

Rolleston on Dove Parish Council

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Rollestonian of the Year Award 2024

Verity Conner was voted the 2024 Rollestonian of the Year at the March Parish Council meeting. From the nominations received from members of the village, Verity was selected as the person most meeting the award criteria. As well as congratulating Verity, the Parish Council wish to thank everyone who put forward nominations, many of whom would have been worthy winners. Please bear them in mind next year when the time comes to nominate again. Verity's ongoing commitment and dedicated service to the village over a sustained period of time is inspiring and cannot be overstated. She has been a member of Rolleston W.I. for 44 years and held numerous positions of responsibility within that organisation. She was Chair of de Ferrers PSFA, a leading member of RoDSEC, was involved in the Rolleston United Foundation charity that gives out bursaries to post 16 students and has led and supported St Mary's church in many different ways including organising the always popular Advent Festival. She is always available to help organise refreshments at events such as the Plant Sale or following a History Walk, as well as supporting numerous other events. The award will be presented at the April Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 28th April.

Environment Agency (EA) Flooding March Update from David Hughes

We have begun to receive reports from our consultants on the various elements of the flooding in the village and I have been busy reviewing those reports and feeding back on them. I'm hoping we can bring all this reporting together in one document to present to the residents in the near future, probably around July and August. I'm sorry to say that my assignment with the Environment Agency has now come to an end and your new first point of contact will be Thomas Ellis. It has been a privilege to meet all the residents of Rolleston and the Parish Council and hear their stories. Also meeting the

local Flood Action Group who have kept me informed of flooding events and worked to improve the channel downstream of the village. I want to thank Michael Badcock and all of the many volunteers who have done such great work to improve the Brook Hollows nature area in the village. I would also like to thank East Staffordshire Council for their input to improving the waterfall structures after they were damaged in the floods and also to thank Staffordshire County Council for the numerous works, they have carried out around the village to solve some of the other flooding problems in the village that are not directly attributable to the Rolleston Brook. I hope that a Flood Alleviation Scheme for the village will move forward and will soon result in a significant reduction in your Flood Risk.

Please see further details of actions on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page. Flooding is an agenda item at every Parish Council meeting and Councillors welcome comments, ideas and thoughts from all residents on this matter.

Current Project Updates

Improvements to the white railings alongside the Almshouses

Using the monies donated from the Transport Festival 2024 to put towards materials, Parish Councillors have cleaned and painted the railings outside the Almshouses, as well as those along the pedestrian bridge from Burnside to The Croft. To complement the existing, much admired, flower planters, the Parish Council has funded the purchase and installation of three extra troughs sited on the railings outside the Almshouses. Planting of these has been funded by the Transport Festival.

Successful Grant Award for replacement of the Jinny Trail steps

The Parish Council is delighted that the grant from the County Council's 2024 Community Fund (supported by Councillors Philip Hudson and Philip White) helped to part fund the project to reconstruct both sets of steps located part way along the Jinny Trail - leading on one side from the Jinny Trail to the fields adjacent to Craythorne Farm and Walford Road, and on the other, to the footpath alongside Blue Cross. New handrails, side boards and the creation of some additional steps have been completed – definitely a much-needed improvement!

New Bus Shelter and hard standing on Station Road, opposite Needwood Avenue

Staffs County Council (SCC) have now progressed the installation of a polycarbonate shelter and increasing the area of hard standing, so making this bus stop much more user friendly (especially in bad weather!). A donation of £1000 provided by Bellway was matched by the Parish Council.

Elizabeth Avenue School Entrance new noticeboard installed

The Friends of John of Rolleston Primary School (FoJORPS) have been successful in their application for funding from East Staffs Borough Council 's Councillor Community Fund. This has helped to relocate the PC noticeboard to the rear school entrance from Elizabeth Avenue, which will be used to display information about school events, activities and fundraising.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) proposed installation on Knowles Hill

Multiple concerns have been raised by residents to Parish, Borough and County Councillors regarding the speed of vehicles using this road over many years. After due consultation with Staffordshire County Council (SCC), it is proposed to install a solar powered SID on the grass verge. Rolleston Civic Trust Society fully supports this project and are donating a significant sum of money towards the purchase of the device. This will be sited on a pole and may be turned to face either up or down the hill. Speed data collected may then be shared with SCC for their consideration for possible future traffic calming measures. The chosen device could later be moved to other locations of concern identified by residents within the village. However, this will depend on the success of this trial and the availability of funds to provide additional mounting poles.

The Platinum Jubilee Orchard (located off Meadow View)

The Parish Council is delighted that the Civic Trust successfully secured a grant from East Staffordshire Borough Council Councillor Community Fund for 20 new apple and pear trees to extend this community orchard. The new trees were planted in late March by volunteers. The PC has also gratefully received donations for five trees from Meadow View residents. A Working Group of volunteers is being set up to continue managing the Orchard. If you are interested in joining this group or wish to make a donation, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Diamond Jubilee Community Orchard

The Diamond Jubilee Orchard, (owned by the Parish Council and managed by the Parish Council and a group of volunteers) had several old and diseased Cherry trees removed early this year. The regular working parties have started again to keep it in good condition. If you could spare some time and would be willing to help on a Saturday morning, please contact Mike Robson (07929 833893).

Public footpaths and stiles

Rolleston has several 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. Footpath walks leaflets are available from the Clerk and may be found on the website: rollestonondove-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council meetings

Meetings start at **7.00pm** and are held at the 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 2025

Monday 28th April 7.00pm – Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 12th May 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting
Monday 9th June 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting
Monday 14th July 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting



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