be convened in the near future to discuss a way forward, we will of course keep you up to date on this important issue.

PROPOSED RELIEF ROAD

You may have seen in the local press an idea that is being muted for a Western relief Road which will link Claymills in Stretton with the Branston interchange. Councillor Bod Fraser informed the Parish Council of his idea at the last meeting. Councillor Fraser was unable to answer questions or provide a clear route for the proposal, however he stated that the Road would cross Beam Hill, Tutbury Road and Rolleston Road before being routed to Claymills.

Although we welcome the idea of easing congestion and speeding up Ambulance times to and from Queens Hospital, the suggestion will obviously impact on the village to some degree.

No surveys have been completed or ordered as yet, nor has any funding been identified. If this proposal moves on at all we will keep you informed

PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS

Although dates have not yet been set, look out for the annual footpaths walk (usually June) - have you walked any or all of them? The Village Walks leaflet is to be re-published this year.

Look out also for the annual village clean-up day - your chance to help maintain the environment you live in. Date to be announced. (Usually May)

If you are a 'Facebooker' join the Parish Council Facebook page for information on matters that affect you. Search 'Rolleston on Dove Parish Council' and request to join. Once you have been accepted click on the notifications box to ensure you receive updates.

Mrs J Bucknall, Clerk of the Council, 01283 810625, rollestonpc@outlook.com PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS



The Parish Council meets on the second Monday of each month in the Old Grammar School Rooms. Meetings start at 1930, and are open to the Public. The agenda for each meeting can be found on the village website.

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank Mrs Heidi Light who has been out Clerk for quite a few years, in which time she has given both the Parish Council and the people of Rolleston excellent service.

On many occasions Heidi has been called out in the night to problems, it could have been flooding or a tree had blown down. Heidi was always there to help no matter what the problem was, she kept the Parish Council informed, and could be relied on at any time of day.

Thank you Heidi for your help and we wish you every success in your new employment.

We welcome our new clerk, Mrs Jane Bucknall, please continue to give her the support that the village has always provided to this position.

James Toon

Chairman Rolleston on Dove Parish Council

PLANNING & PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

Both the threat and the reality of large scale developments within the village and surrounding areas is never far away.

COLLEGE APPEAL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Appeal Under Section 78 - Public Inquiry Appellant(s) Burton and South Derbyshire College

It was advised that Eric Pickles Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has refused the appeal to build dwellings on College Fields. Whilst this represents a significant victory in protecting the village from unwanted development, there may be one more hurdle to jump, in that they have six weeks in which to launch a final appeal against the Secretary of State's decision in the High Court. This expires 26th January 2015.

The Parish Council wishes to thank all those of you who have supported this appeal.

THE PLANNING PROCESS & HOW TO RESPOND

Details of the planning process and how to respond to planning applications can be found on the village website.

To view live planning applications, you can visit the Planning Portal on East Staffordshire Borough Council website.

www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/planning/applications-and-decisions/applications-and-appeals

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT LAND OFF KNOWLES HILL/ANSLOW LANE

Nothing further has been received. The last the Parish Council heard was that Staffordshire County Council were 99% sure they would not be continuing with this plan.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

East Staffordshire Borough Council had refused to proceed the Rolleston on Dove Neighbourhood Development Plan until the outcome of the College Appeal decision was made. As the decision has been taken to refuse the development of the College Fields site, and we have still heard nothing from ESBC in terms of proceeding to Referendum a petition was launched.

The petition, launched by the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Development Steering Group, is for ESBC to proceed to Referendum and the Parish Council respectfully asked for your support in signing the petition. At least 200 signatures were required for the petition to be officially heard, and we achieved well in excess of that number. Since this petition was launched ESBC have invited us to attend a meeting at the end of January.

VILLAGE BUS SHELTERS

Planning permission has been granted for the replacement of the wooden bus shelter on Station Road with a brick built structure more in keeping with the one at the Spread Eagle Island. Works will begin during February and we are hoping that it will be completed before the end of March. The shelter will be built using reclaimed bricks and wood. We hope you will find it a welcome addition to the village.

CO-OP SUPERMARKET EXTENSION

The Council wishes to thank the co-op for the temporary shop which was installed on the Scout Carpark, with thanks to that organisation too, while the work to extend and modernise the shop on Burnside was completed.

However the Council would like to remind residents and users of the shop to park considerately and take extra care pulling in and out of the roads around the area, and to respect the grass verges.

BROOK HOLLOWS

Members of the Parish Council met with experts and representatives from East Staffordshire Borough Council to discuss a way forward for the protection of Brook Hollows. Brook Hollows is owned and maintained by East Staffordshire Borough Council.

You can see the maintenance schedule on the noticeboard on the Spinney. However the Parish Council are seeking funding for remedial works to be done - for example removing the silt build-up from the lake. A meeting will