

Rolleston on Dove Parish Council



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Rollestonian of the Year Award 2022

At the July Parish Council meeting Graham Jacks was voted the 2022 Rollestonian of the Year. In one of the strongest fields for many years, with 19 people nominated by members of the village, Graham was unanimously selected as the person most meeting the award criteria by all members present. As well as congratulating Graham the Parish Council wish to thank everyone who nominated so many people, many of whom would have been worthy winners. Please bear them in mind next year when the time comes to nominate again. Graham's significant and sustained contribution to the village through Rolleston Scout Group over many years cannot be overstated. The award will be presented at the September Parish Council meeting and all are welcome to attend the presentation.

S106 Play area completion

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that the extension to the existing Meadow View play area (using S106 funds) has now been completed and is being well used by our younger residents. It has been extended with the addition of 3 new rides, including an inclusivity roundabout. As well as the new rides, the whole park has been re-surfaced, giving a safer environment for children to enjoy the facilities. The next part of this project, using the remaining money from the S106 funds, is to clean and paint the existing equipment and railings to smarten these up, to replace the muddy entrance from Forest School Street with a suitable footpath to lead through to the play area and to install additional seating benches.

Craythorne Road playing field and car park ongoing improvements

The contractors have now completed installation of the railings and posts around the car park and will return in September to further improve the car park surface. Over the summer months further improvements to accessibility will include replacing the existing stile with a kissing gate and installing a new stile further along the car park. The old bridge leading from the children's play area onto the top corner of the field is being replaced with a new stronger bridge, together with a stoned path to lead around into Tafflands. Drainage works in the top corner near this bridge to ease the very muddy and often flooded area in the winter will also take place.

Public footpaths and stiles

Rolleston has a number of very popular and well used footpaths. If you notice any areas, including stiles, on public footpaths that require maintenance, please report these to the Parish Council Clerk. Recent work on these has included the cutting back of overgrown entrances and hedges, as well as essential stile repairs. The Parish Council will be implementing a numbering system with the stiles so that it will be easier to report any issues found in the future.

Footpath walks leaflets are available from the Clerk and may also be found at <https://rollestonondovepc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Village-walks.pdf>

Projects update

The new bus shelter located on Church Road opposite the entrance to Hall Road, which was funded by a generous donor, now has its official plaque marking the King's Coronation.

The white railings along Burnside were cleaned and decorated with bunting by Councillors for the Coronation. The footbridge across to the Croft was cleaned then repainted together with the wooden handrails. This project to repair and maintain the railings here and on Brookside will gradually continue.

The willow trees opposite the Spread Eagle have been pollarded to protect their health and longevity and are now starting to grow back. The banks of the brook have been tidied and weeded from The Lawns to the Spread Eagle, removing bramble, cutting overgrown hedges and removing self-set saplings.

Parish Councillor Vacancies

Rolleston on Dove Parish Council has 2 vacancies and we need you!

Would you like to be involved in making decisions and commenting on planning matters that affect our village?

Would you like to help make this village a better place for all who live or work here?

Are you interested in listening to the views of our community and helping with community projects?

If you can give some time, would like to volunteer and take on this challenging, yet interesting, role please email the Parish Clerk at rollestonpc@outlook.com or contact any of your Parish Councillors for further information.

Brook Hollows

The PC would like to thank a village resident who has made a substantial donation towards the work taking place in Brook Hollows. When the Transforming the Trent Valley grant was awarded, the work in Brook Hollows focused on three things - the dredging of the lake, the formation and support for a Friends group and tree work in the woodland area. No work was envisaged in the parkland area alongside the waterfall or on the north and south sides of the lower lake. Realising this, a village resident gave the PC a substantial donation to allow work with the Open Spaces team of East Staffordshire Borough Council (who own the site), to improve and enhance this area. The changes that this donation has funded are the cleaning of the waterfall bridge, the improvements to the area where local families feed the ducks, the renovation of the existing metal railings and the purchase of new ones, a new seating area on the north side of the waterfall, tree works and grass seeding, new multi access paths on both the north and south sides and the replacement of all the birds mouth fencing which surrounds the site. Further works are planned with the Open Spaces team to continue this.

Reporting problems around the village

Do you know who to contact if you spot an issue? We all have the responsibility to notify someone if we see something that needs repairing or could be dangerous, but finding the right contact can be a challenge and

make a huge difference to the speed of the issue being addressed. As a general rule:

- Contact the County Council at www.staffordshire.gov.uk to report any issues with highways (e.g. potholes), pavements or flood prevention.
- East Staffordshire Borough Council has responsibility for planning matters, refuse collection and some recreational facilities such as Brook Hollows. They can be contacted on www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk
- The Parish Council maintains our play areas, open spaces, footpaths and local amenities such as the planters on Burnside and benches around the village. They can be contacted on rollestonpc@outlook.com

All Councils have many more responsibilities and a full list can be found at <https://rollestonondovepc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Responsibilities-Leaflet.pdf>

Remember - in an emergency always contact the emergency services by dialling 999.

If you spot it - report it. Together we can make a difference

Parish Council meetings

Meetings start at the **new time of 7.00pm from September 2023** and are held at Old Grammar School Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda for each meeting can be found on the Parish Council's website, Facebook page and on noticeboards 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. The full list of Councillors and contact details can be found on the Parish Council's website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7th August – Planning Committee Meeting

Monday 11th September – Parish Council meeting and presentation of Rollestonian of the Year Award 2022

Monday 9th October – Parish Council meeting

Monday 13th November – Parish Council meeting



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