

**ROLLESTON ON DOVE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2016**

**PRESENT**

Cllr S Sanderson  
Cllr M Robson  
Cllr B Toon  
Cllr A Evans  
Cllr J Wyatt  
Cllr B Gooding (joined 8pm)  
Arthur Bailey (Youth Rep)

Jane Bucknall (Clerk)

**96. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

Three members of the public were in attendance along with Cllr Fraser.

Mr Martin requested the stone footpaths along The Croft are worked on. He noted that both paths need more chippings and they need to be widened. Councillors agreed, Clerk to get quotes.

Mr Baker requested to speak about the station project. This will be discussed under item 9.

**97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs Toon and Barnfield. Cllr Gooding will be arriving later.

**98. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**99. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

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. Correspondence thanking Mr Edwards for his observations will be sent. Clerk to **action**.

Mr Baker pointed out that the End Dock is in fact the Carriage Dock.

With these amendments the minutes were accepted.

**100. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Any increase in Council Tax rates will be announced within the week.

Councillors discussed the original intention to enter BKV. However, Cllrs recognised the need to undertake works on Brookside. It is the aim of the Parish Council is to enter in 2017, using a whole village approach, involving individuals and groups in the preparations and entry.

Cllrs questioned what support would be ongoing for villages preparing for the competition. The SCC will advise us what we need to do. Schools should be involved, and SCC will inform the village on best practice, however litter is a big element. The Parish Councillors recognise the work involved.

**101. REPORT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

ESBC are doing their best to keep the Council Tax rates down, and at present there is no planned rise.

**102. MATTERS ARISING**

Still need to report drains blocked around the village again.

Nathan Barnett to take the Christmas lights down from the Spread Eagle Island tree.

An answer has been received regarding the emergency planning issue – look at Correspondence section.

NHP group correspondence.

The hinge has broken on the grit bin at the top of Hall Road needs to be reported Clerk to **action**. Replacement of the bin – can we have a green one not yellow? One on the Lawns, Marston Lane and Brookside are all full. The sand container (for sand bags) on Brookside is bulging, it could potentially have a hole drilled in the bottom to let water out.

John Deacon has been to see the gate to footpath 14, and the only solution is to remove the mechanism. There has been further correspondence from the landowners which will be dealt with under correspondence.

A car has demolished the village gateway sign on the approach from Tutbury direction. Discussion followed on from the January meeting with regards a re-design to the signs. As this was a millennium project, any design changes will need to be sympathetically done. Clerk to **action** a quote to amend the design. Dominic Stone to be asked for a design. Jeremy Marshall was the builder who originally built them. Approach both to design/quote. Insurance claim has been initiated against the car driver.

Two quotes for a new brick bus shelter have gone in as a bid to WASP. Cllr B Toon has requested £2000 towards the cost.

### 103. CLERKS REPORT

#### Planning Applications

P/2015/01713 – As it was a building condition that these properties have wooden windows Cllrs to object to this application.

Report of a plastic replacement door in Brookside Court has been made to the planning department about Brookside Court.

P/2016/00008 – There are numerous trees on this property, and some are very close to the Highway. Cllrs have requested advice from ESBC tree officer to visit and give suitable advice to maintain and keep the trees.

P/2016/01647 – Cllrs discussed its proximity to the road. However as long as the barn is for agricultural use only Cllrs have no objection.

P/2016/00108 – the Homeowners have said they will replace trees of similar type. Cllrs have no objection to this application.

P/2016/00094 – Cllrs questioned what this application means to the tree planting scheme to be retained in the original planning permission. When drawing up the second plan that was passed, it should have included these tree works if they are necessary. Much discussion over this point. It was noted that the key benefit of the second plan was the retention of the trees. The trees in question could be trimmed up and re-shaped. Cllrs object to this application.

#### Planning Decisions

Councillors noted all decisions.

Councillors noted the detached sectional garage has now been rendered and painted. Councillors noted their disappointment still with this position, that it can still be seen from the road etc.

#### Councillors Reports

##### Cllr Robson

Cllr Robson gave an update on the orchard update. The replacement trees have now arrived and the trees which they replaced have been replanted along the Jinnie Trail. There are still three other trees which need to be replanted. Several locations were given by residents, however it was felt by all Cllrs that they should join the others along the Jinnie Trail. Cllr Robson gave thanks to all residents for their suggestions. **Action** Contact John Deacon to action this.

##### Cllr Wyatt

Cllr Wyatt noted the poor condition of some of the road signs around the village, and that some have been spun around. There is a tree between Craythorne carpark and foot path to Tafflands which is in a poor state leaning over and needs attention. Cllr Wyatt also noted that the grass over the stile in this location is getting very muddy on a regular basis so could do with an area of gravel for people to step over onto. **Action** Clerk to contact John Deacon to action both points.

Cllr Wyatt also added an item to the 'wish list'. The path through the woods (past the train) is filling with rain water in the dips meaning that it is impassable in wet conditions leading people to have to walk through walk alongside the path, churning up the grass. This path could potentially be levelled.

Cllr Gooding

Brookside flooding has left a large amount of silt on the road again and has not been road swept.

The trees and bushes growing into the brook past the Brookhouse Hotel which have been reported have not been attended to.

However the brook is flowing away quickly. The Drain along Brookside which empties directly into the Brook needs rodding as it is completely blocked. **Action** John Deacon

Cllr Gooding would also like to walk another area.

Youth Rep Arthur Bailey

Arthur has written a Guide to Twitter as agree, to be distributed to all via the Clerk.

£365 was raised at the coffee morning at the end of January.

Cllr Evans

Cllr Evans suggested taking the Rep from the Highways department to show him the trees and hedges Knowles Hill.

Cllr B Toon

Cllr Toon reported more blocked drains, and also that Marston Lane has been flooded since November. Clerk to **Action**.

Cllr Sanderson

Water is coming across the road from the field by Blue Cross. If the drains were cleared, the water wouldn't travel as far down the road as it currently does, which presents a risk in freezing conditions

Some road signs have been hit and turned. Clerk to contact highways to get them re-set and the faded red triangular signs replaced.

#### **104. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Along with all invoices checked for payment, it was agreed to donate £50 for the top soil and manure for the Orchard .

#### **105. WALKS LEAFLET**

The reprint of the walks leaflet was discussed, along with the additional features added by Mr Baker. There was some comment on some finer details of fact. Mr Martin offered to report back to Mr Baker and the Parish Councillors. Once checked, and the 'suggested route' walked Councillors agreed to the re-print from the Community Paths Initiative fund received.

#### **106. RAILWAY**

Mr Baker gave an update.

Clerk to action a quote for the brickwork behind the Buffer Stop.

A sign will be installed explaining the crane base.

A cast speed restriction sign has been donated and Councillors agreed for it to be installed on site. There has been no contact from the PCSO regarding the stolen bricks. Clerk to speak to the local PC.

#### **107. WISH LIST**

Brookside – all works from contractors

Bouldering – Cllr Wyatt will meet with the manufacturers (Rockworks) to speak in more detail about the cost of the product.

Replacement for the Skate Ramp

Clerk to contact the Solar farm company to see if they will fund some projects in the village, as funds were promised at a public presentation.

Footbridge over the Fleam – Sustrans walk.

It was noted that it was discussed at the last meeting that approximately £10k would be ring fenced to fund works around the village to improve overall village presentation including Brookside improvement work, then to keep a bank reserve of £12k.

Clerk to produce a budget with this itemised.

Bus shelter on Knowles Hill.

Path through Craythorne Woods.

#### **108. CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN**

After some discussion it was agreed that Rolleston does not have a significant problem with litter, therefore will not be joining this initiative. However it was agreed that an element be incorporated into the Clean Up Day.

#### **109. CLEAN UP DAY**

It was agreed that the Poster drafted by the Clerk to promote Clean Up Day should be sent to every organisation as well as on noticeboards and Facebook now.

A discussion ensued about whether it needed to be one day or whether more jobs are completed on separate days. It was agreed that a project leader with a clear idea of what will be done will be allocated to each area along with a jobs list and a clear idea of what can and cannot be done.

Cllr Wyatt suggested getting the school Dads involved through a 'Dads Army' to increase village attendance. Clerk to action communication through the school as well as the channels outlined above.

#### **110. GRAFFITI**

Some offensive graffiti has been reported underneath the skate ramp at Elizabeth Avenue. Clerk has taken photographs, and there are a lot of names which are legible. As the names have been tagged as the Rolleston Girls and the Rolleston Boys a discussion took place whether something should be posted on Facebook.

There is also damage to the ramp itself with the sections coming apart. Clerk to see if parts can be replaced.

#### **111. POST OFFICE CONSULTATION**

We have been asked to comment on the changes to the Post Office within Starbucks. After a short discussion Cllrs agreed to support extended opening hours, but are concerned about the privacy of customers undertaking certain transactions.

Standing orders were suspended at 21:30.

As individuals, Cllrs can comment too.

#### **112. CENTRAL RIVERS PARTNERSHIP SCHEME**

Letter received from the Central Rivers Partnership Scheme requesting support for a bid to the lottery fund. They also request ideas of what other projects can be looked at. It was proposed we request the inclusion of Brook Hollows, Brookside Silting and a new bridge over the Fleam. Cllr Robson agreed to be the nominated contact.

#### **113. ANNUAL PARISH AGENDA**

Check for typos and add Clean-up Day. Cllrs agreed the format. Clerk to distribute to all village organisations along with the Clean-up Day Poster and request that they reply with whether anyone will be attending.

#### **114. ITEM TO NEXT AGENDA**

Rollestonian of The Year.

#### **115. CORRESPONDENCE**

A potential development at Croft House was discussed. Cllrs await the application.

Further letter received from Brindle Cottage. Cllrs agreed to the draft prepared by the Clerk.

Email correspondence from Mr Adams and the NHP Steering Group. To be followed up during the confidential section.

#### **116. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Quotes have been received for the work required along Brookside. Clerk to obtain quotes from other companies before agreeing to any of the work.

Quote to repair the hole opposite Spread Eagle Island accepted.

The Neighbourhood Plan was discussed. It was agreed that the updated plan be circulated one last time for approval/comment before its submission to ESBC. It was also agreed that in the absence of any meeting being called of the NHP Steering Group,

the PC should invite the Chair, Secretary and Mr Adams to meet the PC Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk and Cllr Gooding to discuss this action. Clerk to check availability and set up date and meeting room.