

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Bob Houston was co-opted onto the Parish Council at its March 2020 meeting. The PC now has its full complement of 11 councillors serving the village

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings start at 7.30pm and are open to the Public.

The agenda for each meeting can be found on the PC's website and Facebook page and on noticeboards during the week before the meeting is held.

Should you wish to ask the PC 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 14th September – Parish Council meeting

Monday 12th October – Parish Council meeting

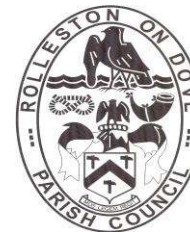
Monday 9th November – Parish Council meeting

Monday 14th December – Parish Meeting



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Since the last edition of the Rollestonian many things have changed for all of us and in some cases we may never get back to how things were. This has been no different for the Parish Council (PC) who have had to try to operate as near as possible whilst remaining in lockdown or going through the various stages of the easing of lockdown.

In a village that is known for its number of events and community activities, seeing so many cancelled has been a bitter blow to many. However, the community spirit shown across the village in helping each other and simply 'getting on with it' leaves us in no doubt that when we are able to return to holding events, they will return stronger and better than ever. The weekly 'clap for carers', the COVID-19 social media groups and the many virtual or isolated VE day celebrations show that the spirit of the village is still very strong.

MEETINGS

Following a short period whilst we awaited new government legislation allowing the PC to meet virtually the rhythm of monthly meetings is now back up and running. They take on a very different shape with everyone remote but do allow some business to be conducted as normal and also still allow members of the public to attend. Because of the restrictions on gatherings and activities that we are able to undertake the Care for Rolleston meetings have been postponed for the foreseeable future. PC business has also had to be curtailed to keep people safe and observe lockdown restrictions. The annual Parish Meeting, annual PC meeting and also the Rollestonian of the Year award have all had to be postponed but we do hope to hold all of them later in the year.

FOOTPATHS

Lockdown has seen a significant increase in the use of footpaths around the village. The new footpath leaflet has been in great demand and whilst this increase is fantastic to see and great for your health it has also brought a few challenges. The PC already has a plan, with approved budget, to replace or repair many of the stiles around the village. Unfortunately, to protect the workforce, this had to be postponed which has meant that some stiles and gates have struggled to cope with the increased foot traffic. We are repairing where we can and are also keeping in regular touch with the landowners and County Public Rights of Way team to keep paths open and usable.

VILLAGE FOOTPATH WALKS LEAFLET

The Footpath Walks leaflet has been revised and is available from Starbucks, public houses, butchers, school, scouts, Co-op, OGS (TM), bus shelters and can be downloaded from the PC's website.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Sadly, lockdown and the easing of lockdown has also seen behaviours around the village that are unacceptable. Craythorne, Tafflands, Elizabeth Avenue and Brook Hollows have all been subjected to anti-social behaviour, acts of vandalism and littering which shows no regard for the village or other residents. It will not be tolerated and the PC are meeting regularly with the police and East Staffordshire Borough Council to take appropriate actions.

PLANNING

Planning matters continue to be considered at the virtual PC meetings. Unfortunately our Neighbourhood Development Plan has fallen victim to lockdown and is now awaiting an easing of restrictions that will allow voting to take place.

BROOK HOLLOWES

The work on Brook Hollows has also been delayed but at the moment we are anticipating that work will still take place this year which will see this much loved part of the village given a significant facelift.