

ROLLESTON ON DOVE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

Cllr S Sanderson
Cllr B Gooding
Cllr A Evans
Cllr M Robson
Cllr Barnfield
Cllr J Toon
Cllr B Toon
Arthur Bailey
Mrs J Bucknall (Minutes)

Eight members of the public were in attendance.

52. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

A number of the members of public were in attendance from Mosley Mews, who were concerned with bad access onto Church Road. They outlined their issues with parking along Church Road. There are no parking restrictions along this section of road, therefore a mirror was installed to enable residents to pull out safely. Police have been to the residents and cars have been moved further along Church Road to allow access to the mirror. Some cars are also parking half on pavement, making it difficult for pedestrians along the footpath. Residents are concerned that Emergency Services would not have movement to swing across the road if cars are parked.

There was previously an unwritten agreement amongst local residents that they would not park opposite the mirror.

ACTION: It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Police to see their position, and also the County Council Highways department to assess their views.

Four members of the public left at this point.

The Letter from Sal Khan regarding the East Staffordshire Local Plan Hearing was discussed by Mr Adams and Mr Edwards. Mr Adams asked Borough Cllr B Toon if she would table a motion to remove the college field site from the local plan. Cllr B Toon did meet with EBSC but that she had decided that she didn't want to have the site removed from the Local Plan. Borough Cllr B Toon stated that it was her view that she would use the NP to protect the village.

Councillors were in agreement that the College Fields Site should be excluded from Rolleston Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Fifteen minutes of allotted time for public questions ended at this point.

Mr Edwards forcefully asked the Parish Council about why Cllr Sanderson sent a chain of emails email which he took as a personal slur. Cllr Sanderson explained his reason for sending the email, that it was to show that the Parish Council had indeed attempted to get information from the Steering Group – most notably due to the absence of Mr Anderson. Mr Edwards wished for an apology.

Mr Adams asked that the Parish Council chase up the issue of the trees on Knowles Hill.

ACTION: Clerk to chase the County Council

Mr Adams also requested to know whether the Parish Council had requested a Speeding Survey on Knowles Hill. Mr Adams informed the council of an accident in 2014 and that he would like to see traffic calming measures installed.

ACTION: The Parish Council agreed to pursue information from the last survey which was undertaken.

Two members of the public left at this point.

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies have been received from Cllr Wyatt.

54. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 14 SEPTEMBER 2015

True and accurate record and were signed.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should try and find out what the 'Legal Issue' is which is holding up the 106 agreements for Shotwood close.

55. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nothing received, nor was he in attendance.

56. REPORT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Cllr B Toon has been requesting the status of the Shotwood close maintenance payment, and has had the planning inspectors out to view the garage built without planning permission on Burnside.

Cllr B Toon informed the rest of the Parish Councillors that the green gap between Rolleston and the development is now much larger. It was agreed that this was an excellent result.

Cllr B Toon and her Daughter have now completed the work on the Chain of Office, which all agreed was looking much better. Letter of thanks to be sent. Questions about the insurance were raised. Clerk to check and report back.

57. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Robson has been confirmed on the Emergency Planning course in October, whilst he may have to give apologies for the next meeting, he will provide a written report. **ACTION:** Cllr Robson

Mr Gooding has yet to send information on the work required to the Clerk regarding the middle footbridge. **ACTION:** Cllr Gooding

Cllr B Toon reported that the work on Brook Hollows funding is ongoing.

A short conversation took place regarding the Christmas lights. **ACTION:** Clerk to check whether Mr Deacon has use of a cherry picker which could be used to place lights in the tree.

Update from the Environment Agency on the 'island' in the ford was copied to Councillors for information.

Recreational Committee has not yet been set up to discuss the ROSPA report. **ACTION:** Clerk to organise

The broken curb stone on the bridge has been reported but still not been completed. **ACTION:** Clerk to chase Highways Department and ensure a suitable replacement is used.

Clerk has sent comments regarding the planning application for the Solar farm, with regards improvements to Marston Lane.

The work has not yet commenced on the Jinnie Trail path by Mr Deacon, nor have the tree works been completed, nor the strimming. It was noted that Mr Deacon is extremely busy at present.

Highways Team have not yet cleaned off any signs.

Spread Eagle island bulbs have been planted and some plants have been moved, the tree has been re-staked and the Burnside Tubs have been removed ready for re-stocking.

Mr Deacon and Cllr Sanderson have looked at the goals on Elizabeth Avenue and have decided that if they are turned around it may be too close to boundary. **ACTION:** Cllrs Sanderson and Robson to have another look. **ACTION:** Clerk to check the contracts for reseeded the goal mouths.

Lychgate steps to be repaired with the cost being split between the PC and PCC, Bottle Kiln Design have been instructed.

A reminder was given about Remembrance Sunday – all to be in attendance if possible, with Cllrs Sanderson and Wyatt laying wreaths.

58. CLERKS REPORT

1. Planning Applications

P/2015/01321 - Crown Reduction by 20% and reducing end weight by up to 2.5m. Ivy Cottage, Chapel Lane
Councillors have no objection to this application

P/2015/01336 - Felling of one Scots Pine and one Silver Birch. Birch End, Hall Grounds
Councillors have no objection to this application

P/2015/01288 - revised scheme for front, rear and side extension with rear balcony. Amarah, Hall Grounds
Councillors have no objection to this application.

P/2015/01107 - Erection of a part single storey, part two storey side extension. 87 Station Road
Councillors have no objection to this application.

P2015/01319 - Conversion of shop to form dwelling house including demolition of existing timber framed store to facilitate the erection of part two-storey and single storey rear extension to form garden room and en-suite plus the listed building consent. Barn Farm Stable, Chapel Lane

Councillors were dismayed that another shop has gone, must be done sympathetically, similar brickwork and tiling as it is a listed building, Note parking problems and timing of deliveries near the school. Delivery vehicles to access the yard – size of vehicles to be considered. Apart from this, no objection to this application. **ACTION:** Clerk to comment

2. Planning Decisions

Cllrs noted decisions on planning applications from the Clerks report.

3. Councillors Reports

Cllr B Toon reported the gullies again, and pointed out that this is an unacceptable risk for flooding in the village. **ACTION:** Clerk to chase the highways with a strongly worded letter.

Cllr J Toon informed about the metal detectorists observed on The Croft. Notes have been placed in noticeboards, facebook and on the website. Cllr Toon also highlighted issues which have not been addressed - the hole by Spread Eagle Island, Anslow Lane still not cleared, potholes along Marston Lane. **ACTION:** Clerk to copy in the County Councillor when writing to the Highways Department.

There is a Street Light is out on the corner of Marston Lane. **ACTION:** Clerk to report

Twitter - @AboutRolleston was decided upon. Thanks were again given to Arthur. **ACTION:** Cllr Wyatt, Clerk and Arthur to get together to set this up.

Cllr Gooding reported that the footpath to the rear of Spread Eagle Island is hard to pass due to the overgrown hedge. **ACTION:** Clerk to write to the resident reminding them of their responsibilities.

Cllr Robson reported that the Orchard will now need cutting back. **ACTION:** Clerk to request Mr Deacon to undertake this work. There is now a patch of memorial Rhubarb in memory of a resident who recently passed away on The Lawns.

Cllr Barnfield reported the footpaths into the village are being covered over with the hedgerow. It was noted that this is covered by the lengthsman

Post Meeting Note: These were cut the following day

Cllr Sanderson informed the Council that the troughs from Burnside will be replanted on Sunday. He also reported that the Civic Trust talk next week is the last one to be held at the Cricket Club for some time. The talk is about the Fould explosion.

4. Accounts for payment

All invoices and cheques were signed in accordance to the Clerks report.

ACTION: Clerk to request Mr Gould mow Knowles Hill bank again as the nettles are coming back.

A short discussion took place about whether the Parish Council are spending enough money. **ACTION:** End of year review to be prepared.

5. Correspondence

A letter has been received inviting the PC to take part in the advent celebrations in the Church again – decorated Christmas trees with a literary feel. **ACTION:** Cllr Wyatt to be asked to lead on this if he is not too busy.

Email received regarding Dove Valley events being held at the school, requesting use of Elizabeth Avenue Playing Fields, and for them to retain the key for the gate. This was agreed.

The Mobile Library consultation has now finished and results will be published shortly.

A letter has been received from the residents of Brindle Cottage. Cllr Wyatt had met with them previously. Rubber stop is fitted but the noise is coming from the bolt, which is quite noisy. There is an issue with push bikes on the field. It was noted that perhaps the residents need to put a fence up. **ACTION:** Clerk to get in touch with the Neighbourhood Team to reinstall the kissing gate (large enough for a pushchair). Clerk to write to the residents to inform them of the plans and suggest they could fence off their land. Parish Council to also install a please keep to the footpath sign.

The Village Walks leaflet has now been published and distributed. Thanks were given to Clive and the group.

Clerk had received a call from a resident in the Meadow View area who was concerned about dog fouling. It was agreed that notices should be placed in all the usual places to remind dog owners again of their responsibility. **ACTION:** Clerk.

6. Quarterly Bank Reconciliation

Councillors noted the content of the Clerks report.

7. Memorial Policy

The background given to the policy document was explained. Some minor amendments were suggested. **ACTION:** Clerk to action the changes and bring it to the next meeting for approval.

It was thought that the policy was guiding residents too closely to benches and trees. **ACTION:** Cllr Barnfield to submit additional wording that could involve the family making a contribution to a wider project for example.

8. Recruitment

Three Councillors have resigned this year and whilst the PC are within Quorum, it was discussed whether there was a need to actively look for new members. It was agreed that an advert should go into the Rollestonian, noticeboard ads, and the website. If there is a vacancy, any potential candidate (as long as they fit the criteria) can be co-opted. If more candidates apply than there are vacancies for, an election would be required.

Councillors should consider skills required by the PC, and who in the village may bring them to the table.

59. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Parish Council Recruitment

Clerks Review

Twitter

Emergency Planning

Members of the public were thanked and left the meeting at this point.

Confidential Section

Standing orders were suspended at 930.

60. NP STEERING GROUP

Cllr Sanderson went over the background and how the plan seems to have stalled. The current Chairman has not been in touch for some time.

An Agenda which was written by Helen Lever was discussed. Cllr Sanderson proposes that the stance of the PC has not changed, and that Councillors still support the NP and the villagers wishes.

Can't go to the referendum with the current NP as it is in conflict with LP. The NP may need rethinking after the ruling of the SoS is known.

As Rolleston has been designated a Teir One Village a strategic allocation will be forced on the village, and if not on the College Fields site, then it must go somewhere else in the village

Cllr Sanderson has written to the Prime Minister regarding this matter.

In summary, the PC objects to the use of the College Fields Site, the NP shows the number of houses could be covered without the strategic allocation; that we built in a 5 year review in case any situation changes, but that it must uphold the views of the villagers.

The meeting closed at 2215.