

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.



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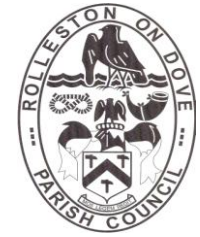
We welcome any photographs you take of the village or your own news, which we can upload with your permission for others to enjoy.



For those of you who are Twitter users, you can now follow us @AboutRolleston for local alerts.



Rolleston on Dove Parish Council



We find ourselves rapidly coming towards the end of 2015 and heading towards the time of year that many of us look forward to – particularly the younger members of our community. It is renowned as the season of peace and goodwill to all men – a time to look forward to the future as well as an opportunity to reflect on the past.

I am sure we all look back to those happy, early morning starts to see if "He" has been, the frenzied unwrapping of gifts, the enjoyment encapsulated in those initial moments. At this festive time we should take a pause and remember those less fortunate than ourselves who find Christmas a challenging time, and do what we can to help them.

We are very lucky to live in a thriving community brimming with a large choice of groups and organisations catering for a vast variety of interests and pastimes. We have a large number of residents who volunteer freely, giving a lot of time and effort to enable these groups and organisations to continue and grow. I thank each and every one of you – keep up the good work!

On a personal note I would particularly like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for the time and effort they give so freely to ensure that the village we all love continues to thrive, to maintain - and hopefully further improve - our environment for future generations. May I sincerely put on record my thanks to our Parish Clerk, Jane Bucknall, who has this year taken over the reins from Heidi Light, who helps our Parish Council in so many ways to serve the community. Also to our two contractors John Deacon and Phil Gould for the tireless work they put in to make our village a place we can justifiably be proud of.

As we look forward to what 2016 may bring – whether that is at a local village level or in events further afield on the national or international stage - may I on behalf of your Parish Council wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

Best Wishes, Stephen Sanderson
Chairman of Rolleston on Dove Parish Council

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

Planning matters continue to be high on the agenda for the Parish Council, and the period since our last newsletter has seen an application for a Solar Farm off Marston Lane, an application for houses at the Stretton end of Craythorne Road, and an outline application for houses on the Glenville Farm site (land between Rolleston Road and Tutbury Road). Decisions are awaited for the Solar Farm and Glenville Farm site, but the Craythorne Road development was successfully objected to and planning permission was denied.

All of these applications show that the need for the Neighbourhood Development plan is still there. The Parish Council continues to work with the Steering Group to ensure protection from unwanted/undesirable planning developments is afforded to the village.

As we write this newsletter, we are waiting to see if the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will uphold the appeal and deny permission to build on the College Fields site. We are also waiting to see if the East Staffordshire Local Plan is adopted. As soon as we receive any notifications we will use all channels open to us to inform you of the outcomes.

THE JINNIE TRAIL

Work on the Jinnie Trail and the old station continues with a guide having been produced by the group which is available from Starbucks. An open day was held 7-8 November which offered the working group an opportunity to share their knowledge and passion for the site with visitors.

We have been successful in obtaining funding to be able to extend the path further down the trail towards the road. This will ensure easy access for more visitors, without the need for wellies!

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

East Staffordshire Borough Council asked us to submit projects which would like to apply for funding from them for in the new year. We decided on the following, and will let you know any funding bids which have been successful.

- Replace goal posts on Craythorne Playing Fields with removable ones (recent health and safety inspection found some posts to be rotting)
- Extension to the tarmac section of Craythorne Carpark
- Replacement play equipment on Tafflands i.e. the Climbing Cube which was removed some time ago

If you (including any school aged residents) have any ideas of what play equipment we could research please do get in touch.

VILLAGE WALKS LEAFLET

The new Village Walks Leaflet has been available for some weeks now and has been in high demand. With thanks to Mr Clive Baker, these are much modernised and easier to follow.

Each year Councillor's invite you to join them on walking all of the walks on the map. Usually during the month of June, one Sunday morning, and one midweek evening is set aside. Please come and join us.

Leaflets are available from Starbucks, and to download from the village website and the Facebook page.

WORKS AROUND THE VILLAGE

Over the last month there has been work carried out on The Croft and Elizabeth Avenue Playing fields to tidy them both up.

An area of The Croft to the left as you look from the road was cleared and grass seed laid, and untidy bushes/overgrown hedges were removed from Elizabeth Avenue Playing Fields and also re-seeded with grass. We hope you find this to be an improvement to each area.

We will also be repairing the bare goal mouths on Elizabeth Avenue Playing Fields to stop 'goalies' falling in to the mud each time they dive for that winning save!

The steps underneath the Lychgate at the Church are also to be repaired as several of them have worn/sunk and are dangerously angled towards the road. Contractors will ensure this work does not impinge on planned events and Church services.

Craythorne Road carpark will also see an extension to the tarmacked area.