

ROLLESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Rolleston Parish Council

Monday 3rd November 2025 at 7.30 pm, in The Greenaway, Rolleston

Present: Cllr Steele in the chair, Cllr Gemson, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr Sanders and Cllr Kyte, Cllr Keith Melton (NSDC), Cllr Sue Saddington (NCC), acting clerk Lydia Joiner and 5 members of the public

MINUTES

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7.30pm

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from the Clerk, Denise Bryant.

3. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Steele declared an interest in the planning application 25/01803 as the application is from their neighbour.

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2025 and the cancelled meeting of 6th October 2025 (cancelled due to the meeting being inquorate)

The Minutes were received as a correct account, the vote was unanimous, and the minutes were signed by the Chairman

5. Update on Tree Planning project

Cllr Steele introduced the topic and stated that the objective was to seek approval for the project and to approve and sign the NCC contract for the provision of the trees. Cllr Steele outlined that this contract will fund the provision of 21 trees to be planted in the village. The trees are to be planted in 2 Acre field and Corner Farm. Saturday 6th December is the date agreed for the planting. The next step is to organise volunteers to help on the day. The contract is for the trees and associated planting equipment and bulbs. The grant Rolleston PC have been offered is for £6,290 or 100% of the costs, whichever is the lesser. Cllr Steele reported that a project team had been formed consisting of Cllr Steele, Cllr Gemson, and three others who had had several meetings to obtain quotes for the trees and equipment and to determine which nurseries were willing to deliver the day before free of charge in two loads for the two sites.

Cllr Steele to liaise with Cllr Kyte to check the Village Hall diary to ensure it is available on the 6th December for the provision of teas and coffees.

Cllr Michael Gemson reported that two nurseries had been approached for quotes. The cheaper of the two was chosen which is Branch Nurseries in Normanton on Trent. The size of the 21 trees required were felt to be suitably large (the height is approx. 10ft). The nursery proposes to supply details of the varieties of trees nearer the time. It was felt that the nursery was being helpful. The project team had also received support from Lynn Preece and her tree consultant colleagues. Cllr Steele remarked that the number of bulbs would be decided once the tree costs were confirmed and therefore the remaining budget for bulb planting would be known. Cllr Steele noted that a tree planting plan had been produced, that all the trees would be native species and that lots of expert advice had been received.

Watering the trees was queried by a member of the public. Cllr Steel responded that the contract contains stipulations about the replacement of any trees dying in the first 3 years. Cllr Kyte clarified who will water them and Cllr Steel stated that it was more important to focus first on getting them planted although he recognised the need for future planning about water.

Cllr Steele proposed that the Council accept the offer of £6,290 from Nottinghamshire County Council for planting and looking after these trees. Cllr Kyte seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously passed.

6. District/County Council Reports

Cllr Saddington (NCC) reported that she had received an email from a gentleman complaining about the trench in front of his house in Occupation Lane. Cllr Kyte commented that she had noticed it was subsiding adding it is rising on each side. Cllr Saddington said that NCC Highways had suggested putting mastic in it like they have done on other highways. Cllr Kyte clarified that the cracks are opening at an alarming rate and she is nervous about a sink hole appearing. A member of the public echoed this concern due to the dry weather. A second member of the public noted the numerous lorries travelling down the road to access the racecourse.

Cllr Saddington noted that due to her accident she had delayed her drive around. However, she now reported that she had noticed when driving around Farndon and Rolleston numerous issues and all issues arising from her drive around will be taken back to Highways. Cllr Saddington asked if there were any issues that the Council wished to report and she would investigate it. Cllr Saddington reported that the road between Rolleston and Fiskerton would be hotboxed next financial year.

A member of the public commented to Cllr Saddington that Fiskerton Road in Rolleston was resurfaced earlier in the year, and the residents had been promised that the splashing from the river alongside the road would be mitigated. This had not happened, and it was now impacting the mortar in her wall. Cllr Saddington asked the member of the public to email her the details, and she would progress this.

Cllr Saddington reported that she was continuing to follow up on the Staythorpe Power station issue regarding the railway barriers preventing access in the event of a fire. Staythorpe apparently hadn't made any provision, and Cllr Saddington has requested a further meeting.

Cllr Saddington asked if Rolleston are having a Seniors lunch this Christmas. Cllr Geraghty reported that it is being held but is now being run in the pub as the volunteers found it too onerous. The pub said they are happy to receive a contribution from Cllr Saddington. Cllr Sanders reported that they already have 30 attendees for the lunch.

The Clerk is to contact Cllr Saddington formally requesting a contribution.

Cllr Melton (NSDC) reported that he had investigated the area of land potentially being offered for purchase by the village hall. This request has now gone to be considered by the NSDC Housing Group and, as yet, there had been no response.

Cllr Melton report that he had formally requested that he be told the cost involved in appeal process for the village hall land. Cllr Melton reported that he had been informed that over £2,000 had been spent on external consultants and that the other costs he had queried were insignificant. Mr Steve Bosworth requested the full detailed figures, Cllr Melton suggested he would need to get the information from a Freedom of Information request.

Steve Bosworth noted that the 2 bungalows on the village hall land remain empty. He asked if NSDC would be resubmitting planning permission as the bungalows were not open for letting. Cllr Melton remarked that the bungalows weren't a high priority and so if there was work needing to be done then it wouldn't be a high priority.

Cllr Melton reported on the licensing of the racecourse and asked if the racecourse had updated the council. Cllr Steele said he had just received an email. Cllr Melton reported that a discussion had taken place about security issues on the racecourse but the racecourse was unsure of the key areas that were concerning Rolleston. Cllr Melton asked that Rolleston be more specific and more precise on their concerns and whether it was just traffic or the noise aspect. Cllr Steele and Cllr Kyte said it was both. He also stated that the licensing authority doesn't have much sway unless there are real quantifiable disadvantages to the locality due to misuse of the licence.

Cllr Steele reported that he recalled an amendment to the agreement between the Council and the racecourse which included the wording "could submit a traffic and management plan" and that the Council had wanted the agreement to state, "must submit a traffic and management plan". Cllr Steele said at the moment it is the racecourse's choice, and he said he wanted to mandate this for all racecourse events and all independent events. Cllr Melton asked Cllr Steele to email him to clarify the issues precisely and noted he might not have originally understood. Cllr Steele commented that he believed he had already sent an email which he would find and send again.

Cllr Steele is to wait until the new racecourse manager (replacing Mark Clayton) is in role and to email both this new manager and Cllr Melton.

7. Public Participation

Nothing was noted in this section as all discussed elsewhere.

8. Planning

a. No planning applications have been received as of the date of this agenda.

- b. Any other items notified to Rolleston Parish Council prior to this meeting and requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council meeting.

Planning Application received by Rolleston PC on 30.10.25.

25/01803/HOUSE New front porch, rear ground floor extension and external alterations including new windows and doors, side canopy, timber cladding. New garden room/home gym and external store. Gorse House 2 Gorse View Staythorpe Road, Rolleston

Background was given that the original objections were that it was too close to the boundary of the council bungalows and the necessary paperwork had not been submitted detailing bats living in that area. This has been resubmitted by the applicant. An update from NSDC is that there is an expectation for it to be passed. Cllr Kyte proposed to support this application, and Cllr Gemson seconded. The vote was passed unanimously with the exception of Cllr Steele who had declared an interest.

9. Finance

Note that Cllr Kyte and Cllr Sanders left the meeting before Finance.

- a. To approve payments as listed on payment schedule if any.

The payments were approved, voted unanimously and the Chair signed.

- b. To receive and approve bank reconciliation and bank balances.

The bank reconciliation was received, voted unanimously and signed by the Chair.

- c. To review the progress on obtaining an interest-bearing bank account.

Cllr Gemson reported that the Council now has 2 interest-bearing accounts set up and that £15,000 has been transferred to interest-bearing accounts with HSBC initially for a 6 month period. In 6 months, it is likely that the funds will remain in these accounts. Cllr Gemson wished to record that the majority of the working capital could be transferred to the current accounts if needed in an emergency. This action can now be closed.

- d. Budget Review and consideration of 26/27 precept.

The council voted to discuss this at the next meeting.

- e. To receive and approve the increase in annual charges of the Scribe Accounting system.

These were received unanimously as this was due to the increase of the precept.

- f. Any other matters appertaining to finance.

There were no other matters.

10. Footpaths and Highways

Cllr Gemson noted that there is still a considerable amount of dog poo uncollected particularly around the livery and Staythorpe. He noted that the offending dog-owners need to be caught to be fined.

11. Flooding Issues and Emergency Plan

- a. Flood Warden Report

Steve Bosworth recommended that IBC containers should be used to store water for watering the new trees. He suggested that the council discuss at the next meeting if it should acquire 1000L IBC units that can go onto a trailer for moving water. There was a suggestion that creek water could be used. Clerk to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

12. Parish Council Owned and Managed Village Land and Facilities

a. Playpark Committee update

Sue Readman noted that she had received an NSDC Playpark inspection report which detailed 16 elements of risk. She noted that most of them are low risk and the focus is on minimising risk. Two high-risk issues were the timber steps and the trees that are encroaching the equipment and so need cutting back such that they are 2m away from the equipment.

Cllr Geraghty proposed that Steve Bosworth be asked to look at the report and provide a price for any reparations. Cllr Gemson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Motion following the report of the local authority to ask resident technician of what was possible and the costing for doing it. Steve Bosworth commented that Proludic provided the play equipment originally. Cllr Steele reported that he planned to purchase a swan neck for the swinging rail but he would wait to purchase this until after the work of the technician. The clerk was asked to send a copy of the latest NSDC Playpark inspection report to Steve Bosworth.

13. Community / Neighbourhood Issues

a. Licensing update for Southwell Racecourse.: *discussed earlier*

b. Rolleston Neighbourhood Plan update

It was noted that this is a monthly meeting with the next on the 27th of November. State of play is to define the specific area is included to neighbourhood plan.

c. Potholes

This was discussed earlier.

14. Correspondence

Cllr Steele had received an email from Sally John requesting a second defibrillator and another training session. Cllr Geraghty stated that there had been training recently and also that a recent discussion on defibrillator grants had determined that the available grant was insufficient to cover the cost of the defibrillator. Cllr Gemson also stated that during the review they had considered locating it in the village hall which couldn't be done due to the large cost. For these reasons, a second defibrillator was turned down recently. Clerk to respond to Sally and suggests she come to the December meeting as the defibrillator will be an agenda item.

15. Agenda items for next meeting

- i. Christmas tree for Kate Greenway Garden.
- ii. Donation to be given to the church for maintenance of the graveyard.
- iii. Defibrillator in Rolleston
- iv. Costing for Playpark reparations
- v. Precept for 26/27
- vi. IBC Containers to enable watering of new trees.
- vii. Co-option of new councillor

16. Date of next meeting – Monday 1st December 2025

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting closed at 21.05

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