

ROLLESTON ON DOVE PARISH COUNCIL
CLERK'S REPORT MARCH 2017

PART 1

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2017/00140 – Erection of a single storey extension on the east elevation to form porch, Acer Cottage 3 Shotwood Close

P/2017/00189 - Coppice to 50 cm above ground 3 Leylandii trees, coppice to ground level 1 Poplar tree, and 5 Hawthorn trees of TPO 1, Land adjacent Rolleston Cemetery (Old Water Tower) Fiddlers Lane

P/2017/00243 – Demolition of existing dwelling and building of replacement dwelling with integral garage, 238 Station Road

2. PLANNING DECISIONS

The following applications have been permitted:

P/2016/01842 – Felling of one conifer, reduction in height of 50% of conifer hedge and reduction of one conifer tree to height of conifer hedge.

P/2016/01821 - Erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension, and formation of a dropped kerb 56 Station Road

P/2016/01792 – Erection of single storey side and rear extension 2Croft Close

P/2016/01823 - Retrospective application for the conversion of former agricultural building into ancillary residential accommodation including office accommodation, Lane End Farm Rolleston Lane

P/2017/00075 - Felling of cherry tree and reduce pencil conifer tree to 2-3m in height, 42 Church Road

The following application has been refused:

P/2017/00068 – Removal of one oak tree (TPO 1) Jubilee Lodge, Fiddlers Lane

“The tree proposed to be felled is a healthy specimen, occupies a prominent position in its surroundings and is of high visual amenity value”

Other Planning Matters

Craythorne Road Agricultural Development -

3. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

A public meeting has been arranged at the Church on Monday 20th March at 7pm. Naomi Perry, Sal Khan and Cllr Julia Jessell will be in attendance. Unfortunately Andrew Griffiths MP is not able to attend. He has prepared a statement to be read out.

PART 2

4. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

BACS

Jane Bucknall (Salary)	£466.88
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HMRC (Tax)	£116.80
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Jane Bucknall (Phone and Broadband)	£45.45
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Mr J Deacon (Environmental contract)	£769.17
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Mr P Gould (Mowing contract)	£1101.99
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Barnett Tree Service (Storm Doris clear up)	£225
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SLCC (New Councillors Training Course)	£90
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Income

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Email received from Inspector Bob Champeau regarding Police presence at PC meetings. I have replied to say the PC would always welcome a Police presence and give them a chance to speak during the first section of the meeting.

“Good Afternoon

As Deputy Police Commander for East Staffordshire, I’d like to thank you for allowing our PCSO’s to attend your parish council meetings, it’s an opportunity for us to listen to concerns that are raised to you and for us

to share updates with you. I'm grateful for the opportunity to engage, and am keen to build on this in a number of ways.

Those of you who do know me will appreciate how important I consider Community Engagement to be.

If any parish councils would prefer if we didn't attend, that's fine, we won't be offended, or we can attend if and when required, but my default position is that we should do our absolute best to attend whenever we can. I may not always be able to send your specific neighbourhood Officer, due to shifts and other commitments, but my promise to you is that we will always do our best to attend.

I would also like to ask for your permission to provide updates through your parish websites, publications and newsletters.

I would like to provide you and our communities with an overview of any current policing issues which may have relevance to the whole borough, and I would ask your neighbourhood officers to provide a brief update around issues specific to your parish or neighbourhood.

It would probably be only a paragraph each, but it's another great opportunity for us to reach wider audiences, and to provide valuable specific and bespoke crime prevention advice, advise our communities of any crime trends, as well as sharing any good news stories. If you are in agreement with this please forward any contact details by email.

May I please ask that our attendance and time at your meetings is managed to ensure officer efficiency. If possible, and if your agenda's will allow, could my officers be allowed to carry out their business towards the start of the meetings, and other non-related police matters afterwards.

Please forgive the direct approach and the request for this, I do have to try and provide an effective and efficient police service, and would be grateful if my officers could be released to allow them to tackle other police matters.

I look forward to your response, either direct to me or to your PCSO's.

The PCSO's are also required to promote and use the SMART alert engagement tool, please ask for a demonstration.

Thank You

Bob Champeau"

Email received from the Flood Action Forum requesting my presence at a meeting with them and several other statutory bodies to answer questions from residents concerned about flooding to their property and the wider village. This will form an action plan for all bodies. Meeting expected during the first two weeks of April.

"The National Flood Forum is a charity that provides support to communities and individuals that have been flooded or are at risk of flooding.

The National Flood Forum is working with a community in Rolleston-on-Dove, where we have supported them in setting up a flood action group. This group is made up from representatives of the local community that have been affected by flooding. We would like to establish partnership engagement for the group to address their concerns in a non-confrontational way; to support the building of resilience within the community; and endeavour to reduce flood risk and improve response going forward.

*This is **NOT** a public meeting*

We politely request your attendance at a core community group meeting in the first two weeks of April. The meeting will be for approximately 1h 30 minutes but this is depending on time keeping and length of discussion, however, it will not go over 2 hours.

In order to arrange a date for all agencies to attend, some dates have been selected via Doodle and your reply of availability on these dates using the Doodle link provided would be much appreciated.

The Doodle link can be followed here: <http://doodle.com/poll/cq86gy5pfizyncfx>. If possible, please respond before Monday 13th March.

Details of the venue will follow as soon as possible.

An agenda and flood action plan will be available before this meeting. For those who are unfamiliar with a flood action plan, this is a collective, community represented document of all the discussion points the flood action group would like to talk through with the partners.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thomasin Sayers

Community Flood Resilience Officer

National Flood Forum

Supporting & Representing Flood Risk Communities"

Cllrs E McManus, S McManus and Brown attended New Councillor Training.

Clerk and Cllr Brown attended the SCC workshop '**Developing a Community Based Approach**'.

Cllr Ian Parry opened the event by giving some background on the financial situation at the County Council. £2m per month needs to be saved until the end of the decade. By 2020 there will be no Government Grants will be given to County Councils, therefore it will be Council Tax and Business Rates only.

The Highways Infrastructure Manager addressed the workshop explaining that whilst Highways Department will continue with their statutory duties of Road Laying, Verges, Gullies*, Snow Clearing and Potholes. However the 'lower level maintenance and beautification' of areas will not be carried out. They are unable to find environmental maintenance – although could not provide a list of jobs at this stage.

Neighbourhood Highways Teams will be reduced from 10 to four during 2017-18, and will be withdrawn completely during 2018-19. They will also be in touch regarding grass cutting arrangements for 2018-19 in the near future, as funding for this activity will also be withdrawn.

Highways have committed to 'getting it right first time', improving communication and a common sense approach to all work.

During the afternoon session we worked together with others to discuss options open to Parish Councils:

Take all the work on else it doesn't get done by:

- Absorb the additional costs
- Pass on additional costs in way of Precept
- Volunteers, "kindly looked after by..."
- Generated income:
sponsorship, advertising space

Issues we noted were:

- Insurance for volunteers
- Required equipment
- Base level of maintenance before taking over tasks
- Communication from SCC with honesty and transparency
- Economies of scale
- S106/CiL to be signed by the Parish as well as Borough Council
- Need for a Borough/Parish Strategy or toolkit to coordinate the different ways of getting the tasks completed

We await further information from SCC.

*We also found out that for the whole of the County there are only three machines able to clear gullies. This issue came up time and time again throughout the day.