

ROLLESTON ON DOVE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 11th MAY 2015**

PRESENT

Cllr J Toon
Cllr B Toon
Cllr A Evans
Cllr B Gooding
Cllr S Sanderson
Cllr M Robson
Cllr Wyatt
Mrs J Bucknall, Clerk

There were three members of the public in attendance along with the Burton Mail and PCSO Julia Wells.

1. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIR

Cllr J Toon proposed Cllr Sanderson to be the new Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Wyatt. Cllr Sanderson was unanimously voted in as new Chairman.

Cllr J Toon thanked all Parish Councillors for their help and support over the last two years, and thanked Cllr Sanderson in particular for his support over the last three months.

The Chain of Office was passed to Cllr Sanderson. Cllr Sanderson took over Chairing the meeting at this point.

2. TO ACCEPT THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Relevant form signed and dated by Cllr Sanderson.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr J Toon proposed Cllr Wyatt to be the new Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr B Toon. Cllr Wyatt was unanimously voted in as new Vice Chair.

4. TO ACCEPT THE VICE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

Relevant form signed and dated by Cllr Wyatt.

5. TO NOTE OR APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The following Cllrs were co-opted onto relevant organisations.

Almshouse Trust – Cllr Sanderson and Cllr Robson

Rolleston United Foundation – Cllr B Toon

Semi-Rural Neighbourhood Forum – Cllr J Toon, Cllr Wyatt

RODSEC – Cllr B Toon, Cllr J Toon

John of Rolleston School Governors – Cllr Gooding

Clerk to inform all relevant organisations.

6. TO NOTE OR APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES ON PARISH COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEES

As Chairman Cllr Sanderson is to be part of each sub-committee. Whilst sub-committees will be formed, any Cllr can attend any sub-committee as they wish.

Planning - Cllr J Toon, Cllr Sanderson, Cllr Gooding, Cllr Robson. It was noted that Cllr Barnfield may also wish to be part of this group.

Recreational – Cllr Wyatt, Cllr B Toon, Cllr Sanderson, Cllr Robson

Highways – Cllr Wyatt, Cllr Sanderson, Cllr J Toon

Alliance of Parish Councils – Cllr J Toon, Cllr Wyatt, Cllr Sanderson, Cllr Evans

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND REPRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Cllr Sanderson reminded Cllrs and the Public on attendance of the rules of this section of the meeting.

Mr Fitton asked for clarification on the current position of the College Fields appeal and the Neighbourhood Development Plan. He also suggested that a ‘Village Poll’ could be taken about the use of College Fields and for the Referendum of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Sanderson informed Mr Fitton that despite the rumours that have been circulating over the last few weeks, the appeal has not been lost. Due to a technicality on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (SoS), the appeal has been resubmitted back to the SoS for appeal once again. In effect we have taken a step backwards. It has been confirmed today that we can submit further evidence since the last appeal.

With regards the Neighbourhood Development Plan, a slightly revised Plan has been submitted, and we are awaiting a meeting with ESBC to forward this to consultation stage.

Cllr Sanderson also informed Mr Fitton that the Petition which was signed by many villagers two months ago was not submitted, so we still have this to put pressure on ESBC should we need it.

Cllr Sanderson confirmed that Eric Pickles has now moved on from the SoS position, and has been replaced by Greg Clarke, who is a big advocate of the NDP process.

PCSO Julia Wells had to leave the meeting early but wished to update the Parish Council that the Owner of Craythorne Golf Course was going to secure the site. She also left a message that with regards speeding in the village, PCSOs will be running a speeding initiative to hopefully catch some of the culprits.

Clerk to thank Ms Wells for this input.

Mr Martin requested an update on the noticeboard outside Starbucks. It was confirmed to Mr Martin that Building Regulation approval would not be required, but that we are awaiting planning consent to erect the noticeboard that we have purchased.

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received by Cllr Simnet and Youth Rep Arthur Bailey.

Post meeting note: Apologies were received from Cllr Barnfield but email not picked up until after the meeting.

9. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13TH APRIL 2015

Agreed and signed by Chairman as a true and accurate record.

10. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor was not present, and did not provide a report.

11. REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Sanderson congratulated Cllr B Toon on her recent election result, and commiserated with Mr Fitton.

Cllr B Toon informed the Parish Council that she is to be the next Deputy Mayor. As there have been no meetings, there is nothing further for her to report.

12. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There is no further news on the Brook Hollows/Historic England application, but Mr Chinn is still working hard on this. The Neighbourhood Team have been asked to put right the grass verge on Brookside, but we have not yet received a date for this work.

The letter to the Bus Companies has not yet been completed.

The Civic Trust have worked hard to keep the Spread Eagle Island looking good. The troughs from Burnside have been planted but have not yet been placed on Burnside. Mr Deacon will need a reminder that the watering of these form part of his new contract.

The removable bollards on The Croft have now been installed.

13. JUBILEE ORCHARD

Cllr Robson discussed this community resource. Cllr Robson wants the community involved but is conscious that it should have some sort of order to it. There is a balance to be sought between making it a welcoming place for the community to visit and use, but keeping it well maintained.

There is still work to be done – areas to be dug round each tree, chippings to be applied. Cllr Robson will put some literature together to advertise working parties. The Clerk will put notices on Facebook and the Village Website.

It was noted that in the next couple of years, the area should have benches and be completely safe for all to use without fear that trees will be damaged.

If there are enough volunteers at the Clean Up Day, a small party could start work on the digging.

14. CLERKS REPORT DATED 4TH MAY 2015

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been no applications to consider.

2. PLANNING DECISIONS

Cllrs noted the content of the Clerk Report.

3. MOWING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTS

Contracts were awarded according to the weighted scoring system. Mr Deacon has retained the Environmental aspects of the contract, and Mr Gould the Mowing contract. Both contractors are aware of the need to meet with Cllrs four times per year with an inspection annually. As a minimum, the Recreational Sub-Committee should be in attendance.

All Cllrs are to inspect their areas of responsibilities in time for the next Parish Council meeting.

Clerk to remind all of these areas.

4. BROOK HOLLOWES

A meeting will be convened in the next couple of weeks with Andy Mason and the other interested parties.

We cannot authorise the memorial bench on Brook Hollowes as it is ESBC land. Clerk to liaise with Mrs Mayer regarding her next steps.

5. CLERKS COURSE

All Cllrs we in agreement that the Clerk can complete the new clerks course at a cost of £99+vat.

6. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr J Toon informed the rest of the Cllrs that there has been interest from a resident to purchase the Shotwood Close Open Space. This has been denied until the ownership of this land is settled, but it was unanimously agreed by all present that the Parish Council should not sell the land. Mr Edwards has had confirmation that the Parish Council should have received £10,000 for ongoing maintenance of this land from Bellway. ESBC Legal Team are now chasing this funding. The transfer of land can be made to the Parish Council now, however this may incur an admin fee of less than £500.

There is a large amount of silt at the end of Anslow Lane (Tutbury end) which is blocking the gullies.

Cllr B Toon reported that a resident had counted the drains along Station Road, and more than half were blocked.

Cllr Wyatt commended the work completed on some of the potholes on The Lawns and Anslow Lane.

Cllr Sanderson report a number of potholes at the Clay Mills junction and on the bridge. Cllr Sanderson also reminded everyone of the Clean Up day on Saturday – commencing 0900 at the Spread Eagle. He also reminded everyone about the footpaths walks on Tuesday 2nd June at 1600 outside the Spread Eagle, and the Sunday 14th June commencing 1000, both starting at the Spread Eagle.

7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cllrs noted the content of the Clerks report.

Invoices from Mr Deacon have now been received and were detailed as follows:

£216 Playgrounds contract

£428 Environmental contract

£234 Welding of gate and replacement bollards

Cllrs noted the content of the forecast prepared for 2015-16. Whilst there seems to be a large surplus, it was noted that the Parish Council should consider a replacement for the Climbing Cube on Tafflands; there may be some legal costs for recent planning issues; and perhaps some expenditure on Brook Hollowes by the way of matched funding. It was therefore agreed by all that this amount should be left in surplus.

Cllrs answered the questions in Part 2 of the financial audit document.

Quotes need to be obtained for the tarmacking of another section of the Craythorne Carpark.

There is some thought that Rolleston Football Club intend to replace the wooden hut next to the football pitches. It was agreed that they should be contacted in order to get approval from the Parish Council before they start any changes. It was also pointed out that they may need planning consent for a different building.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

It was agreed that a donation of £50 be made towards the Scout Carnival this weekend.

TREATS are given formal agreement hold the Transport Festival on 25th May on The Croft.

The memorial tree for Mrs Redfern's parents was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Sanderson would speak with her personally regarding the positioning of the tree on The Croft.

The Clerk is to write to the bus companies in order to clarify why the times have changed in the morning, meaning you cannot get a bus into Burton for an average work start time. It was noted that this may be because of under use of the service, but it will affect the sustainable development of the area.

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Nothing further was added at this stage.

The Chairman moved that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted that the Public and press should be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.

Cllr Sanderson reported on another item of correspondence received. An allegation of racism was received. Cllr Sanderson dealt with the matter by informing the complainant that during his time with the Parish Council he has never witnessed any language or actions of a derogatory nature, but also informed the complainant of how to make an informal complaint and where to find the paperwork if they wished to make it a formal matter. The Claimant did not name a Councillor personally.

The Quote of £260 from Barnett Tree Services was accepted, and will be split between the Parish Council and the Almshouses Trust.

Mr Deacon and Mr Gould should be reminded about their commitment to attend the clean-up day on Saturday. Mr Deacon also be requested to look at the Ivy that has come away from the Church wall and grown along the ground. It may need his mini digger to pull it all away.

CHAIRMAN