

Rolleston on Dove Parish Council - Minutes of Meeting

Minutes – Meeting held Monday 11th June 2016, 730pm

Location	Old Grammar School, Rolleston on Dove
Attendees:	Cllr Sanderson, Cllr B Gooding, Cllr M Robson, Cllr J Toon, Cllr J Wyatt, Cllr A Evans, Jane Bucknall Clerk 6 Members of the public, PC Nigel Armitage and a Colleague.
Distribution:	Attendees + Website, Burton Mail, County Councillor Bob Fraser
Chairman:	Cllr S Sanderson
Next Meeting:	Parish Council Meeting July 11th 2016, 730pm
Purpose of Meeting: To discuss regular parish council business AGENDA ITEMS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th MAY 2016 REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING STILES PLAY EQUIPMENT/RECREATIONAL/TAFFLANDS/SECOND CLEAN UP DAY BEST KEPT VILLAGE CLERKS REPORT DATED 6TH JUNE 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 1 – planning applications Item 2 – planning decisions Item 3 – Neighbourhood Planning Item 4 – Councillors Reports Item 5 – Accounts for Payment Item 6 - Income Item 7 – Correspondence Received Item 8 – Items for the Next Agenda 	

	Note	Action	Deadline
1.0	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS		
1.1	Mr Adams asked about Cllr Fraser's email received a number of weeks ago, regarding speeding on Knowles Hill being a 'perceived problem'. Mr Adams would like to know why he thinks it's a perceived problem.	Clerk to pass Mr Adams	This week

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	<p>SCC says speeding complaints are not backed by evidence, but then they won't put the devices in place to gather the information. Mr Adams doesn't believe it has been done for 18 years. Mr Adams will submit a freedom of information request to SCC for the information. As PC Armitage was present the Chair gave them the floor. Police don't have the resources to complete the amount of speeding operations as much as they would like. 'Community Speed Watch' has been completed in Rolleston previously with Volunteers, however in the end considered too dangerous as they were getting abuse from drivers. Police stated that speeding happens unfortunately on lots of roads. Church Road and Station Road have speed calming measures on them but Knowles Hill and Anslow Lane do not. If Mr Adams would like to undergo the training for a Community Speed Watch initiative, a Camera can be provided.</p>	<p>details to PC Armitage</p>	
1.2	<p>Mr Adams wished to discuss the Travellers. Why were they not arrested for suspected criminal damage? PC Armitage explained that there were at least two people present in each caravan and Burton does not have the resources to lock up 18 people for one count of criminal damage. There was no evidence to be able to narrow the culprit down.</p>		
1.3	<p>Several Councillors were involved on Friday night. 7pm John Deacon called Cllr Sanderson that Travellers had forced entry onto the car park and the gate post allowing access to the field. Cllr Sanderson tabled his report.</p> <p>The Travellers have now been served with an eviction notice (Section 61). They were reasonable with Police and Cllrs in attendance, so they have been given until 9am in the morning to leave the site. They also agreed all rubbish would be bagged and left on the car park for collection. Police can then start to remove vehicles if they have not gone by 9am. Lots of individuals worked on behalf of the Parish Council - Cllr Sanderson publically thanked John Deacon, Cllrs involved, East Staffs BC Staff, and Inspector Champeau. This could have cost the Parish Council thousands of pounds in legal fees and would be a lengthy process. As this is a Parish, and land owned by the People with its use impinged, Inspector Champeau decided it didn't need to go to court.</p> <p>Mr White thanked Cllr Sanderson and Cllr Wyatt on behalf of the public. The Police left at this point. Mr Adams also thanked the PC for the work on this.</p>	<p>Clerk to attach statement to minutes and file <i>Complete</i></p> <p>Letters of thanks to Mr Deacon, Mr White Inspector Champeau <i>Complete</i></p>	<p>July 2016</p> <p>Tuesday 14th June</p> <p>ASAP</p>
1.4	<p>Mr Chinn asked about the appeal of the development on the Redhill Farm questions. Cllr Sanderson explained that he understands that the</p>		

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	problems are being addresses at higher levels as the decisions and other similar ones on the National stage are running rough-shot through the new Planning Act.		
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		
2.1	Arthur Bailey Youth Rep, Cllr Barnfield		
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
3.1	None noted.		
4.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING		
4.1	Minutes were signed and approved as an accurate record.		
5.	REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR		
5.1	No report provided, nor was Cllr Fraser in attendance.		
6.	REPORT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR		
6.1	ESBC are fighting some Planning Inspectors decisions. Cllr Toon has been through further planning training. Nothing further to report.		
7.	MATTERS ARISING		
7.1	Cllr Robson noted the 'den' found at the back of Meadow View play area which included two enormous tractor tyres, plastic barriers and a stolen chair from the Spread Eagle.	Clerk to report to ESBC <i>Complete</i>	ASAP
7.2	Village footpaths have all been walked they are in good condition, easily passable and most are very well used.		
7.3	It was noted that Mrs Duffin from the Horse Stud Farm on Station Road has passed away. All horses and dogs have been found homes.		
7.4	14.11 mound of silt could be removed mechanically from the Brook. It was noted by Cllr Sanderson has a possible contact and can try to arrange the loan of an excavator for this work and John Deacon's son could drive it for us and get rid of the silt mound. There would be a cost implication of this for the removal of the silt. There could also be waste removal issues.	Cllr Sanderson to progress	
7.5	Cllr Sanderson proposed the August meeting is cancelled unless there is pressing business which would require a meeting to be called. The proposal was seconded and all voted in favour.	Clerk to inform village via noticeboard s, Website. and Facebook <i>Complete</i>	
7.6	The Clerk explained the meeting regarding Shotwood Close open space she had attended with ESBC staff. They explained that in their	Clerk to contact Mr	Before the next

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	view was that three pots of money from Bellway Homes – one was for education which went to SCC, funds for play areas which was spent at Elizabeth Avenue, and a third pot which was a type of performance bond which was returned to them. It was suggested that the Clerk speak with Barry Edwards to see if he has any evidence. Get a copy of the agreement. ESBC can in principle transfer the land to the Parish with no charge. The cost of the maintenance of the open space was also discussed with ESBC. Costs from Mr Gould and ESBC to be compared.	Edwards, and to go back to ESBC for a copy of the agreement and pass costs of mowing to ESBC	meeting
7.7	It was noted that there is room for some developments of the website, and Cllrs suggested we invite Richard Bush to attend the next meeting at 7pm.	Clerk to invite Mr Bush <i>Complete</i>	Before the next meeting
7.8	Removal of Christmas lights carried forward again.	Clerk <i>Complete</i>	ASAP
7.9	We have had an acknowledgement from the request for a meeting with the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group, but no meeting has been arranged.	Clerk to send suggested dates	Before the next meeting
7.10	No notes yet have been sent from the Resilience Workshop. Carry forward	Clerk to forward once received	
7.11	Highways department have not been contacted again about the gullies along Marston Lane. Carry forward.	Clerk	ASAP
7.12	Quote not yet received for the repair to Spread Eagle bridge.	Clerk to chase.	ASAP
7.13	Still need to convene a Recreational Sub-Committee Meeting.	Clerk	Before the next meeting
7.14	It was agreed that the new style minutes were an improvement but it has taken a lot of time to get through action points.		
8.	STILES		
8.1	It was noted that the change of design of a stile would be down to the landowner, not the choice of the Parish Council. It was discussed that a V shape is the easiest to get through rather than steps. An approach to the Ramblers association to get advice on the best style of stile then be able to approach land owners.	Clerk <i>Complete</i>	Before the next meeting
9.	RECREATIONAL		
9.1	It was noted that Tafflands requires some work. It was agreed that the	Clerk for	Before next

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	Parish Council should get some expert advice on which trees need work. Previously Laurence Oaks from the Community Volunteers has given this sort of advice. Maybe there are badges that Cubs/Scouts/Brownies/Guides could work towards by assisting. It was agreed therefore to meet with a tree expert, have a discussion about what work could be completed in a day then arrange a work day. Proposed seconded and unanimously voted. Clerk to call Phil Gould regarding mowing of the top of mounds.	initial contact with someone who could provide advice	meeting
10.	BEST KEPT VILLAGE		
10.1	The work on the Middle bridge along Brookside has not yet been completed. Mr Deacon needs to continue with this work.	Clerk to go back to Mr Deacon for completion date	Before the next meeting
10.2	Invoice received from CW trees. Cllrs don't believe the crown reduction has been completed. Clerk to go back to CW and process the invoice once this has been completed.	Go back to CW trees	Before the next meeting
10.3	Standing orders were suspended at 2130		
11.	CLERKS REPORT		
11.1	Planning Applications		
11.2	At this point Cllr Sanderson received a call to say that the Travellers have left Craythorne Road Playing Fields, but have left a mess.	Clerk to contact Mr Deacon and ESBC <i>Complete</i>	ASAP
11.3	Councillors Reports		
11.4	Cllr J Toon – Roast Potato van has snapped a post off and damaged another on the Croft. A post is also missing from the start of the row on the Croft. Ask Mr Deacon to replace the stumps. Clerk to contact the vehicle in question via the Vicar and John Deacon a reminder to the vicar that the use of the croft is not included	Clerk to contact Rev White and J Deacon	Before the next meeting
11.5	Cllr Wyatt reported that the Cemetery bus stop needs a clean, request highways clean the shelter.	Clerk to report <i>Complete</i>	
11.6	Cllr Robson reported that a gully by School Lane and Chapel lane is blocked which is of concern especially as it is in an area that floods and next to a school.	Clerk to report <i>Complete</i>	
11.7	Accounts for payment.		
11.8	All invoices were signed for payment.		
11.9	Correspondence Received		
11.10	Proposed that we donate £50 for the Scout Carnival, but remind them		

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	to apply beforehand next year.		
11.11	CONFIDENTIAL SECTION		
11.12	Quote from Mr Deacon received with regards Spread Eagle Island railings. Quote accepted.	Clerk to inform Mr Deacon <i>Complete</i>	
11.13	Grass on Craythorne was cut unacceptably by contractor. Met with him this evening and he informed that he had cut it again for free. Moving forward we discussed flexibility for an additional cut, agreed to lower the fee, but to be agreed with the Clerk before an extra cut is done.		
11.14	Protocol established for approving new Facebook members.		

Report from Cllr Sanderson about incursion at Craythorne Playing Fields:

At approx. 19:20 John Deacon made an emergency call to Cllr Robson that he was passing Craythorne in his car and had seen Travellers entering the playing field, that he was in dispute with them and needed us to call the 999 for assistance.

Cllr Wyatt attended Craythorne, and called for Police who arrived from a previous 999 call from an unknown person to attend the site. From his approach and assessment of the scene it was clear that Mr Deacon was surrounded and being challenged by a number of Travellers, but that the Police considered Mr Deacon's car (which was parked at the entrance of Craythorne and on the road), as an obstruction to the highway.

The Police said they would have arrest Mr Deacon if he did not move his car as there were 2 cars in the carpark in which owners were claiming they had to pick children up. Mr Deacon made it clear the car was there to prevent further caravans entering the field, however this was not seen as the priority by the Police.

Cllr Wyatt asked Mr Deacon to move his car to comply with Police requests, and in doing so 2 cars left the car park, and several more vehicles and caravans entered the field.

Cllr Sanderson arrived while Mr Deakin's car was being moved, and a further Police vehicle arrived with PCSO in (who cannot drive with sirens and lights and therefore had arrived later than the first vehicle). Now we had 2 Police vehicles, 2 Police and 2 PCSO on site, Cllrs Sanderson and Wyatt confirmed they represented the land owners (Rolleston PC) and that we wanted the Travellers removed, it became clear that the Police could not approach the Travellers without further support, and that further reinforcements were not available.

Sgt Marriott arrived in a patrol car in which Cllr Sanderson and Wyatt were asked to sit in, the situation was reviewed and then the Police discussed the matter outside the car. We were advised that it could not be proven the Travellers had cut the lock and sawn the securing post of the gate so proving break and enter would be difficult. Despite trying to establish what we could do to progress things there and then we were told we would have to involve ESBC on Monday morning.

On contacting ESBC at 9am Monday we were advised that the Travellers should have been moved on by the Police on Friday night as they have 'broke and entered'. We were told that if this had been done we would not

have to involve solicitors with a county court order which we were told would cost circa £1,000 to begin with and may go on for weeks or even months and costs could rise to circa £6000.

The timely conclusion is that Andrew Griffiths to whom Cllrs Sanderson and Wyatt had spoken to on Saturday and again today got involved as promised and contacted the Inspector at Burton, and was put in touch with Bob Champeau who arranged for the 24 hour departure notice to be issued with Police support which happened late today. In actual fact this turned out to be a 1.5hour notice!

We are as grateful to Andrew Griffiths and the Police as we are concerned about how events unfolded on Friday night in what was a fast moving high tension atmosphere. We are of course indebted to John Deakin for his timely action and bravery in tackling single handed a large group of Travellers and doubtless prevented a worse incursion and held off Travellers until the Police arrived.