

Rolleston Parish Council

Minutes of Rolleston Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th February 2024 at The Greenaway, Rolleston

Present:

Cllr B Steele (in the Chair) **BS**, Cllr P Colman **PC**, Cllr M Gemson **MG**, Cllr Jane Geraghty **JG**
Cllr Keith Melton (NSDC) **KM** and Cllr Sue Saddington(NCC) **SS**.

Mr Steve Bosworth (Rolleston Flood/Snow Warden) **SB**, Mrs Denise Bryant(Clerk) **DB**

5 members of the public.

Chair's Welcome:		
The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 19.30 p.m.		
1	<p>To receive apologies for absence No apologies were received.</p> <p>Tribute to Cllr Parslow On behalf of the Council, the Chair wished to formally state how saddened they all were to learn of the sad death of Cllr Parslow. The Council wish to formally recognise Maria's contribution to the village and to the Parish Council. She is very much missed. The Council sends their condolences to Maria's family and friends.</p>	
2	<p>To accept Declarations of interest. No interests were declared.</p>	
3	<p>To Approve and accept the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2024 The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2024 were approved as a Correct Record.</p>	
4	<p>Matters arising not on the agenda. No matters were noted.</p>	
5	<p>First Open Session a) District and County Council Reports Cllr Melton NSDC. Cllr Melton apologised for missing the meeting on 2nd January due to flooding. Cllr Melton updated the Council on the Rolleston Village Hall Planning status. The planning application had been submitted and refused by the Planning Committee. Arkwood Developments are no longer progressing it. Social Housing plans are now being considered but timescales have not been set. He suggested that Rolleston PC engage in the planning process to express ideal scenarios. Cllr Steele to contact Suzanne Shead, NSDC Director of Housing. Cllr Geraghty asked Cllr Melton to verify that Rolleston residents do not get priority access to social housing built in Rolleston. Cllr Geraghty believed that this stance was incorrect and that Rolleston residents ought to get priority access to social housing built in Rolleston. Cllr Melton to update at the next meeting.</p> <p>A member of the public commented that Arkwood Developments had bought 3 plots as part of the previous scheme and queried who now owns these plots. Cllr Melton agreed to clarify this at the next meeting.</p>	<p>BS</p> <p>KM</p> <p>KM</p>

	<p>Cllr Melton reported that the Battery Energy Storage System at Staythorpe has gone to appeal with a potential hearing in April. NSDC have appointed barristers and expert witnesses to deal with the appeal.</p> <p>Cllr Melton reported that NSDC had held a Flood Warden meeting at Castle House attended by local Flood wardens and the relevant agencies including the Environment Agency, Severn Trent, Fire & Rescue, and NCC. NSDC have decided to create Trent Catchment Area working groups. This will be a long-term project.</p> <p>Cllr Melton is planning to liaise with the Tree Officer regarding tree planting/wildflower gardens in Rolleston and will update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Sue Saddington NCC. Cllr Saddington reported that NCC are producing Section 19 reports regarding Storm Babett. Storm Henk reports will follow.</p> <p>Steve Bosworth raised that flooding issues were not being dealt with efficiently due to the Call Centre being in Blackpool. Cllr Saddington suggested that Steve Bosworth liaise with Kevin Heathcote, NCC VIA Highways Environmental Manager. Clerk to email Cllr Saddington.</p> <p>Cllr Saddington noted that she was planning to attend the Staythorpe BESS appeal and would speak if asked.</p> <p>b) Public Representations</p> <p>Steve Johnson reported that he had sent out the village flood report and had received 7 responses.</p> <p>Notable points in the report were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. It was suggested that Karl Wilson of Severn Trent attend a Parish Council meeting. Clerk to action. ii. Lucy Searle of the Environment Agency is to walk the banks of the Greet to check the state of the bund and piling. iii. It was suggested that VIA visit Rolleston to view the problem areas. Cllrs Melton and Saddington would also be invited to attend. Clerk to action. <p>A member of the public complained about dogs roaming around the village and fouling the footpaths. It was noted that the gate to the playground was broken and there were also issues with the fencing on a field containing dogs. Notts CC had contacted the lessor of the field who had repaired the gate, but it does not prevent the dogs from exiting the field and getting into the playground. It was resolved that the PC would contact the lessor of the field and if necessary, follow this up with the NSDC dog warden.</p> <p>A member of the public reported that the gateposts on the playground and the gate behind the hall were broken.</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>BS</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) No planning applications have been received for consideration at this meeting. b) Update on Planning matters including recent and extant planning applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NSDC owned land adjacent to Rolleston Village Hall planning status from Cllr Melton 	<p>KM</p>

	<p>Minuted under agenda item 5a</p> <p>ii. Update on Staythorpe Battery Storage from Cllr Melton. Minuted under agenda item 5a</p> <p>c) Any other items notified to Rolleston Parish Council prior to the meeting and requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p>There were no other matters</p>	<p>KM</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>a) To approve payments as listed on the payment schedule. Payments were submitted and approved.</p> <p>b) To receive and approve bank statements.</p> <p>The council received and approved the current account balance: Main Acc. (ending 433) As of 05.02.24 - £20,986.31. Corner Farm Acc. (ending 006) As of 05.02.24 - £21,255.80.</p> <p>c) To approve Rolleston Parish Council budget for 24/25 and attendant 24/25 precept.</p> <p>Cllr Gemson reported that the Rolleston Parish Council precept request was £8,994.55 which represents a 24% increase in the precept YOY. Overall, the Parish Council has seen a 39% YOY increase in costs. Half of this increase is to be funded from Parish Council funding reserves with the balance funded from the 24% increase in the precept being requested. It is to be hoped that increases in the precept in future years should be much more modest, as the key investments will already have been made.</p> <p>In addition to the inflationary pressures we are experiencing, the increase in our costs is also a consequence of the decision by the Parish Council to invest in its operational efficiency and underlying infrastructure. Difficulty has been encountered in encouraging new councillors to join the Parish Council. It is to be hoped that this investment will make the administration of the Parish Council much more efficient, meaning that all councillors, present and future, will be able to focus on being Parish Councillors rather than being distracted by administration. Another benefit is that if councillors or the clerk should decide to step down then the transition to new councillors or a new clerk should be smooth and seamless.</p> <p>The investments we have made consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new clerk to run the administration of the Parish Council and to advise councillors on compliance with all relevant rules and regulations. • A new accounting system (Scribe) which means that rather than using the existing spreadsheet-based system, the parish accounts are now maintained by the clerk and are online. Therefore, the accounts are permanently stored, easily visible to councillors and auditors and there is no reliance on a clerk's tenure. • The Council also plans to launch a Rolleston Village website which will contain village information and be the repository for all Parish Council information, including all minutes and agenda documentation. In future, Rolleston Parish Council will be fully compliant and transparent, and be set up properly for the future. 	

8	<p>Footpaths and Highways</p> <p>a) Dog Fouling: Cllr Steele reported that he is liaising with Fiskerton regarding dog fouling on shared footpaths. Fiskerton have agreed to put signs up again. There was discussion on the potential to use cameras for “naming and shaming”. This is to be considered at future meetings if the problem persists.</p> <p>b) Repair of gate post on the main gate to the Playpark and 2-acre field 2 quotes have been received. £325 and £351 both ex VAT. The Council are awaiting a third quote.</p>	
9	<p>Flooding Issues and Emergency Plan</p> <p>a) Flood warden report including resilience store replenishment and joint initiative between neighbouring villages. Steve Bosworth reported that he attended the Flood Warden meeting as minuted in agenda item 5b and that he was awaiting full report. Steve Bosworth has bought sand for new sandbags so that the resilience store can be replenished. It was agreed to re-imburse Steve for costs incurred should it be requested. Steve Bosworth requested that the Parish Council source 150 hessian bags. Clerk to chase with Cllr Saddington JCB Trash pump and additional hose to be bought. Steve Bosworth agreed to provide specification and costings. The Council approved and voted unanimously to acquire the trash pump for emergency use in the village. A £400 budget was agreed. Flood training – It was agreed that an advertisement would be sent using the village email system.</p> <p>b) Update on flooding on Station Rd. Minuted under agenda item 5b</p> <p>c) Update on Sewage A member of the Public queried how people get notified that there is a flood alert in the village. Could this be a facility in the new village website? The parish council to consider and report back at a later meeting.</p> <p>d) Cllr Melton update on Trent Ward Flood Warden meeting. Minuted under agenda item 5a</p>	<p>Clerk/SS</p> <p>SB</p> <p>BS/Clerk</p> <p>BS</p>
10	<p>Parish Council Owned and Managed Village Land and Facilities</p> <p>a) Play Park Cllr Colman to arrange a meeting with Ben Stacey on how to best manage the play park maintenance and future development.</p> <p>b) Tree planting/wildflower gardens on PC land within the village Awaiting Cllr Melton to liaise with NSDC Tree officer.</p> <p>c) Finger Post repair/replacement. Ongoing.</p> <p>d) Provision of a village noticeboard. Carol Chandler is investigating a board to fit on the old ‘phone box and will report back to Cllr Colman</p> <p>e) National Grid Liaison re Station Rd and debris. Cllr Steele reported that the lay-by had been cleared, rubbish removed, and grass seed had been spread on verges. It was felt that the quality of this work was not satisfactory, and Cllr Steele committed to complain. It was suggested that they wait until better growing conditions.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>BS</p>

	<p>Cllr Steele agreed to request the reimbursement of the £100 cost for the seed for the wildflower planting outside the telephone box which has been destroyed.</p>	BS
11	<p>Community / Neighbourhood Issues</p> <p>a) Potholes in the village A member of the public complained about potholes in the village. Although the council had filled in the potholes, the quality and longevity were suspect.</p> <p>b) Defibrillator Training Cllr Geraghty reported that a First Aid training session was required. Cllr Colman committed to liaise with the Village Hall Committee to explore further options. It was noted that evening sessions were successful.</p> <p>c) Southwell Racecourse meetings. Tim Harris reported that the racecourse would be partially re-opening for up to 100 members of the public from 24th February. Work was continuing and the aim was to return to full operations as soon as possible. The Parish Council noted that they are aware of the member of the public who is attempting to prevent unauthorised access to Southwell Racecourse through the village. Cllr Steele reported that he had attended a visit to the power station and had received an update on the power station's developments for Carbon Capture and dissemination under the sea.</p>	PC
12	<p>Parish Council Administration</p> <p>a) Update on Website Cllr Steele has completed a draft version of the village website; however, it needs more content. Cllr Steele is liaising with the Rolleston Junction publication team and with Julian Ellis, Chair of the Village Hall Committee, the WI and the Church for more content. Anticipated go-live date is March.</p> <p>b) Set date for Annual Parish Meeting 25th April is proposed. Cllr Colman to check hall availability. Clerk to contact village groups who may wish to be present to highlight their activities in the village.</p> <p>c) Feedback from meeting with Caroline Henry, Notts Police and Crime Commissioner on 24th January Cllr Gemson attended this meeting. "Operation Swift" is a police operation against wildlife crime. Police Design Teams assist in the design of play schemes, so they discourage crime. In February, there will be a Campaign against Fraud, "Fraud February" to help to prevent scams etc.</p>	BS PC Clerk
13	<p>General Correspondence Received</p> <p>i. Playground funding. The Council had received a document detailing sources of external funding for playgrounds. It was resolved to look at potential sources after Cllr Colman's meeting regarding the longevity of the existing equipment.</p>	
14	<p>Second Open Session. The Parish Council would like to formally show their appreciation for all the support the Flood Warden had given in the Flood events. The Parish Council gave Mr Bosworth a small gift to show their appreciation. This was gratefully received.</p>	

15	a. Agenda item for next meeting I. – Vinery update.	
16	<i>Date of next meeting: Monday 4th March 2024 @ 19:30pm in the Meeting Room at Rolleston Village Hall, The Greenaway. Rolleston.</i>	

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.27pm.

I declare that the above is a true account of the meeting held on 5th February 2024 (approved at the PC meeting held on 4th March 2024).

Signed Date
Chair Rolleston Parish Council

Distribution: Parish Councillors, Cllr S Saddington, Cllr K Melton, Rolleston Noticeboards, NSDC Website.

