

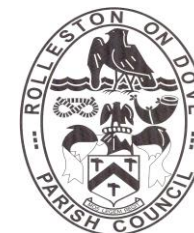


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NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE AND VILLAGE WEB SITE ARCHIVING

No further updates will be posted onto the village website, so please visit the new web site for all PC matters such as Agendas, Meeting Minutes, Financial reporting and village events. Email the Clerk if you have any concerns or suggestions.

BELLWAY HOMES CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PLAN (College Fields development)

We have now received notification that Bellways have developed their Construction Management Plan for the College Fields site. This includes their hours of operation, deliveries and of course how construction traffic will enter and exit the site along with parking arrangements for residents. As promised at the last public meeting Bellways representatives will attend a meeting with as many of you who wish to attend. The meeting will replace the full Parish Council meeting on 13th August at 730pm.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS

Since the last Rollestonian we can further update you on village improvement works:

Road signs a number of signs have now been replaced which look much smarter and will be easier to clean.



Railings we met with County Council Highways officials who observed with us the damage to the railings along Burnside, and their poor state of repair. They have promised to come back to us with a solution to repair and repaint. We hope to be able to update you on this later in the year.

Community Orchard two 'log' benches have been installed for you to sit and enjoy the surroundings, or to enjoy some of the produce on offer. Our thanks go Nathan Barnett of Barnett Tree Services for not only installing the logs, but for carving them into benches.

Surface water our thanks go to the Blue Cross Equine Centre for completing works to their ditches, and for installing a pond on their land to store surface water and stop it draining from the fields and crossing Dovecliffe Road. This was a danger in colder weather as it froze on the bend causing a real hazard to road users.

Community enforcement officers will be around in the village over the summer to talk to residents about anti-social issues such as dog fouling and litter. 'Pick up after your dog' stencilling will be spray painted in problem areas. They will also visit business owners about keeping areas tidy and incidents of fly tipping.

Replacement tractor following a successful application to the County Council for part funding, we have been able to purchase an old tractor which with the help of our Contractor, Youth Representative and Clay Mills Pumping Station will be transformed into a piece of play equipment for Tafflands Woods. This is to replace the wooden tractor which had deteriorated into disrepair. Look out for pictures on its transformation coming soon.

Replacement spinner It is with regret that we inform you that we were not successful in obtaining funding from the Co-op Community Fund to cover the costs of replacing the spinner on Elizabeth Avenue Park which has been missing now for some time. We will continue to pursue other sources of funding. If anyone has any ideas on where we may be able to get financial assistance, please let us know. The approximate cost of purchase and installation is around £5,000.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Thank you to the many who contributed either in writing, or personally with comments and amendments to the NHD over recent months. These will all be considered by the Steering Group. It is unfortunate that the consultation will need to be repeated due to administration technicalities which meant that not all consultees got the full amount of time to comment.

Look out for notice of this in the very near future.

BEACON ROAD SURFACE WORKS

We met with County Council Highways to look at Beacon Road. The County Highways budget this year is nowhere near as big as they were expecting therefore Beacon Road cannot be resurfaced currently. It is on the list of roads to be resurfaced in the County once funding is found, but in the mean time pot holes will continue to be filled, and the quality of repairs monitored.

Remember you can report pot holes and other road defects online on Staffordshire County Council Highways Website.

ROLLESTONIAN OF THE YEAR

We were pleased to award village webmaster Richard Bush with the Rollestonian of the Year award this year. Richard was nominated for the thousands of unpaid hours dedicated to the village website. It's hard to explain just how much work this has involved over the years. It has been a one stop shop for all things Rolleston. This year Richard stepped down from the website, but his legacy will live on and act as an online archive for all village organisations for many years to come. We have no doubt his contributions will be greatly missed by many people, and many more who don't know of his dedication. Well done Richard. On behalf of the whole village – Thank you.

This year will also see the installation of a 'roll of honour' board in the Old Grammar School Room showing the names of all the winners of this award since its beginning.

Wishing you all a very happy summer.