

ROLLESTON ON DOVE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2016

PRESENT

Cllr S Sanderson
Cllr J Toon
Cllr B Gooding
Cllr B Toon
Cllr Barnfield
Cllr Wyatt
Cllr Robson
Youth Rep Arthur Bailey

Jane Bucknall (Clerk)

80. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Two members of the public were in attendance.

Mr Baker requested to discuss the Station Project, Councillors agreed it would best placed further into the agenda.

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Evans.

82. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Clerk declared an interest in agenda item 16. Clerk will be requested to leave the room for this item.

83. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14th DECEMBER

Agreed as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

84. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report received, nor was Cllr Fraser in attendance.

Cllrs Robson and Wyatt joined the meeting at this point.

85. REPORT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Julie Jessell has been in touch with Greg Clarke MP (Secretary of State for Department of Communities and Local Government) and was promised an immediate reply, but nothing as yet. Cllr Sanderson was in correspondence with Andrew Griffiths MP who has also heard nothing. Clerk has also contacted Greg Clarke MP's office but again no reply.

86. MATTERS ARISING

Highways flooding due to drain blocked.

Complete (work order raised)

Drain blocked outside the butchers. **ACTION** Clerk to Report.

Complete (work order raised)

Highways Department have tarmacked over Spread Eagle bridge and small sections elsewhere e.g. outside the Infant School.

Dominic Stone to be approached to replace the stone on Spread Eagle Bridge, with a copy of the bill going to Highways stating that we have requested they replace on a number of occasions. Clerk to **ACTION**.

Complete

Christmas Lights to be sent back and cost of the installation to be claimed from the company. **ACTION** Clerk. It was noted that the display and event at the Alms-houses was excellent.

ACTION Clerk to Contact William Reed regarding clarification of the responsibility of Emergency Plans.

Complete

87. COLLEGE FIELDS/NHP

A chain of email has been forwarded to Cllr Gooding from the Steering Group as the wrong email address was used. The Steering group are thinking submitting to ESBC are concerned about negative publicity if the decision does not go our way.

No further meeting of the Steering Group has been held.

After a discussion regarding the next steps and the delayed College Fields decision, it was proposal by Cllr Gooding, was seconded and all were in favour of submitting the NHP to ESBC along with the Petition. Clerk to get latest document from Lisa Claber (Chair) and Helen Greener (Secretary). Clerk to **action**.

Site surveys have started along Marston Lane for the solar farm, no building work has started as yet. Clerk to write to the company to congratulate them and ask them to confirm our financial benefit/recompense as promised. Clerk to **action**. John Deacon to get on with jobs, Clerk to communicate this to him.

Neil Lote (lower dove flood alleviation fund) needs chasing for the £30,000. Clerk to **action**.

Grit bins need checking to see if they need re-filling. All to **action** and inform the Clerk.

Cllr Barnfield has been recruiting, but nothing as yet. Thank you letter has been sent for completing the work on the hedge.

88. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk has found further information on the gate across the field or path 14. The gate was replaced by the Parish Council and installed by Burton Conservation Volunteers. It was decided that Mr Deacon be asked to have a look at the mechanism to see if an alternative solution could be found. It was decided that if a solution can be found for less than £50 Mr Deacon should just get the work done.

A discussion regarding walkers not sticking to the footpath followed and it was decided that this was the landowners responsibility. It was agreed that John Deacon be asked if another mechanism could be fitted.

Replacement equipment for Elizabeth Avenue play area was discussed as a long term option for this area, but in the meantime it needs a good clean and tidy-up.

A re-order of the agenda was proposed.

As we have not yet heard anything about the Shotwood Close maintenance funding, a recorded letter to be sent to ESBC. Clerk to **action**.

89. PRECEPT

For 17 years Rolleston PC has not requested any increase to the Precept. Clerk advised that the PC can request any amount and the Borough have to honour it. Whilst any increase will be an increase to home owners, the Parish Council needs to be sustainable and in line with inflation.

Post meeting note: Email received from Mr Barry Edwards in which he points out that the Precept was in fact increased by 10% in 2008. He also wishes for a justification for the increase in the Precept 2016-17. Cllr Wyatt pointed out that reasons were discussed at the meeting, but unfortunately had not been included in the minutes, for which the Clerk apologised. These were that the increase in the precept will enable spends on Brookside, plus parks/play equipment and another bus shelter, and in the context of year on year increases by suppliers and items procured. There are a number of capital expenditure project planned for 2016 including renewal of a bus shelter which will cost in the region of £5,000 which the increase in precept will help fund.

There is approximately £25k in reserves. Councillors discussed what amount would be required to be retained and what could be spent on projects.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously to increase the precept by £2 per household, the cost of a lottery ticket. Clerk to **Action**.

90. BROOKSIDE AND OTHER VILLAGE ITEMS

A report of an inspection walk along Brookside was tabled.
See **action** sheet.

Councillors discussed the possibility of modifying the brick-built gateways to make them a little more in-keeping with the new bus shelters.

Standing orders were suspended at 2130.

Councillor B Toon advised that there may be some funding available to build another bus shelter to replace the wooden one at the bottom of Knowles Hill. Clerk to request Dominic Stone and another builder to quote.

Clerk to arrange meeting with contractors before the next PC meeting.

Speak to contractors about the action sheet for Brookside for one off quotes and add to contracts.

Mr Deacon had requested to purchase the Mower stored in the bunker at Tafflands which was purchased in 2009. The mower is not in working order, therefore it was agreed to sell to Mr Deacon for £200.

Mr Deacon has started on the extension to the Jinnie Trail path. The path can be widened to allow access for vehicles to the station. As it was still within the £5000 granted, it was unanimously agreed.

Clive Baker gave an update on the Station Project. The area we have been calling the milk dock, is actually called the end dock with a specific buffer stop for this. Work will now be completed on the buffer stop, including a replacement timber beam across the top which would have originally been a sleeper. All heritage lottery funding has been spent and a final report submitted. The group are now looking for other sources of funding. Details of the Neighbourhood Team will be passed to the group for a possible source of funding. Dominic Stone has looked at wall and has quoted for the full length – approximately £7000. It was agreed that a quote should be obtained for the possibility of the wall being completed in sections. John Deacon will be working on the extension to the footpath, and will be liaising Clive to ensure crane base to be kept visible. The iron work which would have supported the gate at the top has been found which is currently being stored off site for safe keeping.

The Council discussed the 'Rolleston' Sign currently housed in the café. Mr Baker believes it to be the old Rolleston/Stretton village boundary markers. Clerk to Go through Stretton PC to see if they have the Stretton half.

91. WISH LIST

Elizabeth Avenue playing fields.

It was considered that in the short term the burnt area could be repaired, the play surface cleaned, the fencing welded and painted.

ACTION Clerk to bring some ideas to the next meeting along with costings.

Replace 'ugly' plastic bins within something more in keeping.

Bouldering. **ACTION** Cllr Wyatt to bring information to the next meeting.

ACTION all Cllrs to submit further suggestions to the Clerk in time for the next meeting.

It was agreed that a walk-through of Tafflands and Elizabeth Avenue will take place as per Brookside. **ACTION** Councillors leading the area plus Chair and Vice chair, and anyone else who wants to should attend.

92. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2016

After a discussion Councillors agreed that the amount of work required to bring areas of the village up to the standard of the competition would not be feasible in time for this year. It was further agreed that the Council should work towards applying in 2017. Item to be included on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting to give all other village organisations the time to get involved should they wish in 2017. **ACTION** Clerk to inform County Cllr Fraser.

93. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nothing extra to report.

94. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Wishlist

Date (Reminder to be sent to Councillors to enable this to be included in the Rollestonian edition).

95. CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

The Clerk left the room at this point.

Councillors approved the pay increase to spine point 17, back dated to anniversary date.