

ROLLESTON ON DOVE PARISH COUNCIL
CLERK'S REPORT APRIL 2018

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2018/00257 – Erection of gates and railings, Winter House, Hall Grounds.

Considered via email:

P/2018/000371 - Crown reduction by up to 20% and thin lateral branches and remove hung up branches to Atlas Cedar trees, 4 Church Road
Councillors had no objections to this application.

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following applications have been approved:

P/2018/00043 - Erection of a single storey rear extension 18 Church Road

P/2018/00031 - Erection of a first floor rear extension over the existing rear ground floor extension, single storey side extension, bay window to front and pitched roof over existing detached garage 5 Glebe Close

P/2018/00027 - Erection of a two storey rear extension 9 Croft Close

Other Planning Matters

Contacted planning enforcement re open frontages on station road who will now take this matter forward.

P/2017/00569 - Contracted planning regarding the animal place on Craythorne Road. Permission not yet granted but work on an access track had begun again. I have emailed the agent today to advise them that the development remains unlawful as no planning permission has been granted and that no works should be carried out on site. I have asked them to contact me urgently. I will also ask the enforcement officer to revisit the site over the next couple of weeks to establish if there have been any further planning breaches. Following this visit Planning Officers have confirmed that the applicant has withdrawn the application for planning permission and the land will be restored to previous condition, including the removal of buildings and tracks.

FINANCE

Annual Audit paperwork has been received which states that Rolleston on Dove has been included in the 5% random sample to be given an 'intermediate' rather than a basic assurance test. Paperwork remains similar to the last years, but additional information including bank statements, budgeting and risk assessment will need to be sent too.

Deadline for approval is 1st July, but due to rules over transparency for the public, this essentially means a deadline of 30th June. Publicity of accounts needs to be open for 30 working days which must include the first 10 working days of the July.

BANK RECONCILIATION

Not yet complete due to competing priorities, will be presented at the meeting. This will be the final outturn for the year 2017-18.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

BACS

Jane Bucknall / HMRC (Salary and HMRC)	£675.51
Jane Bucknall (Home Broadband only)	£23.50
Mr J Deacon (Environmental contract)	£825.86
Mr J Deacon (Materials)	£21.59
Mr P Gould (Mowing contract)	£invoice not yet received
Id Mobile LTD (PC Mobile)	£28.06
Jane Bucknall (Sandbags)	£97
Jane Bucknall (Mileage claim)	£48.15
ESBC (Bins Q1 2018/19)	£764.40
Manor Farm Nurseries (Plants for tubs)	£71.70*
Rolleston Club (Room hire and copying)	£417.50**
Urban Vision (Neighbourhood Plan support package)	£6,467.40**
Staffordshire Wildlife (Neighbourhood Plan Service)	£180**

**To be funded from Groundworks Grant.

*Half to be funded by Civic Trust

Quotes awaited for honours boards from elementary signs, brilliant signs. Greenbarnes will be 750.76

Income

£713.12 VAT reclaim

£1.08 interest

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

St Marys church letter about building a buttress at the wall on croft by spread eagle and passed on thanks for sorting the trees by the wall on the corner.

The Blue Cross Centre manager has confirmed that work will be starting to deepen the ditches to help alleviate surface water run-off from the fields across Dovecliffe Road.

Clerk has confirmed with Western Power Distribution that the plastic pipe in the Brook containing cables to cottages 14-16 Burnside is a temporary measure. Metal conduits will be installed to the bridge for the cables.

Email received from Resident regarding litter along the Jinny Trail and requesting a litter bin further along the trail towards Stretton. We have previously discussed this and Cllrs decided that it would cost additional money to be emptied so would not provide one.

I am contacting the parish council with a request for a bin down the Jinnie trail between Stretton and Rolleston. The litter and discarded , full , dog poo bags is terrible.

Such a shame that the Jinnie trail is in this state. My husband and I are willing to do a litter pick but we need a bin. I know there is a bin at the exit to the Jinnie trail but this is too far away from the main litter problem and dog poo bags been dropped.

Email received from Resident of Station Road regarding the incidents of flooding. Concerns raised over the drains, and additional potential surface water issues with the College Fields development.

I reported a blocked storm drain in Station road opposite School Lane late last year. (A copy of the report pasted below.) I've had no update since and I've noticed it is still blocked following the floods along with another now outside number 24 Station Road. Nothing it would appear is being done to help residents along Station road even when we report problems and what is annoying is Councillor Philip White praising the "Community spirit." The reason is that no one was there to help us and nothing has been done to help us as residents.

We were looking for permission to close the road and called the police at 2:30pm and were told it was not their responsibility to close the road - It was down to the Highways agency according to them. It was marked as urgent with the promise to send an inspector to assess the situation. By which time we were at peak flood.

Hannah Hogan the flood officer was called, she was in Lichfield and didn't realise how bad the flooding was! She did come to help luckily and then the police turned up to close the road. A contradiction to what we were told on the phone.

The root of the problem has still to be resolved, the drains are not maintained regularly hence my report to the council about the blocked storm drains.

We now have the potential problem of the houses proposed on College fields which will add additional drainage to an already overloaded, old and very poorly maintained drainage system.

It is imperative that the system is upgraded if Belway homes wish to drain into the existing system.

*We have heard from a reliable source that any funds Belway contribute for this purpose are not ringfenced and therefore the council may redistribute the funds for other less urgent projects not village related.
Can you confirm that the Parish Council will now liaise the ESBC, to ensure that this situation is resolved.*

Letter received following the footpaths consultation in December/January.

Numerous emails regarding the drain on Church Road which has still not been fixed.

Notification of 'Flood Happens' event taking place in the Market Place on Friday 20th April 10-2. Community resilience team will be offering advice on flooding issues and signing up for flood alerts.

Items from last meeting

In February 2006 Mr Raysen agreed that if the PC obtained quotes for painting the railings along Burnside he would see what financial help he could offer. Minutes state £3000 was given. Clerk has written to Mr Raysen asking how this could be repeated.

£1000 funding successfully received from WASP in July 2006 for the painting of the Brookside railings.

July 2006 an instruction was issued by Highways that they were to reinstate the double yellow lines outside the old post office on Burnside, which was completed. The Lawns bridge was also discussed but it is not clear from the minutes that this was ever taken forward. As Station Road lines are still in place, it has no effect on the proposals agreed at the March 2018 meeting.