

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were discussed outside of the meeting:

P/2015/0153020 - Reduce height of a conifer tree by 50% and relieve end weight of lower branch on a Scotts Pine tree by removing 2 metres or to the nearest suitable union point. 20 Station Road
Councillors had no objection to this application.

P/2015/01572- Reduce height of a conifer tree by 50% and relieve end weight of lower branch on a Scotts Pine tree by removing 2 metres or to the nearest suitable union point. Kimberley, Church Road.
Councillors had no objection to this application.

2. PLANNING DECISIONS

The following applications have been approved:

P/2015/01288 - Erection of front, side and rear single storey extensions with a balcony at the rear (Revised). Amarah, Hall Grounds.

P/2015/01107 – Part single part two storey side extension. 87 Station Road.

P/2015/01413 – Retention of detached garage. 31 Burnside.
A condition has been imposed on this approval – the sides of the garage are to be rendered in the same colour as the brickwork to the front of the garage, within one month.

P/2015/01530 – 30% Crown Reduction of cherry and cut back of large branch. 20 Station Road.

3. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillors will be invited to make their reports to the meeting.

Cllr Robson to update on the Orchard meeting held 19th November. Notes attached at the end of report.

4. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

BACS

Jane Bucknall (Salary)	£451.48
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HMRC (Tax)	£113
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Jane Bucknall (Phone and Broadband)	£42.90
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John Deacon (Environmental Contract)	£760.80
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Phil Gould	£1090
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(Mowing Contract)

Rolleston Civic Trust (Rollestonian Print Costs)	£608
East Staffordshire Borough Council (Reimbursement of Cost of Election)	£103.56
Jane Bucknall (Reimbursement of Christmas Lights purchased from The Solar Centre)	£126.04
John Deacon (Buffer stop work)	£240
Midshires (copier charges)	£32.78
Barnett Tree Services (Christmas Lights installation)	£90

Quotes Received from Mr Deacon, for approval

To dig out one set of goal posts on playing field (when ground will carry the digger) and re-line.
Materials and labour £160+vat

To erect 1 set of junior goal posts, to make set of right angle fixing brackets for goal posts.
Materials and labour £100+vat

To cut orchard hedge inside and out. £70+vat

5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letter received requesting Cllr Sanderson to Chair the RODSEC AGM in March 2016.

Following a very quick phone call received April 2015 in which Dave Hughes (ESBC) said that Amey are hoping to have the money ring-fenced to clear water courses we have now received an agreement letter from the Environment Agency. The work is quoted at £30,000. The Project Overview is:

“As part of the recently completed Lower Dove Flood Alleviation Scheme the Agency has identified the potential for reducing flood risk to the village of Rolleston on Dove. Identifies works will involve the improvement of surface water drainage in the village and will be carried out by RDPC, with support from the Agency by way of Funding, Advisory, Technical support and support from SCC by way of their Officer times technical support”

We have been advised by Dave Hughes (ESBC) to get the agreement signed, to get the money over and they will support with respect getting the work completed.

An invite received from Burton Upon Trent Civic Society.

Email received from the Highways Neighbourhood Team:

You may be aware of the County Council's Ice Buster Initiative which supports self-help groups by providing them with advice and grit in order to treat locally important footways and pedestrian routes during the winter months keeping them clear of snow and ice.

The initiative is aimed at Parish Councils and residents associations who are able to mobilise dedicated volunteers to treat the footways during periods of prolonged cold weather and clear snow over the winter.

The treatment options include the application of grit or a brine solution which will be provided by Staffordshire's Highway Teams.

The amount of grit or brine should reflect the extent of the areas being treated and depending on the severity of the weather; stocks may need to be replenished.

The purpose of this email is to enquire if the Parish Council is interested in becoming involved.

Should this be the case, please contact me at your earliest convenience in order to establish a suitable action plan to allow the initiative to progress.

Community Paths Initiative 2015/16

We have been successful in applying for a grant of £538 for the production of village leaflets. This money has to be spent during the financial year 2015-16.

Last month we wrote the Club requesting they consider they move the defib machine onto the outside of the building to enable it to be used by the whole community. Their reply is attached.

Email received from Sylvia Martin.

Just to ask you to pass on our thanks to the Parish Council for decorating the tree, I hope they enjoyed taking part.

The weekend was very successful, despite the awful weather, and we raised around £2,200 for the church. All our visitors were most complimentary, many saying it was the best yet!

Hope we may persuade you to join in again next year!

Thanks again

Sylvia

Letter of thanks received from St Mary's Bell Ringers.

"Dear Councillors

Re: St Mary's Church Rolleston on Dove

Bell repairs fund raising - Parish Council donation

The bell ringers at St Mary's would like to thank Rolleston Parish Council for their kind donation towards the bell repairs, and for their support of the church bell ringers.

As a result of fund raising by St Mary's church, St Mary's bell ringers and kind donations, the bell repairs will commence on Monday 23 November 2015

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Cooke

Tower Captain

for and on behalf of St Mary's church bell ringers"

6. MEMORIAL POLICY

7. PARISH COUNCILLOR RECRUITMENT

Letter received from Mr O'Brien (Returning Officer ESBC):

"I refer to your Notice of Vacancy in respect of the above casual vacancy and confirm that as I have not received a request from ten electors for an election to take place, it is for your Council to co-opt a replacement Member. The appointment should be made as soon as practicable and I would be grateful if you could forward the name and address of the new Member to the Elections Team in due Course."

8. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Installed by Barnett Tree services. They are solar powered, but with USB charging which I will be doing as required.

Notes of a meeting regarding the Orchard Thursday 19th November 2015

In attendance: Mike Robson, Angie Evans, Tom Martin, Emma Kay, Jason Wyatt, Jane Bucknall, Sandy XX

The Orchard is sited on the old Mosely Estate Tip, therefore the ground isn't great.

There was a pruning workshop in March 2015, and the trees were all pruned. It was noted at that point that the species of all the fruits could not be verified, and may not be the species we believe them to be.

Mike has been strimming back the weeds to try and keep on top of the growth.

Discussions took place regarding the best covering for the area, particularly the areas around the base of the trees:

- Membrane
- Soil
- Manure (possibly from Blue Cross) **ACTION:** Jane to contact
- Bark chips

A list of jobs was agreed on for agreed volunteer days:

1. Protect the base of the trees
2. Clear the fence at the bottom end of the orchard
3. Arrange a couple of compost areas
4. Feed the trees

Dates will be agreed ahead of the next Rollestonian Publication, the first one being planned for March.

In the future the vision for the plot is wildflowers, nettles up the bank, develop the hedge with saplings, and suppress weeds, bird boxes, soft fruits, bulbs, recipes in the Rollestonian for key harvest times for the apples for example.

The group will meet again in early March ahead of the first volunteers' day.