

The Platinum Orchard

The Parish Council has accepted an offer of Plum and Greengage fruit trees from a resident. The trees will be planted on a section of Meadow View and the fruit tree area will be known as "The Platinum Orchard". The trees will not only give the village a flowering tree area but provide a rich source of fruit in the Autumn.

Parish Council vacancy

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

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

Monday 14th March – Parish Council meeting

Monday 11th April – Parish Council meeting

Monday 25th April – Annual Parish meeting

Monday 9th May – Annual Parish Council meeting



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Parish Council precept element of Council Tax

Although this has been another very unusual year for all of us, much of the routine work of the Parish Council has continued and with it of course, the usual expense. The work which your Parish Council undertakes to maintain the village includes many things such as cutting 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 (including tree works on the Jinny Trail and woodland management at Craythorne Woods) 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, topped up with funding from East Staffordshire Borough Council and the County Council (the County Council funding has yet to be confirmed for 2022/23). The full cost of the pandemic is yet to be felt, but it will undoubtedly put further strain on local funding. As a result, the Parish Council has once again taken the difficult decision to increase the Parish Council base rate by £8 per year (an extra 15p per week). 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.

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 Council Meeting by the Chairman of the Parish Council, or in their absence the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

Written nominations should be sent or emailed to the Parish Council Clerk by 31st March and must include a brief note supporting the nomination. Nomination boxes will also be sited in Starbucks News and at Rolleston Club until 31st March.

All Councillors will be given a voting paper listing all nominations at the Parish Council meeting on 11th April. 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.

S106 funding

As explained in the previous Newsletter, the Parish Council has been considering how best to utilise s106 funds to benefit the village and it has been agreed that the following projects will be undertaken:

- Replacement railings and posts on the Craythorne Road playing field car park (separating the car park from the field)
- Inclusive play equipment at Meadow View (for younger children) (the Parish Council will consult on scheme options in due course)
- Composite seats and picnic tables with benches

Projects

- A play tractor (see photo below) was installed on the Tafflands play area (with thanks to TREATS for undertaking the work to make the tractor play safe for children):



- Play equipment at Elizabeth Avenue, Tafflands and Meadow View were maintained to ensure safe play for children.
- Tree works were undertaken on Craythorne Woods
- One thousand Bluebell bulbs were planted by the Beavers and Cub Scouts in Craythorne Woods during October 2021.
- Footpaths in Craythorne Woods have been improved with chippings.
- The Parish Council is working with the landowners to see Footpath 14 (Beacon Road to Tafflands) improved.
- The Craythorne Road playing field car park has been resurfaced as part of the agreement for Amey to use the car park as a compound during the recent highway/drainage works undertaken in the village.
- Tree works will also be undertaken on the Jinny Trail which will be completed by early March. The work will see the Trail being closed in the interests of public safety and closure information will be given on the Parish Council’s Facebook page and website in due course.
- The Jubilee Orchard continues to be maintained with the help of volunteers.