone on the Parish Council to gain an understanding of what the role entails.

Finally, Cllr Harries thanked all of those parishioners who had made the time to attend meetings of the Parish Council and contribute to the discussions, and also the support received from representatives from District and County Council, all of which was most gratefully received.

4. Observations from Parish based Organisations

a. Holy Trinity Church

Cllr Salter, PCC Secretary reported that the last year has seen many changes at Holy Trinity Church, Rolleston, which continues to be part of the Benefice of West Trent. Rev. Phil White continues to lead the Benefice of 7 churches. Each church now has one service a month although there is a weekly zoom service at 9 each Sunday.

Financially the PCC is grateful for all monetary contributions enabling the Church to meet its payment to the Diocese of £8600, and to try and keep the Churchyard in good order. Recently the PCC has had more tree safety work at a cost of £2500 and each grass cut costs £220. The PCC is grateful to the Parish Council for its contribution towards the grass cutting.

The next big expense is to deal with the erosion of stones on the external chancel wall. The recent flower festival started the fund raising with a magnificent £1725.

The extension to the Churchyard is hopefully to be consecrated in June.

Mr Peter Salter stepped down as Churchwarden after 9 years but he is still the Treasurer. Mr Julian Ellis is the sole Churchwarden.

b. Rolleston Village Hall

There was no representative from Rolleston Village Hall committee

c. Rolleston Junction

There was no representative from Rolleston Junction

d. Allotments

There was no representative from the Allotments association

e. The Electorate

There were no observations from the electorate present

The meeting ended at 7.30pm

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