

Rolleston Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on Monday 1st March 2021 via Zoom

Present: Cllr Tim Harries (In the Chair)
 Cllr Pati Colman
 Cllr Jane Geraghty
 Cllr Tony Hillary
 Cllr Christine Salter
 Cllr Richard Thackeray

In Attendance: Cllr Sue Saddington (NCC)

Members of the Public: 5

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| 33/21 | Apologies for Absence Cllr Lucy Sole The meeting was declared quorate. | |
| 34/21 | Minutes of the Public Open Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2021 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. | |
| 35/21 | Matters Arising not on the Agenda 1 invoice received after the agenda was prepared & an e mail from a village resident re limestone chippings on highway | |
| 36/21 | First Open Session County Council Cllr Saddington provided a detailed update on her correspondence with colleagues within NCC, and her discussions with NSDC, with regard to planning application 20/02508/FULM Southwell Racecourse resurfacing. Cllr Saddington has requested that the application should not move forward until more information regarding risk of flooding had been obtained. She reported that the NCC Rights of Way Officer was concerned about pedestrians and the dangers caused by using Racecourse Road as the route for traffic management. He was proposing a fence alongside the road meaning pedestrians walk on the grass verge. Clarification is to be sought regarding the rights of way for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders to use Racecourse Road. Cllr Saddington noted that if Occupation Road is to be a designated route for heavy vehicles arriving at the Racecourse problems will arise with cars parked near Fiskerton Station. Cllr Saddington will support the Chair in liaising with NCC over this important planning matter. Cllr Saddington reported on a virtual meeting with Network Rail, attended by several Parish and District Councillors, held to discuss the frequency and reasons for the failures of railway crossings along the East Midlands line. Arising from the meeting it was clear that only issues which affect the trains are logged by NR, and not those which affect motorists or are the result of wider issues affecting the tracks. The barrier faults affecting motorists and pedestrians need to be notified to Councillors so that a fuller picture of the system is achieved. | |

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| | <p>General Public The issue of standing water on Station Road was raised. See 40/21 b</p> | |
| 37/21 | <p>Declaration of Interest Cllrs Colman and Salter declared interest in Agenda finance item 7c. (39/21c below)</p> | |
| 38/21 | <p>Planning Matters Cllr Harries provided an update on the following application:</p> <p>Application 20/02508/FULM Replacing existing racing surface material, with associated works to sub surface arrangement (using existing drainage system) at Southwell Racecourse Station Road Rolleston.</p> <p>The application is currently due to be heard at the Planning Meeting of NSDC scheduled for 30th March. The Parish Council has drafted a letter setting out further detailed objections to the application, which is to be sent to the Case Officer at NSDC, together with a request for better information on several issues of concern and a request to defer the application being heard until answers to those concerns had been received and considered. The Parish Council also notified its intent to commission an independent flood risk assessment and report on the proposed new surface material, utilising funds previously ring-fenced for flood prevention . It was also noted that a large number of residents, and neighbouring Parish and Town Councils, had also submitted objections.</p> | |
| 39/21 | <p>Financial Matters. The following invoices were unanimously agreed for payment by those Councillors who had not previously declared an interest:</p> <p>a. Bench/Seat for The Kate Greenaway Garden: £249 plus VAT NBB Recycled Furniture plus anchor kit for grass £33.50 plus VAT</p> <p>b. Picnic Bench for The Kate Greenaway Garden up to £136.38 inc VAT</p> <p>c. Donation to support the Kate Greenaway Action Group: £100 plus VAT to be held available on request</p> <p>d. Additional Dog Waste Bin (Wyevale): £124.99 plus VAT plus strappings £20.10 plus VAT and postage £10.20</p> <p>e. NSDC – Renewal of annual dog bin emptying contract £52 plus VAT.</p> <p>f. Streetwise: Repair to playground equipment: £2,026-64 including VAT, as previously approved</p> <p>All payments to be made from Rolleston Parish Council Main Account.</p> <p>Cllr Harries confirmed that a payment of £200 had been received from NCC divisional fund as contribution towards any planned Parish celebration to mark the eventual end of Government restrictions relating to the Covid-10 pandemic.</p> <p>Cllr Harries confirmed the following balances in the Parish bank accounts as at 22 February 2021: Main Account: £15,630.23 Corner Farm maintenance Account: £23,395.39</p> | <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>TH</p> |

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| 40/21 | <p>Footpaths and Highways</p> <p>a. Update on reports of defects to Parish footpaths</p> <p>The damaged foot-bridges across watercourses on the route of Rolleston Footpath 2 are due for repair by NCC but they have been temporally repaired by the local farmer. The footpath is back in use but the handrails are missing on the bridges so one uses at one's own risk. The council notices state the path is closed. This is to be raised again with NCC footpaths officer.</p> <p>Southwell Footpath 3 has been cleared by the landowners.</p> <p>The defective stile on Footpath 7 has been replaced with a new metal equivalent.</p> <p>The interactive Speed Sign is working once again.</p> <p>b. Standing Water on Station Road. A Parishioner had raised concerns with NCC Highways VIA but had received an unsatisfactory response and the matter is to be taken up by Cllr Saddington.</p> | TH |
| 41/21 | <p>Flooding and Emergency Plan</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council will seek to appoint a consultant to undertake an independent flood risk assessment and report on the new surfacing material in response to planning application 20/02508/FULM (see previously) if required.</p> | TH THi |
| 42/21 | <p>PC Managed Amenities</p> <p>a. Play park - The small play slide has been repaired. Cllr Salter is trying to arrange the Quarterly Inspection but there has been a lack of response from NSDC so far.</p> <p>b. The Parish Council had received a request from a member of the public for consent to place a memorial bench in the play area. This was discussed by Councillors and agreed that further details are to be sought regarding the proposed material, siting and village connection before a decision is made.</p> <p>c. Safety gates/barrier to Kate Greenaway Garden: Cllr Thackeray had met with representatives of Safer Highways and NCC. As there has not been a serious accident here they saw no reason to support the work so no funding would be made available. However other funding avenues are being investigated.</p> <p>d. Village Map - Cllr Colman introduced the idea of a Village Map similar to the one in Upton. The Kate Greenaway Action Group would like to work with the Parish Council in creating a map. There was agreement in principle but it will need to be discussed when costs are known.</p> | CS CS RT PC |

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| | e. A sign for The Kate Greenaway Garden is needed. The sub group are to bring costings for this to the next meeting. | RT CS PC |
| 43/21 | <p>Community Liaison/Safer neighbourhoods</p> <p>a. East Midlands Trains station improvement project –Cllr Harries and village resident Mr Peter Garood met with the Ambassador for East Midlands Railway to discuss their plans for possible improvements to Rolleston Station and amenities, and to discuss the potential to create a local support group.</p> <p>b. Kate Greenaway Action Group - the group has published a website, as follows:</p> <p>www.kategreenawayinrolleston.com</p> <p>Contact with the group (and an invitation to donate towards funds) is available via the following e mail address:</p> <p>kategreenawayinrolleston@gmail.com</p> <p>The group has secured funding for a plaque to commemorate the writer’s childhood home in the village and this is now in place on 18 Fiskerton Road, and there is a Kate Greenaway trail for walkers to follow. Flower tubs have been purchased and work has begun on the map.</p> <p>b. NSDC Public Space Protection Order – dog controls. Request for confirmation of existing arrangements near the Village Hall will be passed to the Village Hall Committee.</p> | <p>TH</p> <p>PC</p> |
| 44/21 | <p>Ongoing improvements to Village Amenities</p> <p>a. Village pictorial signs are in production and should be ready late Spring.</p> <p>b. Directional “finger” sign at Station Road junction- The PC is waiting for a response from NCC Highways to a request for the sign to be repainted. If approved, the Parish Council will organise the work.</p> | <p>THi</p> <p>THi</p> |
| 45/21 | <p>General Correspondence Received</p> <p>A resident had reported that a builder’s bag of roadstone has been left in damaged condition adjacent to Rolleston level crossing. It will be reported to NCC Highways / VIA.</p> | |
| 46/21 | <p>Second Open Session</p> <p>The estimate for a new Play Park gate is expected soon.</p> <p>There was a report of fly-tipping in a ditch on the outskirts of the village. Having originally been reported to NSDC and NCC, this is now to be dealt with by the Trent Valley IDB.</p> | |

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| 47/21 | Matters Raised in Open Session or received after publication of the Agenda (for report only) None | |
| 48/21 | Provisional date of next meeting: Monday 12th April 2021 Cllr Harries closed the meeting at 9.12 pm. | |