

VILLAGE FOOTPATH WALKS LEAFLET

The Footpath Walks leaflet has been revised and will be available from Starbucks, public houses, butchers, school, scouts, Co-op, OGS (TM), bus shelters and will be available to download from the parish council website.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

At its December 2019 meeting Robert Peate was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Mary Danby, if you are interested in applying for co-option onto the council.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council normally meets on the second Monday of each month in the Old Grammar School Room. Meetings start at 7.30pm and are open to the Public. The agenda for each meeting can be found on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page 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 to do so.

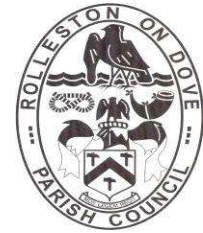
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 10th February – Full Parish Council meeting
- Monday 2nd March – Care for Rolleston Group
- Monday 9th March – Full Parish Council meeting
- Tuesday 14th April – Full Parish Council meeting
- Monday 4th May – Care for Rolleston Group
- Monday 11th May – Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Tuesday 19th May – Annual Parish Meeting



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ROLLESTONIAN OF THE YEAR – NOMINATIONS PLEASE

The Parish Council makes a "Rollestonian of the year" award each year to a villager who in their opinion has served the community above and beyond that which could be considered normal or to a villager who has achieved exceptional heights in their field (sport, arts, etc). The award will be presented at the May Annual Parish Meeting by the Chairman of the Parish Council, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. Nominations should be sent to the Parish Council Clerk by Friday 1st May 2020 and should include a brief note supporting the nomination. Nomination boxes will also be sited in Starbucks News and at Rolleston Club for the duration of April.

All Councillors will be given a voting paper listing all nominations at the Parish Council meeting on 11th May. Brief details of all nominations will be considered during Part 2 of the meeting after which Councillors will vote for their top three nominations, giving 3 points for their first choice, 2 points for their second choice and 1 point for their third choice. The nomination with the highest number of points will be given the award. In the event of a tie, new voting papers will be issued, and Councillors will vote again between the tied nominees giving 1 point to their first choice nominee. The nominee with the highest number of points will be given the award. In the event of another tie the Chairman of the meeting will have a casting vote.

For the purpose of this award, any person living in Rolleston on Dove is considered to be a "Rollestonian".

Serving Parish Councillors are not eligible for this award.

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP DAYS

Two village clean-up events will take place on 29th February (Tafflands) and 16th May (The Croft and Brook). Look out for details of where to meet on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page, posters will also be displayed in noticeboards around the village.

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. As we reported at the same time last year this funding continues to decrease and puts further burden on the Parish to fund this work. As a result, the Parish Council has once again 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.

Care for Rolleston

As we have previously reported, the Parish Council has established a new village organisation – Care for Rolleston. This group has now become established and started to meet every two months – everyone welcome! The agenda for this group is focussed purely on improvements to the village environment. A more detailed update is contained elsewhere within the Rollestonian.

Planning

It is expected that this year will see the start of the College Fields development. Whilst this is deeply disappointing to many in the village the developer now has the right to carry out the work and should be allowed to do so without unnecessary hindrance. We will of course be monitoring the work to ensure that they operate with minimal disruption to everyone impacted. On a positive note

the start of this work should see the release of funds from the developer to the village (known as s106 money) for community benefit. The Parish Council are currently looking at how best to utilise this.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan continues to progress and has now been approved by the external examiner and is now with ESBC to put to a referendum in the coming weeks/months.

Brook Hollows

After many years the Brook Hollows restoration project is to go ahead in the autumn of this year.

At the parish Council meeting held on 13 October last year Julia Baker from East Staffordshire Borough Council gave the Council and a good number of interested residents an interesting and informative update. Following the meeting the matter was also discussed at the last two "Care for Rolleston" meetings,

Villagers can expect to see engineers on site from April, with the actual work scheduled for the autumn. Detailed information on the work being planned is now available. If any resident wants a copy they should either e-mail the Parish Clerk on rollestonpc@outlook.com for an electronic copy or let the Clerk (07908 545 412) know your name and address for a hard copy through your letter box.

It is hoped that opportunities for residents who use Brook Hollows on a regular basis to meet with Julia and/or the engineers will be available. Again, anyone interested should let the Clerk have their contact details.

Once the engineering work has been completed it is possible that the lake could be restocked with fish. This will have a much greater chance of happening if there are residents willing to form a local fishing group to help to monitor the fish and take in interest in the area in general. Anyone interested should again give their details to the Clerk.

These are exciting times for the area and the more local people involved the better. Don't hesitate to get involved you will be very welcome.