

Rolleston Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2021 via Zoom

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

In Attendance: Cllr Sue Saddington (NCC)

Members of the Public: 4

		Action
1/21	<p>Apologies for Absence All Councillors were present and the meeting was declared quorate.</p>	
2/21	<p>Minutes of the Public Open Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
3/21	<p>Matters Arising not on the Agenda Notification of a further invitation to comment on a planning application (see below).</p>	
4/21	<p>First Open Session</p> <p>General Public Concern was expressed about the extent of use of floodlights at the Racecourse, and particularly whether when the lights are used for the last races at an afternoon meeting, this constitutes night racing and therefore whether it is subject to the relevant planning conditions? It was also reported that some floodlights appear to have been left on overnight in the stable area. It was also noted that there had been a lot of race traffic through the village for the recent Sunday Race meeting, and directional signage had been put out very late and then left in place for a few days. An NCC gritting lorry had passed through the village at dangerous speed, spraying 2 horses and riders on 1st January. This was reported to Cllr Sue Saddington. A member of the public raised detailed objections and concerns with regard to planning application notified on the agenda.</p> <p>County Council Cllr Saddington wished everyone a Happy New Year. She passed a message from the County Council planning department regarding their request for a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss their application for planning consent to the rear of 18 The Holding Fiskerton Road. The Parish Council indicated that they would be prepared to join a meeting but would also wish to canvas village residents on the detail of any suggested amended scheme. It was also noted that the Parish Council has been made aware that there are legal title issues relating to access to the land, and would welcome confirmation that these have been resolved before further detailed consideration is given to village housing needs.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Saddington reported that she is attempting to arrange a meeting with Network Rail to discuss the frequent failure of the railway crossing barriers on Staythorpe Road and elsewhere on the line.</p> <p>Discussion took place about the deteriorated condition of the existing directional “finger” signs on the junction of Station Road and Fiskerton Road. Cllr Hillary will contact Jo Horton at the County Council Highways department to ascertain whether permission will be granted for the Parish Council to organise re-painting, and for which Cllr Saddington offered £200 contribution from the divisional fund.</p>	THi
5/21	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>None</p>	
6/21	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>Application 20/02475/HOUSE -removal of existing brick garage and erection of 2 storey brick extension and internal alterations at The Hurdles Station Road Rolleston. A discussion took place and Councillors voted unanimously to object to the application in its present form.</p> <p>Notice was given of a further application for which notification was received on the afternoon of the meeting, after the agenda was issued:</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>Councillors noted that this application arrived too late to be included on the agenda or for adequate consideration of supporting documents. It was therefore proposed that Councillors will vote via e mail before the deadline for comments and the public are invited to pass their comments to any councillor before the 20th January 2021 in order that any views expressed may be considered before Councillors vote.</p>	
7/21	<p>Financial Matters.</p> <p>a. Parish Precept 2021/2022 Cllr Harries presented a very clear summary of the Parish Council's projected annual expenditure and a draft budget for the forthcoming FY2021/2022. The Precept has remained at its current level for over 5 years, and in order to reflect inflationary increases on some mandatory expenditure items, and also to make some provision for additional expenditure for external clerking support, it was noted that the Precept now needs to be increased. It was agreed that 50% of the projected increase in annual expenditure could be met from existing surpluses, and it was therefore agreed unanimously that the Precept estimate should be submitted to NDSC at a figure of £6,750 (2020/21: £6,250) and Cllr Harries duly authorised to do so.</p> <p>Latest statement of balances held in Parish Council bank accounts as of 22 December 2020 were reported as: Main Account: £19,562.37 Corner Farm Account: £23,467.61.</p>	TH
8/21	<p>Footpaths and Highways</p> <p>In the absence of any response from NCC to the reports made of defective stiles and bridges over several footpaths, a map is to be sent to County's footpaths officer with</p>	

	<p>areas of concern identified.</p> <p>It was reported that concern had been expressed by a member of the public about being stopped walking down Racecourse Road on a race day. This had not been experienced by any others present at the meeting who walk the same route regularly, but is to be raised with the contact at the Racecourse.</p>	TH
9/21	<p>Flooding and Emergency Plan</p> <p>The Flood Warden reported that the Halloughton Dumble needs attention and that the Internal Drainage Board are liaising with Network Rail over responsibility for this work.</p>	
10/21	<p>PC Managed Amenities</p> <p>a. A quote for a new gate and posts for the play park is expected shortly</p> <p>b. Cllr Salter presented a cost quotation from Streetwise to repair the small climbing/slide unit in the sum of £1,688.87 plus VAT. This was unanimously accepted and the cost to be met from the Capital Works funds set aside for this purpose.</p>	PC CS
11/21	<p>Community Liaison/Safer neighbourhoods</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
12/21	<p>Ongoing improvements to Village Amenities</p> <p>a. Corner Farm Security- "No Parking" signs have been put on the fence and generally seem to have worked. Cllr Thackeray is waiting for a reply from the County Council as to the next step to make the entrance to Corner Farm from Staythorpe Road safer.</p> <p>b. Corner Farm Community Area - Improvement plans for 2021. Cllrs Thackeray, Colman and Salter will form a sub-committee and liaise over plans to improve the Corner Farm land making it more useable for the village.</p> <p>c. The village's new pictorial signs will be fabricated in February. Cllr Hillary noted that the "strapline" below the signage was "Welcomes Careful Drivers" but could be revised should Councillors so wish. Any suggestions to be notified by the end of the month.</p> <p>d. Cllr Colman is to investigate the present arrangements for welcoming new people to the village.</p>	All Cllrs
13/21	<p>General Correspondence Received</p> <p>None</p>	
14/21	<p>Second Open Session</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the Racecourse planning application, in particular about the route and volume of transportation of the material both being removed and the arrival of the replacement.</p> <p>A member of the public expressed the view that the level of the Precept was still too low, despite the agreed uplift, and commented that costs were artificially low due to clerking currently being done by Councillors, for which thanks were expressed.</p> <p>Cllr Colman will contact Newark and Sherwood District Council re late emptying of the waste bin near Jubilee Gardens.</p> <p>A set of traffic cones left on Fiskerton Road were doiscioevered in a ditch and will be collected and put in the flood Resilience Store for safekeeping.</p> <p>The litter on Occupation Road remains on-going issue.</p>	PC

15/21	Matters Raised in Open Session or received after publication of the Agenda (for report only) None	
16/21	Provisional date of next meeting: Monday 1st Feb 2021 Cllr Harries closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.	