

**ROLLESTON ON DOVE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**MONDAY 14th MARCH 2016**

**PRESENT**

Cllr S Sanderson  
Cllr M Robson  
Cllr B Toon  
Cllr J Toon  
Cllr A Evans  
Cllr J Wyatt  
Cllr B Gooding

Jane Bucknall (Clerk)

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

Four members of the public were in attendance. Along with Dave Hughes from Staffordshire County Council who was in attendance to talk about the results of flood modelling in the area.

Rolleston Marchington and Barton have all been included in the modelling scheme. Mr Hughes tabled a map showing a flood prediction for 50 and 75 years. There doesn't seem to be a way to alleviate the flooding when it occurs, therefore we will be looking at defences rather than prevention schemes; either shared defences, or individual defences in the openings to houses on Station Road. It may also include ramping on roads through chapel lane.

We will therefore need a flood response plan and get flood wardens to react in time to shut gates. Rachel Melvin sharing a meeting about climate changes effects so this will be the first step in getting a flood action group together. This will need to include residents, the Parish Council and the School.

There will need to be a warning system in place; historically this would be a phone call from the Environment Agency. We could also have a warning sensor in one of the drains, so if the water gets too high it would trigger an alert around the junction with School Lane. It was noted that there is already a sensor at the other end of Station Road near houses 120-130.

We would look at road closures if this is required to stop vehicles splashing up the houses which would be written into the flood plan, and agreed with Police Highways etc.

A man-made Pond up in Craythorne has been considered but it would not be financially viable. There may be money left to improving the sewer down Beacon Road as it is broken currently.

It was noted by Councillors that the surface water gullies are blocked all the way through the village from the Blue Cross centre which will be having an effect on surface water flooding. Mr Hughes said this could be tackled within this scheme. The problem being that the Highways budget has been slashed.

This work will all come from the £30,000 EA funding. It was confirmed that the funding agreement will be signed tonight and money should be with us before the end of the financial year.

It was noted that since the ditches along Craythorne were dug out there hasn't been much flooding. At the end of Craythorne Road a pipe will be replaced.

The EA are adamant that desilting the Brook won't have an impact in alleviating the flooding. The maps are only showing surface water, not flooding from the rivers.

Councillors noted the Planning developments along Station Road. Mr Hughes has seen the larger of the two developments proposed, and has said this will not work. Mr Hughes has also seen a development proposal for the Rolleston end of Craythorne Road. There has been no formal application yet and he was very negative about the chances of this happening.

It was noted that near the Pumping station there is a flooding pump. Mt Hughes will speak to Severn Trent about this.

It is envisaged this work is to start at the financial year 2016-17.

Priorities:

1. Property level protection Station Road, Chapel Lane
2. Flood Response Plan with a Flood Action Group
3. Raise an issue with the gullies with Highways
4. Bund on meadow view
5. Ditches

Dave will send copies of the maps through to the Clerk electronically.

#### **118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr J Barnfield.

#### **119. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

#### **120. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 2016**

Content of the minutes agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

#### **121. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Fraser was not in attendance however provided his view on the speeding issues on Knowles Hill. He has stated (quoted) *"No further action is planned for Knowles Hill as many checks have taken place over a number of years. The speeding is a perceived problem which cannot be backed by evidence"*.

Cllr Gooding asked whether the Parish Council should be considering parking restrictions at the top of Knowles Hill as cars parked near the bend at the top of the hill makes it hard to see on-coming traffic coming down the hill.

It was noted that Station Road has traffic calming measures, as well as Church Road but there is nothing in place for the two other main routes into the village – Anslow Lane and Knowles Hill. Cllrs questioned the speed/traffic survey currently being undertaken on Station Road. The Parish Council have not been informed of this officially.

The Clerk updated Cllrs about the request for Speed Repeater Signs on Knowles Hill – Safer Roads Staffordshire have called to say they have received the request and will come back to me. Contact is Sue De Place. **Action** Clerk to follow up.

#### **122. REPORT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

The appeal from the developers wishing to develop land at the Stretton end of Craythorne Road will be heard on 26-28<sup>th</sup> April. SoS group are reasonably confident that this will not be successful.

Trees are being taken down at Craythorne Road and fencing has been erected as this land is being turned back to agricultural use. However the brown field site can be built on (footprint of the golf club and car park).

#### **123. MATTERS ARISING**

Croft paths outstanding. **Action** Clerk to obtain quotes.

Removal of the Christmas lights from Spread Eagle Island has been on the minutes for two meetings. Clerk to **action**. A number of companies have been contacted for quotes for Christmas 2016.

Best Kept village Competition – it was agreed that this should remain on the agenda item for next meeting. The school element needs to be resolved before the summer break. Letter to the school in the first instance with the criteria etc. Clerk to **action**.

Grit bin with broken hinge has been reported.

Contact John Deacon about the bulging on Brookside and report back at the next meeting. Clerk to **action**.

The claim for the demolished gateway is ongoing through the insurance company. It was agreed that the re-build will need to be done, and then we need to look at a redesign of all of them. The insurance company will only pay for the rebuild. Parish Council want them to reflect the style of the new bus shelters, noting that plants should be ones that will not grow too high. Two quotes received for the re-build which will be discussed in the confidential section of the meeting.

Footpath 14. Clerk has written to the land owners with a proposed sign. No response received as yet.

Cllr B Toon informed the Parish Council that the grant application for funding for a new bus shelter at the bottom of Knowles Hill was successful through WASP. As the Clerk hasn't heard this officially as yet, Clerk to **action** by contacting Julia Burns. £2000 has been awarded.

Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr Robson for the work on the Orchard.

Chase Mr Deacon again for the cleaning of the signs and the twisted signs with highways. Clerk to **action**.

Mr Deacon to remove the tree by the footpath into Tafflands. Clerk to **action**.

Clerk to check that the tyres by the football pavilion have been removed.

An email had been received from Mr Adams who was hoping to be in attendance. He is still concerned about the trees at Knowles Hill which has been discussed already in the meeting, speeding along Knowles Hill, which has been addressed previously in the meeting, and the wall leaning and cracked dramatically on Beacon Road towards the school. Clerk has written to the homeowners asking for their views on the matter.

A reply had been received from Lark Energy. It was discussed that the solar farm may not go ahead as grants had been removed and the proposal may not be viable for them. Once they have a viable concern, they will come back to us.

Rod the drains opposite Brookside

Arthur Bailey has created a Twitter article which will be published to all councillors, through the Clerk.

Arthur is doing a bike ride (174miles) and has raised about £500. Link to be sent to the Clerk to send round all Cllrs for Sponsorship.

Walks Leaflet needs walking before we publish. There was an idea to include Geo caching. This weekend Cllrs Robson and Wyatt will walk the route. **Action**.

Railways – invoice for the plaining has since been received, it had gone to the wrong email address. This will be paid, and then an invoice sent to Mr Baker.

PCSO Wells – Bricks, can we have them back. Quotes for builders for brick wall action info Clive re Martin Lyons meeting at 12 on Wednesday.

Bouldering – 'Rockworks' Cllr Wyatt met with the company and found that the cost of this option would be around £13000 plus vat and groundworks. The maximum height is 3 meters. A Polystyrene mould is carved then concrete gets poured in. They suggested not having a flat top (more expensive). Local Children should get involved with the design. They can also be sprayed, so if they get graffiti-ed it can just be spray over. Groundworks would be a 30m slab of concrete, then a safety surface on top. This works out at around £150 square metre. It was noted that the correct surface is at Markeaton Park in play area therefore it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Derby City Council **action**.

Cllr Robson discussed all parks in the village and questioned how we begin getting the children involved, plus fund raising to potentially replace Elizabeth Avenue Park in total. It was noted that grant are not easy to come by. Add item onto next agenda. **Action**.

Post office consultation – Cllr Robson did go onto the post office website and posted our response.

Clean up day should include Marston Lane along with the field boundary with college fields and Tafflands, Clerk to add to list **action**. The idea of a 'Dads Army' was broached with some of the 'school Dads' by Cllr Wyatt who received positive comments on the idea. Clerk has gone through the school who have published posters on noticeboards and through the newsletter.

Graffiti at Elizabeth Avenue Playing Fields was posted on Facebook which was shared view and commented on numerous times. Clerk also wrote to the school to see what may or may not be covered in lessons about anti-social behaviour.

Representatives from the NHP Steering Group and Parish Council did meet. The Parish Council addressed all points made by Lisa Claber that the PC were disappointed that the Steering Group hadn't met since October and gave reasons for the change in

direction. A further Meeting is planned with the whole Steering Group on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Since then Mr Adams has contacted Cllr Sanderson to talk about the act of parliament which might be on the statute books within 2 months. Cllr Sanderson since wrote to Andrew Griffiths. The bill will stop Borough Councils holding up referendums.

It is proposed that the Steering Group gets the Plan ready for submission to ensure there is something to send as soon as we are told. The referendum would then follow 6 months after automatically. The meeting we held with the NHPSG was positive and all agreed that this motion to submit is the correct one. Thanks were given to Cllr Gooding for his persuasive argument.

#### **124. CLERKS REPORT**

##### Planning Applications

P/2016/00150 – Tree works on Brookside for the Parish Council

Noted

P/2016/00217 – Erection of a part two storey, part first floor, part single storey front side and rear extension 26 Twentylands  
No objections.

P/2016/00159 Erection of two-storey side extension and retention of greenhouse 186 Station Road

No objections

P/2016/00196 - Proposed residential development rear of 2 Beacon Drive

Councillors agreed that there is far too much development for the size of the plot, there would be no land at the back and can't get to the back of the proposed properties. Cllrs wish to object to this plan.

P2016/00183 - Erection of a detached double garage 6 Bladons Yard

It was noted that this development needs to be in keeping with the area. It was noted that this is for a boarded garage with felt. It was agreed that the Pariah Council should comment that we would like to see something more in keeping with the brick structures in the area.

P/2016/00274 – Crown reduction of 1 laurel back to knuckles Kimberly Church Road

No objections.

##### Planning Decisions

All decisions noted from Clerks report. Plus P/2016/00008 at Elmleigh, 3 Corsican pines are to be felled. There is no order to replacing with other planting.

Cllr B Toon has commented about the trees at Apple Acres directly to planners.

##### Neighbourhood Planning

Noted, and covered earlier in the meeting.

##### Clean up day

Councillors noted the content of Clerks report, plus litter picking.

##### Rollestonian of the year

Candidates include Eddie Cliff, Delia Wyers, Staff at the Club, Kate Goldsmith, Annie behind the bar at the Club, John Morris, and John Phillips. It was agreed that Councillors should exclude Staff at the club, as they are paid employers. John Phillips has had it before, so even though there are no rules, it would be good to see someone else get it.

It was noted that rules should be made clear – not for a paid employee, but for volunteers, and those who have received it before may be rejected if there are new names coming forward.

After voting the results were that Delia Wyers has won followed by John Morris then Eddie Cliff. Congratulations to Delia Wyers for the excellent work done in the last 12 months. Presentation to be arranged for the Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk to **action**.

##### Councillors Reports

Cllr B Toon

Wished to report Gullies again but this has been covered already.

A resident has noted that in the recent wet weather, they were getting wet in the Spread Eagle Bus Shelter. They questioned the guttering, but it is considered that this was the wind.

Cllr J Toon  
Nothing to report.

Cllr Evans  
Nothing to report.

Cllr Robson  
Has received lots of offers of bushes etc., along with a donation of Hawthorn bushes they will be used to cover the gaps in the hedge. Thank you to the anonymous donor. Councillor Robson wished to thank publicly all volunteers involved.

Cllr Gooding  
Nothing to report.

Cllr Wyatt  
Potholes are developing along Station Road. Clerk to **action**.  
Again reported the trees overhanging Knowles hill and broken branches. This has been reported to the Highways Agency several times, and has been left with the neighbourhood highways team to reach a solution. Clerk to **action** chase again. This should also be done through our Borough Councillor.

Cllr Sanderson  
Cracks in Station Road along with potholes to be reported. Clerk to **action**.  
South Hill pothole – had been reported by a resident, and also by the Clerk.  
Signs still need cleaning and turning. **Action** clerk to speak with Highways and Mr Deacon.  
Time has been spent on Spread Eagle Island tidying and replanting. The water butt down pipe needs some work as the slab it is sat on is slanting. **Action** John Deacon, needs to be emptied but not onto the plants around the water butt.

## **125. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Noted and signed for payment.

## **126. CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillors noted the contents of the Clerks report.

Mr Martin had informed the Clerk that after this year, he would not be continuing with the Rollestonian. Councillor Sanderson thanked Tom for his enormous contribution to date.

Environment Agency agreement for the collaboration for Rolleston on Dove Surface Water Flooding Mitigation Works was agreed by all and Signed by the Chairman.

Standing Orders were suspended at 9:30.

It was noted that the prospective candidate for one of the Councillor casual vacancies didn't arrive.

The members of the public were thanked for their attendance before leaving.

We have received a letter from John Morris regarding a charity tea party on behalf of the three charities the Mayor will be supporting requesting sponsorship. It was agreed a donation of £90 be sent.

A request has been received from the Transport Festival Committee and the Gala Committee to use the Croft and Elizabeth Avenue Playing Fields on 30<sup>th</sup> May and 29<sup>th</sup> August. Both requests were approved.

An email has been received from Mr Barry Edwards regarding the Cinder Hill substation as he believed the Parish Council are owed money from the electricity company. Clerk has looked into this matter and has now written to the parties involved and hopes for resolution.

It has been reported that a wall has been removed from the front of a property along Chapel lane which is within the conservation area. Clerk has spoken with the home owners and they have assured the Parish Council the replacement will be exactly the same, but safer.

Two builders have been contacted with regards work on the wall behind the buffer stop.

## **127. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

### **Quotes Received**

A quote has been received from East Staffordshire Borough Council for bin emptying and road sweeping. It was noted that there is only a minimal increase on last year therefore the quote was approved and signed accordingly.

Quotes for the tree works along Brookside have been received from Barnett Tree Services and CW Trees. The lower of the two was CW, therefore quote accepted.

Quotes have been received for the rebuilding of the gateway sign from Lyons Property Services and Jeremy Marshall. The lower of the two quotes was from Jeremy Marshall, therefore quote accepted.

New quotes have been received from Mr Deacon regarding the pressure washing of the railings at Brookside. Option B approved. Further quote for the wooden bollards and chain for Brookside has been received from Mr Deacon, now approved.

### **Contractors Annual Increment**

An annual increment of RPI, currently at 1.1% to be awarded to both Contractors.

Phil Gould Tafflands xxxxxx.

Cllr Wyatt had spent some time speaking with a resident who's email were viewed to be of too strong a tone. All parties left content with an agreement to be more cordial. Apology since gratefully received.