You cannot stand if you:

- are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order,
- have, within five years before the day of the election,
- been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine,
- work for the council you want to become a councillor for.

## **DEFIBRILLATORS:**

Do you know there are two defibrillator machines in the village that can be used in the event of a medical incident. They are located in the back room of Rolleston Club (all Staff trained in its use) and mounted on the outside of Rolleston Cricket Club.

# Dates for your diary:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Annual parish Meeting (7.30 pm, Old Grammar School Room) Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Village Clean Up Day Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Village Walks Part 1 (am) Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Village Walks Part 2 (pm)

Look out for more details coming soon

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# Rolleston on Dove Parish Council



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 and on noticeboards around a week before the meeting is held. Should you wish to ask the Parish Council any questions or raise any points with them 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting is set aside. If you believe you have particular skills that the Parish Council or the village could utilise we'd love to hear from you.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN / EAST STAFFORDSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

We were expecting a decision on the College Fields Planning Appeal by the Secretary of State (Greg Clark MP), in November. However this date has come and gone and we still don't know its fate. As this decision was expected before Christmas the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Development Steering Group agreed to wait before submitting the Neighbourhood Plan to East Staffordshire Borough Council. Due to the delay in the College Fields decision, the Parish Council have taken the decision to push ahead with the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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-anddecisions/applications-and-appeals

## **CRAYTHORNE CARPARK**

We hope you will have noticed that Craythorne Road Car Park road surface has been extended further and some of the pot holes have been filled. As funding becomes available, we hope to complete the whole length of the car park.

## **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

Years ago the Parish Council used to enter Rolleston into the Best Kept Village Competition. We have looked at the criteria and had expressed an interest in entering again. There is a lot of work that would be needed to be done by the Parish Council, with the co-operation of other village organisations, and after much deliberation it was decided that we wouldn't be ready for this year's competition, but that we would work up to entering in 2017.

With this in mind the Parish Council would like everyone to think about how you could get involved if you want to. The details of the competition and the criteria for judging can be found on the village website.

### **ROLLESTONIAN OF THE YEAR**

The Parish Council will be running the Rollestonian of the Year again in 2016. Look out for nomination forms in the near future.

### JUBILLEE ORCHARD

2012 it was the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year. The Parish Council commemorated this historic event with the creation of a community orchard on the old bottle tip. Having earlier cleared the land of overgrown bushes and trees a small group of volunteers turned out on Saturday 22nd September 2012 to help plant the Jubilee Orchard at the top of Beacon Road.

A meeting was held on 19 November where a plan was agreed amongst other things, weather permitting, to dig and clear an area around each tree and to clear a strip along the metal fence to plant raspberries - and meet again in early March 2016 - and then have a volunteers work day at the orchard, to complete work not been done by individuals as and when possible.

If you would like to help with the Orchard as a volunteer to help with maintenance and implementing developments on agreed dates and/or a member of a small group that meets to decide and plan the way forward, please contact:

Mike Robson 45 The Lawns, Tel: 48059 Email: robsonmikemarj@gmail.com

### PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council deals with a diverse range of issues as can be seen through the Minutes and Agendas available on the Village Website. The Parish Council currently has vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor then please express an interest in writing to the clerk of the council, rollestonpc@outlook.com. The PC meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, commencing 7.30pm, Old Grammar School Rooms.

There are certain criteria you must meet. A Parish Councillor must be:

- a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union,
- 18 years or older on the day you become nominated for election,
- For the whole of the 12 months prior to nomination he/she must have been an elector of the parish and either occupied or owned/rented premises in the parish, or resided within 3 miles of the boundary of the parish, or had his/her principal or only place of work in that area.