

ROLLESTON ON DOVE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2015**

PRESENT

Cllr J Toon, Chairman
Cllr B Toon
Cllr C Warren
Cllr K Simnett
Cllr A Evans
Cllr M Robson
Cllr B Gooding
Cllr J Wyatt
Cllr J Barnfield
Cllr S Adams
Cllr S Sanderson
Mrs J Bucknall, Clerk

Two members of the public were in attendance along with Laura Hammond from the Burton Mail and Cllr R Fraser, Staffordshire County Councillor.

62. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME & PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

None.

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

64. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Adams reported that he knew the applicant of P/2014/01611.

65. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2014

Whilst Cllr Adams agreed that the Minutes were an accurate record, he wanted to note that it was verbally reported that the Climbing Cube was rotten, and not included in the written report, but this was confirmed once the Cube was removed.

Cllr J Toon signed the minutes as a true record.

66. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Fraser reported that he was proposing a Relief Road be built to ease congestion and aid the fast response of ambulances to Queens Hospital. He was reporting this to the Parishes of Anslow, Outwoods, Stretton and Rolleston on Dove as it would affect these areas. The road would go further than the hospital to Beam Hill; Tutbury Road north of the new St Modwen's School and pass the south end of Rolleston to a new junction at Clay Mills. Cllr Fraser described it as a 'by-pass for Rolleston'.

Cllr Fraser requested a joint meeting with all Parishes affected. Cllr Fraser stated that he had tried to meet with Cllr Sanderson, but that Cllr Sanderson refused. Cllr Sanderson reported that he would be happy to join a joint meeting, but would not be willing to meet with Cllr Fraser one-to-one in a supermarket café. Cllr Sanderson and the rest of the Councillors thought this was an inappropriate request.

Cllr Adams asked Cllr Fraser why the Relief Road was not in the Integrated Transport Strategy 2014-31. Cllr Fraser answered that the Road was not included as the rest of Staffordshire Council did not know about it.

There was some confusion as to whether Cllr Fraser was approached by SCC to come up with the Relief Road scheme, or whether Cllr Fraser approached SCC with the idea. No survey, or funding has been identified for the project, but Cllr Fraser reported that he would be requesting surveys.

Cllr Adams produced a map of the identified area and requested Cllr Fraser mark on it where he thought the Road may be situated. Cllr Fraser refused.

When questioned further, Cllr Fraser informed the Council that a new junction at Clay Mills may have to be further North to its current location, into the flood plain. He also admitted that it could “possibly” go through Blue Cross land and or the site of the old Craythorne Golf Course.

When Cllrs asked Cllr Fraser what they should report to concerned villagers, he said there was nothing further to add other than what has already been reported.

It was noted that Cllr Fraser had not been present at the last number of PC meetings, and therefore could have shared this with the Council at an earlier date.

It was hopeful that Cllr Fraser would be able to come to the next Rolleston Parish Council meeting with a date when all PCs can get together on this matter.

67. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Toon reported however that Brook Hollows is still being pursued with Mr Mason of ESBC. ESBC have not yet committed to any work on the lake but will assist the Parish Council in finding funding for the works to the lake to be progressed.

It was noted by several Cllrs, most notably being Cllr Barnfield that the work completed to date on the woods was very good and this needed taking back to ESBC. It was also noted about the amount of comments Cllrs had received with regards the work done to date which shows the interest Villagers are taking in the area.

A report from Aqua Solutions is still awaited and a meeting with Mr Mason will be arranged once this is received.

It was agreed that a follow up letter be sent to Mr Mason about the positive progress to date, and that all work which was discussed around the lake has been completed. Cllr Toon read out the list of works they were asked to complete. It was noted that a schedule of other works e.g. cleaning benches was available and that it would be useful to add this to the ESBC noticeboard at Brook Hollows.

68. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Pg. 43 – Cllr Wyatt reported that the Kissing Gate part had been collected from him.

Cllr Gooding requested samples of the materials to be used on the new bus shelter on Station Road before they were purchased by Dominic Stone, as agreed during the initial planning stages. It was noted that this was no reflection on the quality of Mr Stone’s work.

During the meeting, Cllr Sanderson received an email from Mr Stone stating that he will arrange for the samples to be shown to the Parish Council, and that work would commence 23rd February.

Pg. 44 – it was reported that the Water Butt and Guttering on Spread Eagle had now been installed and looks very good, and blends in well. Cllr Sanderson reported that as advised, the tap on the water butt had been left open.

Clarification on whether Planning Permission is required for the replacement noticeboard outside Starbucks had been requested before the replacement is installed.

69. CLERKS REPORT DATED 5TH JANUARY 2015

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members commented on the following planning applications:-

P/2014/01611 – Outline permission for a dwelling with all matters reserved – 274 Rolleston Road

Cllrs commented that whilst it is just outside Rolleston they were not supported of this type of development to go ahead. The property is on a nasty bend, and whilst it may be a double plot, the strip of land concerned is also quite thin.

P/2014/01592 – erection of front porch first floor side and part single storey part two storey rear extension – 12 Hall Road

Cllrs were conscious that if built there would be no access to the rear of the property; Cllrs were also concerned about overuse of the plot.

P/2014/01591 – demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling and detached garage – Lodge Hill Tutbury

Cllrs had no concerns about this application.

Other applications contained in the report have been submitted by the Parish Council therefore do not require comment. However, concerns have been raised by a Villager about tree works on The Croft. It was decided that information be posted on Facebook and on the trees themselves explaining the reasons behind the work.

Questions were raised about 14-16 Burnside and the height of the new bridge which still needed to be addressed.

2. PLANNING DECISIONS

Cllrs noted the content of Clerks report.

3. PRECEPT / 2015 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Precept

Cllr Wyatt opened the discussion explaining that whilst the Precept had been increased by £16 this was in real terms a reduction as there had been a 2-3% increase in costs.

There is a reserve of £20,000 and £6-6.5k working capital plus any grants we may be successful in getting.

Cllr Barnfield questioned whether there would be enough in the pot for unexpected professional fees for fighting applications such as Roads, and other planning applications. It was noted that we did have the reserves to fall back on.

Cllr Wyatt proposed that we accept the precept, which was seconded by Cllr J Toon. All other Councillors were in agreement.

Capital Expenditure

The following items were noted as requiring capital expenditure:

The Jinnie Trail – continuance with work and work to the path

Craythorne Carpark

Goal posts

Replacement for the Climbing Cube

Boulders/tubs on the verge opposite the Co-op

Path into Craythorne Woods

Bridge over the Ford

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Cllr Adams reported back on the Steering Group meeting held 5th January.

The petition has gathered well in excess of the 200 signatures required to ensure it is heard at a full Council Meeting.

ESBC are refusing to progress the NHP as they were taking legal advice.

ESBC have invited two members of the PC and two members of the NHP Steering Group to a meeting with them later in January. A discussion took place as to who would be the best people to attend. It was agreed that Mr B Edwards, Mr S Anderson Cllr Adams and Cllr Gooding should attend.

Much deliberation took place regarding how the meeting may go and what aspects ESBC will be expecting to discuss.

Cllrs started a discussion about what should be done with the petition now – whether it should be submitted now or wait until after the meeting takes place. The next full Borough Council meeting is to be held 23rd February.

It was agreed that an agenda should be requested ahead of the meeting and what the latest date the petition can be submitted to get to the Council meeting.

As there was disagreement over when the petition should be submitted it was agreed that it should be submitted during the confidential section of the meeting.

5. COLLEGE FIELDS PLANNING APPEAL

All Cllrs are aware of the Secretary of States refusal of the appeal.

6. EAST STAFFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

Nothing to report.

7. 2015 ELECTIONS

Question and Answer document was circulated. It was noted that should the entire PC re-stand there doesn't need to be an election. However if a further candidate is forthcoming, then there has to be an election.

The only change to note is that the Clerk can submit nomination forms to the Returning Officer instead of each Nominee delivering their own.

8. CHAIRMAN'S CHAIN OF OFFICE

Cllr J Toon advised that the Green ribbon is one hundred years old, and is now too short. Cllr J Toon proposed a new ribbon is sourced and the badges sewn back on. This was seconded by Cllr Sanderson.

9. STATION PROJECT

Cllr Sanderson set out to the rest of the Councilors the work done by the Station Project to date and the works they wish to do next, as laid out in report by Clerk. The Group now wishes to uncover the buffer stop, refurbish the cattle and milk docks. The Working Group has also uncovered the Crane turntable and the crane jib which they wish to make a feature of.

There is an issue with the Neighbours on Walford Road in that they have at some point extended their boundaries into the Jinnie Trail. Cllr B Toon noted that two houses do pay an annual rent to the PC for this extra land.

It was proposed by Cllr Barnfield that the trees outlined in the clerks report are removed (nil cost implication), seconded by Cllr Stephenson.

The Parish Council passed on their thanks to the Station Working Group. Mr. Baker who attended the meeting as a member of the public informed the Parish Council that an article will be published in Derbyshire Countryside Life with colour photos.

Mr. Baker informed the Council that he believed a further £5000 would be required to complete the project.

It was agreed that an informal meeting should be held with the households concerned before the end of January as ground works will need to be completed before March due to the nesting season.

It was further agreed that details of the Walford Road rental to be looked into and circulated.

Cllr Fraser left the meeting at this point.

10. SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

Cllr Toon read from the previous report, but a date for meeting with ESBC is still awaited.

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr J Toon reported a number of potholes down Marston Lane which were in need of urgent attention. This road is now a very busy with workers to and from the Nestle factory. It was also suggested that some of the laybys were in need of road-

stone.

Cllr B Toon reported that the grit bin on Twentylands was empty again. She also reported the drains and gullies along Station Road needed attention by the Highways Agency.

Cllr Warren reported that the trees overhanging the path to the left of Marston Lane were blocking light from the lamppost therefore needed trimming and or thinning out.

Mr Bailey reported that due to the recent strong winds there were a lot of fallen branches on Tafflands.

Cllr Wyatt reported that the tractor wheel was still under the tractor. Cllr Adams confirmed he would be replacing these. Cllr Wyatt also reported the bins on Tafflands and asked what was being done with the slide mound. Cllr Adams reported that works would be done in the spring.

Cllr Barnfield reported the hedges on Anslow Lane by Grace Cottage protruding quite far into the road making the corner obscured. Residents along Anslow Lane have also reported an increase in cars accelerating off after their perceived inconvenience at waiting in traffic on Burnside. It was agreed that this should be reported to the Highways Agency. It was further agreed that the resident be written to regarding the concerns over the hedge and that they should take action to trim it back before the Parish Council have to take it on.

Cllr Adams requested a grit bin for the top of Knowles Hill following the recent icy conditions.

Cllr Sanderson had spotted a sign at the top of Knowles Hill opposite Cross Lane bent double after the strong winds. This need to be reported to the Highways Agency.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

This will need to be completed outside of the meeting.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Post meeting note: The following items were received in addition to those in the Clerks Report.

Cycling Strategy – to be circulated for comment

Outlands NHP – circulated for comment

Emergency Planning, offer of training for volunteers – to be looked into by Clerk initially

Best Kept Village Competition – to be circulated for comment

Campaign for Rural England requested a copy of refusal letter from the Secretary of State's Office.

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Dog Bags

Brook Hollows

2015 Elections/Annual Parish Meeting

Sustainability Appraisal

Annual Village Clean Up Day

Footpath Walks

Craythorne Carpark

The Chairman moved that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted that the Public and press should be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.

15. MOWING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTS

Cllrs Wyatt, Sanderson, Gooding, Simnett, Robson will get together to complete the new specification in an excel workbook which will be detailed showing details for each area of the village, frequency etc. After discussions about details which should or should not be included in the spec it was agreed that the above Councillors will meet 4th February to finalise the document. This will then be circulated for comments and sign off at the February PC meeting.

Whilst a decision was not made, it was noted that a shorter term contract i.e. two years could be advertised for.

It was agreed that Mr Deacon should be asked to provide a quote for the one off works required around the village ahead of the new tender spec and be completed before 1st April.

16. SHOTWOOD CLOSE OPEN SPACE

Nothing to report.

17. CRAYTHORNE CARPARK

Grant decision not yet been made.

It was agreed that the Pre-School could hold the Annual Pancake Race on The Croft on 21st Feb.

A vote was taken on whether to submit the petition now or wait until the meeting with ESBC. Cllr Adams proposed the petition be submitted now, which was seconded by Cllr Sanderson. There were two abstentions on the subsequent vote.

CHAIRMAN