

ROLLESTON ON DOVE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 13th JULY 2015**

PRESENT

Cllr S Sanderson
Cllr J Toon
Cllr B Toon
Cllr B Gooding
Cllr M Robson
Cllr Wyatt
Cllr Evans
Mr A Bailey, Youth Rep
Mrs J Bucknall, Clerk

There were two members of the public in attendance, along with William Read, Resilience Support Officer, ESBC.

25. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Mr Read went through a presentation on Emergency Planning in East Staffordshire. The presentation will be held on file for future reference. Mr Read's presentation covered the creation of Parish Emergency Plans. Whilst flooding would be the biggest risk in this area, it could cover any incident. A template is available to populate which doesn't take much work, but would involve volunteers and co-ordinators.

A training event is being held in Lichfield on 13th October which is free of charge should any Councillor wish to attend. If Councillors wish to develop an Emergency Plan, Mr Read will be available to assist.

26. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Mr Adams raised a number of points:

Speeding in the village – Mr Adams has contacted PCSO Wells a number of times regarding speeding particularly on Knowles Hill. After a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Robson and agreed by all that a speed survey would be requested on Knowles Hill, and speed repeaters placed on both sides of the road.

Motor vehicles on Craythorne Playing Fields – motor bikes, and more recently a quad bike were observed on the playing fields and reported to the police. Further incidents to be reported to the police.

Mowing of Craythorne Playing Fields – Mr Adams reported that Mr Gould had been seen mowing the playing fields on a Friday evening at 4:30pm and moved off a number of children who were playing so he could do so. Mr Adams was informed that the contract clearly states that before and after school busy periods are to be avoided. Clerk to remind Mr Gould of this.

Trees along Knowles Hill – Mr Adams wished to follow up on a report of the state of the trees along Knowles Hill, choked with ivy etc. Councillor J Toon reported that Staffordshire County Council had been requested to carry out this work. Clerk to chase and repeat the request.

Craythorne Road Development Planning Application Meeting – Mr Adams wished to know whether any of the Councillors was to attend the Planning Meeting on Tuesday 21st July to object to the development. Mr Adams was informed that the invitation was part of the bundle of papers for discussion later in the meeting.

Need for a NDP Meeting – this will be with the Chair of the Steering Group, but Clerk to arrange a meeting room for either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday next week. Clerk to copy Mr Adams in.

Mr Baker wished to meet with Councillors to progress the footpaths leaflet. It was confirmed that all Councillors were happy with the layout so now could be moved forward. Councillors took the opportunity to congratulate Mr Baker and the Station Group on their award from Burton in Bloom.

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs Barnfield and Simnett.

28. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH JUNE 2015

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record, and were signed accordingly.

29. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report received from Cllr Fraser.

30. REPORT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Cllr B Toon reported that SCC are looking into the pros and cons of becoming a combined authority. Nothing further to report other than what is already contained within the Clerks report. A short discussion took place with regards presumptive planning approval for brown field sites.

31. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Barnfield was in attendance at the last meeting, but was missed off the list of attendees.

Funding is still being sought for Brook Hollows.

Work has not been completed on the middle footbridge across the Brook. Cllr Gooding is willing to meet with Mr Deacon to discuss the work required. Clerk to action.

Mr Deacon has been requested to check on the village sign which needs to be repainted. It was noted the bottom plinth is split and needs either a cap over the top or water proofing. Clerk to action.

Dominic Stone will be requested to provide a quote for repairs to the Lychgate steps. Clerk to action.

The hedge/trees overhanging the footpath near the school have still not been cut back. It was noted that the resident is not there often, but that the letter written last month has been seen. A further letter to be written. Clerk to action.

Regarding the proposal for Christmas Lights around Spread Eagle Island Cllr J Toon has spoken to Richard Grosvenor at ESBC who has said it can be done following a written request. Clerk to action.

A NDP meeting is required quickly. It was noted that the meeting held with the Steering Group and ESBC was positive. Cllr Sanderson chaired the meeting to assist and show support to the Steering Group, and to allow Simon Anderson a more active role in the meeting. It has been confirmed that the College Fields site is included as a strategic allocation.

32. ELIZABETH AVENUE GOAL/PLAYING FIELDS

Cllr Robson met with Mr Deacon at Elizabeth Avenue playing fields regarding clearing the edges. Several options were discussed regarding the goals:

- Fill the holes and leave the posts as they are;
- Move both sets and the leave the holes;
- Take the existing goals down and move the position of them with the smaller set currently in storage;
- Purchase an even smaller set (as per Stretton)

It was agreed the Recreational Sub-committee to take a look at those on Bitham Lane Stretton. Clerk to look at prices.

33. ITEMS FOR THE ROLLESTONIAN

It was agreed that the PC newsletter insert into the Rollestonian should include

- Speeding issues;
- Local and Neighbourhood Plans;
- Dog bag update;
- Brook Hollows;
- Christmas lights;
- Jinny Trail and Station;
- Community projects identified in the NHP.

34. WALFORD ROAD GARDEN RENT

The rent for the additional gardens backing onto the Jinnie Trail along Walford Road has not been reviewed since 2009. The rent was discussed and it was agreed that the current rental rates were reasonable.

It was discussed whether there was a third house that used to pay rent. Clerk to action.

35. CLERKS REPORT DATED 1ST JUNE 2015

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2015/00889 – Crown raise of 9 yew trees, 7 Church Road

Cllrs had no objection to this application

P/2015/00806 – Felling of Thuya Plicatree, Brantwood, Mosley Mews

Cllrs felt that it wasn't clear whether the tree in question was causing the damage to the ground. If the application is granted, the tree must be replaced with a tree of appropriate size, nothing too small.

P/2015/00977 – Felling of Ash, Sycamore, Cherry and Laurel Croft House, 11 Station Road

Cllrs Object to more trees being felled.

P/2015/00824 – Front, side and rear extension, Amarah Hall Grounds

This is a large and complicated application, therefore comments back to Clerk by 24th July.

On Tuesday 21st July there will be a planning application meeting and the PC will have been given a slot to speak. As none of the Cllrs can attend, it was suggested members of the Steering Group be asked if they would like to have the opportunity.

Post Meeting Note: Cllr B Toon will be in attendance along with many members of the public and Stretton Parish Council.

2. PLANNING DECISIONS

Cllrs noted the content of the Clerks report.

3. TWITTER

Mr Bailey went through a presentation about Twitter, its uses and how the Parish Council could use this additional method of communication. It was proposed by Mr Bailey that a Parish Council Twitter account be set up, this was seconded by Cllr Wyatt.

The usual words of caution were discussed. Thanks to Mr Bailey for completing this piece of work. Mr Bailey, Cllr Wyatt and Clerk to now arrange the account name etc. Mr Bailey to email the presentation to the Clerk who will copy it out to all.

4. DOG BIN TRIAL

It was agreed that the trial of not replacing the dog bags would be continued for a further three months as no worsening of dog fouling has been reported.

It was noted that the bins had not been emptied for a while. The Clerk to check on the contract and chase up ESBC.

5. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr B Toon reported the drains along Church Road, Tutbury Road, Station Road.

Cllr J Toon reported the trees/hedges on the corner of Marston Road again. There are also dead trees in the garden opposite the church which may be a danger if they fell.

Cllr Wyatt reported the damage to the pavement by the Co-op lorry in front of the Co-op.

Cllr Robson reported the hedges along the front of the Brook on Burnside. He also said he was hopeful to look after the Orchard via community involvement but two/three times per year it may require a contractor.

A discussion took place regarding the cutting of Craythorne Road Playing Fields at around 1630 on a Friday evening earlier in July. Clerk to remind Mr Gould of the contract once it is finished by Cllr Wyatt.

Mr Baker gave an update on the Station Project. The brickwork is being done slowly – this work does not have to be done within the timescale for the Lottery as it is not being funded by them.

Standing orders were suspended at 2130.

6. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cllrs Wyatt and Evans checked the invoices and signed them for payment.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed that Mrs Mayer would be given permission by the Parish Council for her bench to be placed within Brook Hollows – ESBC were happy so long as the maintenance of the bench would not be left to them. Clerk to inform Mrs Mayer, but that the PC reserves the right to remove the bench if maintenance, which would be down to Mrs Mayer, was not kept up.

Quote by Barnett Trees was considered for the tree works along the Jinnie Trail. Approval was proposed by Cllr J Toon, and seconded by Cllr Wyatt. All householders it would affect have been spoken with previously.

A complaint about speeding traffic down Brookside has been received by Mr Starbuck (resident of Brookside). It was noted that the sign warning of the Ford is obstructed by the hedge. Clerk has already contacted Highways and a response is awaited. It is proposed that a further warning sign be placed on the other side of the ford, and a no through road sign also be erected.

A complaint about the contractors work Station Road has been received from Mr Wain of Station Road. Clerk to write to Mr Wain to explain that there is no instruction to cut the hedges as they are not PC property. The instruction is to trim and cut the width of the verges and remove nettle growth to the hedge not into the hedge. Offer a copy of the contract if required.

A sponsorship requested has been received from the Club/RODSEC. It was agreed that £50 would be given to sponsor the children's categories.

Clerk gave a précis of the Facebook conversation regarding speeding etc. through the village. It was agreed that Clerk to post back what was discussed and agreed earlier in the meeting.

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA, AGREEMENT TO REMOVE AUGUST MEETING

It was agreed that August meeting would be cancelled. However should a meeting be required, it could be convened – coordinated by Cllrs Sanderson and Wyatt.

Items for the agenda of the next meeting:

Twitter

Lighting of Craythorne Carpark

Neighbourhood Priorities

Christmas Lights

Goal Posts

Replacement of Climbing Cube