

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 and this award was presented at the September Parish Council meeting. Graham was joined by several Scout Group leaders and helpers to receive this much deserved award.

S106 Play area completion

The Parish Council is awaiting release of the final monies from the S106 funds, to complete the next set of planned works on the Meadow View play area. These are to clean and paint the existing equipment and railings to smarten these up, to install a drain through the very muddy entrance from Forest School Street and to install an additional bench.

Craythorne Road playing field and car park further improvements

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that the further improvements to make this area more accessible have been completed. These include replacing the existing stile with a kissing gate, replacing the old bridge leading from the children's play area onto the top corner of the field with a new stronger bridge, and the creation of a stoned path leading around into Tafflands. Drainage works in the top corner near that bridge to ease the very muddy and often flooded area in the winter, have been installed, along with new fencing and posts alongside the ditch.

Projects update

The "High Hut" at Tafflands play area, which was sadly destroyed by an arson attack earlier this year, has been fully repaired and is proving a real favourite with our play park users.

A morning clean up session was held in September on Meadow View and Tafflands. The work carried out included the removal of low hanging, dead or dying tree branches around the play equipment in Tafflands play area, as well as the cutting back of large patches of overgrown nettles. The opening into Tafflands from Meadow View also had a large area of nettles and saplings felled back and cleared. This will shortly be raked over to remove the sapling roots and then levelled so grass seed can be sown. The entrance path is now much wider and you can now see more clearly into Tafflands. Thanks to the contractors, residents and councillors who worked hard on this to improve the area.

The Parish Council and Rolleston Station Heritage Group are completing a grant application, hoping to be successful to secure much needed funds for the renovation of the old cattle dock wall on the Station. This is in a rather sorry state now, requiring rebuilding and repairs to prevent further decay. This is the final area of the Station that is planned to be restored.

You may have noticed the addition of 4 new troughs planted with colourful Autumnal bedding along the railings on Burnside. The Parish Council would like to thank the donor for purchasing these for the village, as well as the Civic Trust who continue to fund 50% of the planting and compost for all the troughs. These are always much admired by both residents and visitors!

Public footpaths and stiles

Maintenance of the stiles and steps on a number of our well used footpaths will be starting shortly to repair some "wobbly" treads and posts, and to install a numbering system, to help reporting of any future issues.

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>

Diamond Jubilee Orchard

The Jubilee Orchard was established for the village over 10 years ago and is owned and managed by our Parish Council and a group of volunteers. At the October Parish Council meeting we reviewed how the Orchard has evolved over the last ten years and considered what needed doing to maintain and improve this great village asset, which provides residents with a variety of fruit and herbs free of charge.

It was also suggested we could create a 'sharing shelf' on the gate. Produce from the Orchard, and any excess produce from gardeners and allotment holders, could be placed here as a gift to anyone who could use them.

If you could spare some time and would be willing to help please consider joining any of the planned working party days that will be taking place. The first of these is planned for **Saturday 18th November – 10am start for a couple of hours. All are welcome.**

For further information please contact Mike Robson (01283 480599) or any other Parish Councillor.

The newer fruit trees at the Platinum Orchard, located on Meadow View, are starting to establish themselves and should hopefully be producing fruit in the next couple of years.

Brook Hollows

The Transforming The Trent Valley (TTTV) project in Brook Hollows is now concluded. The silt which was removed from the lake has been spread on the adjacent landowner's field. The Parish Council thank Louise Morris, Nicola Lynes and all the TTTV team for their work. In addition our thanks go to the adjacent landowner for his support and David Hughes from the Environmental Agency for his advice.

The "Friends" continue to meet monthly to maintain and improve the site. The Parish Council thanks them for all their work.

Parish Councillor Vacancies filled

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that 2 new councillors were co-opted at the September meeting, so we now have a full council of 11 members. Rolleston is very fortunate to be in this position, as many Parish Councils are struggling to fill their vacancies.

We are also delighted to have had 2 youth representatives from the de Ferrers Academy (years 12 and 13), Evie and Emily, who attended the Parish Council for the last year. Between them they helped Rolleston Kindergarten to set up the community library, which is proving a valuable village resource. Evie has now moved on to go to university and we wish her all the best in her new challenges. Emily will be joined shortly by a new youth representative from year 12 in November and is planning their next project.

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 13th November – Parish Council Meeting
Monday 11th December – Parish Council Meeting
Monday 8th January 2024 – Parish Council Meeting
Monday 13th February 2024 – Parish Council Meeting



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