

Rolleston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th Sept 2020 in The Greenaway, Rolleston

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

In Attendance: Cllr Sue Saddington (NCC)

Members of the Public: 2

		Action
70/20	Apologies for Absence Cllr Lucy Sole, Cllr Richard Thackeray, The meeting was quorate.	
71/20	Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 2nd March 2020 and Wednesday 19th August 2020 were accepted as correct records and signed.	
72/20	Matters Arising not on the Agenda None	
73/20	First Open Session County Council Cllr Saddington reported on her latest discussions with the rights of way officer re Footpath Number 9. She has been advised that the footpath had been closed again by the landowner due to their concern about Covid-19. The justification for this was questioned and Cllr Saddington will follow this up with the aim of reopening the footpath. In response to a question from a member of the public Cllr Saddington will try to inform the council of the current PCSO allocated to our area. General Public Concern was expressed about the dangerous state of a stile on the footpath to Fiskerton from the Church, and the stile at the northern end of Occupation Lane, close to Racecourse Road. Another concern was of security guards being very officious in their response to walkers using the footpath through Southwell Racecourse on the western bank of the River Greet. Walkers are being advised that they have to keep moving as the Racecourse is currently only able to run a closed racing programme in accordance with current Covid-19 guidance. It was reported that Police had been notified regarding alleged antisocial behaviour reported at the Play Park on 17th August.	
74/20	Declaration of Interest None	
75/20	Planning Matters None	
76/20	Financial Matters. The following payments were approved unanimously : a. Ulyetts - Corner Farm grass -inv 65763 £91.80 + VAT -Corner Farm Ac Ulyetts - Corner Farm grass -inv 64531 £91.80 +VAT- Corner Farm Ac	

	<p>b. Ullyetts-Jubilee & 2 acres grass-inv 65764 £43.35 +VAT -Main Ac Ullyetts- Jubilee Garden grass-inv 64532 £16.32 +VAT -Main Ac c. NSDC Quarterly Play Park inspection £40 +VAT - Main AC d. L A D Ogilvie- Year end accounts & Return Reconciliation £200 no VAT- Main Ac e. NSDC- 2019 Parish Election uncontested Charge inv 10135658 £63.41 no VAT Main Ac f. Sanitiser for Play park -C Salter £6.36 -Main Ac</p> <p>Cllr Hillary reported that the cost of Pictorial Village Signs would be £6,245 excluding VAT. The grant from NCC, together with the contributions pledged to date total £4,018. The balance contribution from the Parish Council of £2,228 was approved.</p> <p>Cllr Coleman reported that £300 of the £500 received from NCC to support those parishioners struggling as a result of Covid-19 had been paid out The balance remains available to villagers in need of support.</p> <p>Current balances: Main Acc. £17,640.96 Corner Farm Acc. £23,825.05 .</p> <p>It was also confirmed that current expenditure remains in line with the budget for the year.</p>	<p>THi</p> <p>PC</p>
77/20	<p>Footpaths and Highways Cllr Harries will send a further report to NCC rights of way officer on the reported state of the stiles on public footpaths, and will also report to NCC Highways/Via that the 30mph road marking is worn and there are branches overhanging the road signs on Station Road.</p>	TH
78/20	<p>Flooding and Emergency Plan It was reported that the flood warden meetings had been temporarily suspended. The River Greet is to have some maintenance work in October. There had been reports of Himalayan Balsam along the banks of the River Greet extending into adjoining land, and this has been reported to the relevant authorities.</p>	
79/20	<p>PC Managed Amenities a. Quarterly inspection of the Play Parks. It was reported that the latest inspection report by NSDC indicated defects with (a) the gate, (b) the barriers for the swings, (c) cracks to the keep fit trail, (d) damage to the cover on the zip wire chain and (e) concrete exposed in a small area. The first 3 will be monitored, (d) will be repaired and (e) cushion fall has been used to cover the area. The inspector did say that the play parks were much improved from the previous inspection.</p> <p>b. Reopening of the Play Parks Having complied with the advice for reopening, the parks were re-opened 22nd August. Since then regular monitoring of the parks has taken place. Visitor numbers have been small. Checks will now continue only to refill the sanitiser.</p> <p>Mr Steve Bosworth kindly offered to remove the charred wood and 2 dumpy bags of play park debris.</p>	CS

	<p>Cllr Harries commented that the size and quality of the play parks and equipment in the village were disproportionately generous relative to both the population of the village and the level of the precept. It was noted that the facilities are increasingly used by people living outside the village. This is an historic anomaly resulting from the discounted cost of the equipment when first installed, but the ongoing cost of maintenance places an unsustainable burden on the precept and may need to be reviewed in the future.</p>	
80/20	<p>Community Liaison/Safer neighbourhoods Nothing to report</p>	
81/20	<p>Ongoing improvements to Village Amenities a. Providing a second dog bin was discussion but failed to gain support. b. Corner Farm Grass Area- Following representations from parishioners, the Parish Council would like to explore initiatives to promote this area for the wider use of all the village. It was agreed to explore the cost and design of installing seats and benches and a rubbish bin, allocation of an area for a wild flower garden promoted by the Kate Greenaway Action Group, and a change of name to the Kate Greenaway Park. Councillors are to bring ideas and costings to the next meeting c. Cllr Coleman was authorised to purchase a litter picking device for use by villagers. (£20 budget)</p>	<p>All Cllrs PC</p>
82/20	<p>General Correspondence Received A letter of praise for the Parish Council during the Covid-19 pandemic had been received from our local MP Robert Jenrick. NALC had issued a revised list of potential sources of grant aid, including for security equipment and in view of the reported incidents, a copy is to be forwarded to the Village Hall committee.</p>	<p>TH</p>
83/20	<p>Second Open Session Disappointment was expressed by a parishioner that the contribution towards the pictorial village signs had been approved by a low margin of 2 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 3 abstentions.</p>	
84/20	<p>Matters Raised in Open Session or received after publication of the Agenda (for report only)</p>	
85/20	<p>Provisional date of next meeting: Monday 5th October 2020 (if Covid-19 guidance allows) in the Greenaway 7.30 p.m. Cllr Harries closed the meeting at 9-30 pm.</p>	