PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Wednesday 5th May – Annual Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 22nd June – Full Council meeting
Monday 12th July – Full Council meeting
Monday 13th September – Full Council meeting



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PUBLIC MEETING: FLOODING IN ROLLESTON ON DOVE

As requested by the parish council, Kate Griffiths MP arranged a virtual Public Meeting on 15 April to enable residents to discuss flooding issues in the village. The MP was joined by representatives from the Environment Agency, the County Council's Flood Team and the parish council.

FLOODING: BROOKSIDE AND BURNSIDE – ENVIRONMENT AGENCY UPDATE

The following is an extract of an email to Councillor Barry Gooding from the Environment in connection with flooding along Brookside and Burnside. The full text of the email can be found on the parish council's website and Facebook page:

"Once Initial Assessment is complete, and improvements are considered viable we will move to the Strategic Outline Case which identifies a long list of potential options and highlights those which are most likely to bring the best results. This is likely to take place around Christmas 2021. We have been successful in bringing Rolleston into our next 6 year programme and have identified an outline programme which would involve detailed business case in 2022. This could enable works to take place in 2023 but that will be highly dependent on funding availability. Currently we think that the project would qualify for £150k-£200k grant in aid funding. The results of the model study will impact on this, depending on the scale of flood risk it identifies. We have currently assessed we will

need £500k to promote a solution which leaves a significant funding gap, and we would not be allowed to progress to construction until we had all the funding in place. The business case stages will identify the costs of each option and will replace these initial estimates used for making our initial bid. If the solution is cheaper, it will be easier to progress to the next stage.

Until we have the model, it is very difficult to have any certainty about how this project will progress. If everything falls into place and an affordable solution is identified we could be looking at improvement works in 2023. If a technical solution is feasible but will cost more than the funding we have available, the project is likely to be delayed until that funding gap is filled."

CRAYTHORNE ROAD PLAYING FIELD: CAR PARK

The parish council agreed to a request from Staffordshire Highways for them to use the Craythorne Road car park as a temporary compound during the drainage and surfacing works being undertaken in the village. The arrangements are:

- 1. Compound to be set up 19th April to 17th September 2021 with a new site access and pedestrian walkway.
- 2. Compound and new site entrance will be fully secured and monitored by CCTV.
- 3. The compound fencing at the weekends to closer to the existing storage contained to allow more car parking space.
- 4. Rolleston Football Club have confirmed they need pedestrian access only.
- 5. The temporary access will be removed at the end of the works period and replaced with post and rail fence and hawthorn hedge.
- 6. All removed furniture will be put back in situ.
- 7. The car parking area, including the currently fenced off part, that they wish to use for a compound, will be made to a good level hard standing using road stone.

- 8. The car park gate will be painted.
- 9. A Staffordshire Highways community day is confirmed for the parish council (date TBA) which may include works needed around the playing fields to be confirmed by the parish council.

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

The Covid restrictions continue to see many more residents using the village footpaths. With the warmer Spring weather farm animals are grazing in the fields and the bird life is nesting in the hedgerows. The Countryside Code which is the Government guide for people out enjoying the countryside is all about respect:

- be considerate to those living in, working in and out enjoying the countryside.
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways if parking your vehicle.
- be nice, say hello, share the space, and remember to social distance
- follow local signs and keep to waymarked paths.
- take all litter home, leave no trace of your visit.
- always keep your dog under control and in sight
- dog poo bag it and bin it. Do not throw the bag down on the floor or hang it on a branch. Dog-poo can cause disease and even blindness in children, cause cattle to abort and sheep to die. Councillors ask that all dog owners act responsibly.
- care for nature do not cause damage or disturbance.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

We have two vacancies for parish councillors. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Mary Danby, if you are interested in applying for co-option onto the council.