



## Rolleston on Dove Parish Council

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### Lest We Forget

As a final note we would like to thank everyone in the village for the outstanding displays marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of hostilities in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. Culminating in a memorable service that filled not only St Mary's but also the road outside, the village can be justly proud that it paid tribute in a very fitting way to those that gave the ultimate sacrifice.

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Full Parish Council Meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Full Parish Council Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Full Parish Council Meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Full Parish Council Meeting



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The Parish Council meets on the second Monday of each month in the Old Grammar School rooms. Meetings start at 1930 and are open to the Public. The agenda for each meeting can be found on the village website, Facebook and on noticeboards during the week before the meeting is held. Should you wish to ask the Parish Council any questions or raise any points with us, 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting are set aside for you. If you believe you have particular skills that the Parish Council or the village could utilise we would love to hear from you. There are many ways to get involved, including becoming a Councillor – we currently have two vacancies.

### Parish Council Precept element of Council Tax

The work which your Parish Council undertakes to maintain the village includes many things such as cutting of grass verges, Craythorne and Elizabeth Avenue football pitches, public open space such as The Croft village green, litter picking, bin emptying, maintaining play equipment and street furniture, tree work and hedge trimming on public land - as well as many other things within the village.

Our funding comes mainly from the Parish Council Precept element of the Council Tax, and for many years was also topped up with funding from ESBC. This funding has slowly been reduced and we will see a further reduction from April 2019. In addition, County Councils across the country are having to make cuts to fall in line with central government spending restrictions and this will have an inevitable knock on to local communities. As a result, the Parish Council has taken the difficult decision to request an increase in the Parish Council base rate of £5 per year (equivalent to 42p per household per month). This is not a decision taken lightly and we hope the explanation of the cause can be understood by the village. The new rate will continue to compare favourably

with neighbouring Parish Councils with similar expanses of open space to maintain to a high standard.

### **Parish Clerk**

Since the last edition we have seen a change in the Parish Clerk. Jane Bucknall decided to step down from the position in favour of a full-time position elsewhere and we are delighted to announce that Mary Danby was appointed to the post in November. Mary brings with her a wealth of experience from similar positions in both Town and Parish councils and we feel confident will be an asset to the village and the operation of the Council.

The Council would also like to go on record in thanking Jane for her contribution over recent years in helping to continually move things forward.

### **Best Kept Village**

As we reported in the last edition of The Rollestonian we will be entering the Best Kept Village competition for 2019. This entry needs the whole village to get behind it and support it in a number of ways.

Judging takes place between May and July and covers a variety of categories, starting with the advanced publicity and community awareness. We will be kick starting this by running a poster competition for children in the village to design a publicity poster to be displayed around the village and on-line (details can be found elsewhere in this edition).

This will then be followed by a series of events, including clean-up days, where everyone can get involved in helping to improve the village. Judging covers all aspects of the village, not just the public areas. Private gardens, businesses, public houses, notice boards, play areas, seats and benches, bus shelters and village signs will all come under scrutiny.

If you would like to get involved or have ideas of what we can do to improve our chances, please contact the Clerk.

### **Planning**

As many will be aware the future of college fields continues to be uncertain. Although planning permission was finally granted there will now be a public enquiry on the 12-14<sup>th</sup> March to hear and resolve the village green application. It will be chaired by an independent QC and further details will be published as soon as they are available.

### **Website**

The new website continues to attract visitors from far and wide and coupled with the Facebook page provides up to date news and details of forthcoming events. If you have any suggestions for improving or expanding the coverage please get in touch.

We are pleased to report that the **Spinner, Elizabeth Avenue Playground** has been installed – thanks to the very generous donation by the Haywood family.



### **Flood Prevention: Sandbags and Cable Ties**

A supply of sandbags and cable ties are available for distribution to residents. Please email the Clerk ([rollestonpc@outlook.com](mailto:rollestonpc@outlook.com)) with your requirements and details to enable these to be delivered to you.