

ROLLESTON ON DOVE PARISH COUNCIL
CLERK'S REPORT JUNE 2016

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2016/00381 – erection of a bay window to the front elevation, erection of a front canopy including the erection of a pitched roof over existing flat roofed garage, and installation of a new window, 190 Station Road.

P/2016/00611 Partial conversion of integral garage to facilitate the erection of a single storey rear extension, 18 Meadow Fields

P/2016/00681 Reduction in height of 10 conifers by 4 metres, Kimberley, Church Road

P/2016/00624 Installation of two rooflights to the front roofslope and two rooflights to the rear roofslope to facilitate loft conversion, 1 Forest School Street

P/2016/00645 Erection of a 1.2 metre high retaining wall to front boundary including privet hedge screen to facilitate alterations to the ground level, 56 Church Road

P/201600 Hall Grounds Garden redevelopment.
Cllrs had no objection to this application.

2. PLANNING DECISIONS

The following applications have been permitted:

P/2016/00 1.5m crown reduction to one beech tree, Brantwood Mosely Mews

P/2016/00461 Prune back branches from 1 Willow tree which overhang the rear garden of 91 Hall Road and P/2016/00462 Prune back branches from 1 Willow tree and 1 Cherry tree which overhang the rear garden of 93 Hall Road, Rolleston House Hall Grounds

P/2016/00417 – Erection of single storey extension, 99 The Lawns

Other Planning Matters:

Apple Acres Trees

The trees which are the subject of this notice are not sufficiently visible from public vantage points to qualify as making a valuable contribution to the character and appearance of the conservation area. Whilst the trees make up part of the tree belt to the front of the property they are set within the site and are not obvious as exemplar specimens: they have been rated as being category B which is adequate health but upon closer inspection they are not of high quality and are quite uneven based on neighbouring tree growth. The trees to remain will maintain adequate cover of the site and help screen the future development. The retention of the trees was secured during the original application and many of those are to be retained, particularly the larger specimens; the loss of the two trees here will not have a significant impact on the site or the general character of the area and therefore it is not expedient for the Local Planning Authority to object to the works

by making a tree preservation order.

The previous application was refused due to errors in locating the specific trees on the first site visit and an over estimation of the number of trees to be removed. The following accompanied site visit made clear of the trees to be felled, their condition and their context giving a much deeper understanding of the situation.”

A condition was added to the decision letter requesting more trees to be planted to compensate for the loss – these have been steered towards the Road to help screen the development of the site and are to be robust specimens, not just whips.

3. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

After two requests for a meeting with the Steering group, no reply has been received.

4. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

Councillors are requested to note the amendments to Standing Orders as discussed and agreed at the Parish Council Meeting in May 2016.

‘(b) If there are planning applications that need to be considered outside of the meeting schedule above, the Clerk will electronically send all documents to all Members requesting comment by a given date. All Members shall comment back to the Clerk who will then send comments on behalf of the Parish Council. If there is disagreement, the majority view will be taken forward.

If there are applications which could prove contentious, a planning sub-committee meeting will be convened’

5. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

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

6. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

BACS

Jane Bucknall
(Salary) £571.68

HMRC
(Tax) £157.03

Jane Bucknall
(Phone and Broadband) £42.93

Mr J Deacon
(Environmental contract) £769.17

Mr Gould

(Mowing contract)

PEAC £35.12
(Copier rental)

Manor Park Nursery £18.79
(Plants for troughs)

Income

Environment Agency Grant for Flood Alleviation.	£30,000
Staffordshire County Council Lengthsman Agreement 2016-17	£1409
Staffordshire County Council Lengthman Agreement Part 2 2015-16	£704.50
Staffordshire County Council Mowing 2016-17	£3627.92

7. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Email received from Rolleston Scout Group.

I am writing on behalf of Rolleston Scout Group. In previous years the Parish Council have very generously made a donation towards the annual carnival. We have had a virtual change of committee who did not appreciate that this had to be requested. Please would the Parish Council consider a donation retrospectively. The donation is used for prizes for the parade. This is always an event for villagers to come outside and be entertained. I am never able to see it properly (busy setting up), but from what I saw when it arrived there had been a considerable amount of work gone into costumes and decorations this year. The youngsters are all very enthusiastic and their families enjoy seeing the results of their work.

Do Councillors wish to make a contribution?

Several emails and messages via facebook about the maintenance of Shotwood Close open space. Following these communications I went and met with two residents on site to see their concerns for myself. It has not been mown for some months by Contractors, and not regularly since last year. I have requested a quote from Mr Gould to add to the mowing contract, and have been in touch with ESBC with regards the monies owed, and we expect to meet with them asap. According to ESBC the area is mown by them 10 times per year.

Good feedback on the letter circulated regarding the Midlands Rural Housing Survey. All of the people I have spoken to are either not returning the survey or have completed it anonymously. Of the few people that I know to have completed and returned it, the main focus has been a lack of new bungalows being built.

Email received from Andy Mason, ESBC, regarding the CRI bid.

The bid from the central rivers Initiative has now been submitted. The assessment process is quite long and so the final decision will not be known until October 2016. The Brook Hollows project has made it on to the bid document and it is hoped that the document will be on their website soon. I will send you the link when I get it.

If the bid is successful there will be a development phase , at which time the group should meet

again to discuss this phase.

Notice of Referendum and polling station sites displayed on noticeboards.

Letter received from ESBC asking us to confirm areas of the Parish to consolidate onto a new 'Public Space Protection Order'. The only area in the village currently listed is the Cemetery. Do Councillors wish to consider elsewhere in the Parish? Papers attached.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

8. QUOTES RECEIVED