

Rolleston on Dove Parish Council



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Precept 2026/27

The Parish Council recognises the impact of cost of living rises for residents in the current climate, as well as the impact on the Council of rising costs across the board for goods and services. As per last year, the Parish Council has decided to keep the increase to the minimum and raise your Parish Council tax by only 34p per month (Band D homeowners); this is equivalent to a rise from **£67.26** to **£70.62** per year. This slight increase will continue to support the ongoing services and maintenance which your Parish Council undertakes for the village and our assets. This includes:

- cutting of grass verges, Craythorne and Elizabeth Avenue football pitches and public open spaces such as The Croft, Meadow View, Shotwood Close and Spread Eagle Island
- ongoing maintenance and safety of play equipment at Elizabeth Avenue, Tafflands and Meadow View play areas
- repairs to footpath stiles and gates as required
- tree work programmes for the Jinny Nature Trail, Tafflands, The Croft, the Platinum and Diamond Jubilee Orchards and the Willows on Burnside
- various maintenance works including litter picking, looking after wooden benches, the village signs, signposts and other village assets
- provision of sandbags, sand, road signs and cones to assist residents coping with flooding issues
- 50% of the maintenance and planting costs for the troughs and planters on Burnside, Jamie's Garden and Spread Eagle Island (thanks are given to the Civic Trust for supporting the other 50% of these costs)
- purchasing the village Christmas tree
- contributing to costs for larger projects (along with grant awards where possible) such as replacement play equipment

Rollestonian of the Year Award 2025 opens for nominations 1st February

This award has been given since 2009 by the Parish Council and is presented in recognition of our local 'heroes' - quite simply those who consistently go beyond the call of duty, those who deserve recognition for their efforts and dedication or those who have achieved exceptional heights in their chosen field, such as sports or art. It celebrates the inspiring individuals and groups that are part of our community, who improve lives and village surroundings and exemplify what can be done when people work together, often behind the scenes. This may be through volunteering or supporting one of the many village organisations, providing services to the village community, looking after village spaces or achieving excellence in a particular area.

For the purpose of this award any individual person(s) or group of any age **who live, work or volunteer** in the parish is considered eligible to be "Rollestonian of the Year".

For further details and to submit your nomination either complete the online nomination form which can be found at <http://rollestonondove-pc.gov.uk/rollestonian-of-the-year/>, email to clerk@rollestonondove-pc.gov.uk or write to the Parish Clerk.

Nominations must be supported by reasons demonstrating how they have benefited the village and residents and the nominator's contact details. The award will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 27th April after consideration of nominations at the March Parish Council meeting.

Closing date for nominations: 1st March 2026

Flooding Matters Update

A date for a meeting chaired by the office of our MP, Jacob Collier with relevant authorities for residents is under discussion and will be advised nearer the time.

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

Traffic calming measures and Speed Indicator Device (SID) installation on Knowles Hill

The statutory consultation document by Staffordshire County Council (SCC) on the possible traffic calming measures for Knowles Hill and Rolleston Road has been published. After the consultation period, any changes required will be made before finalising the plans. Following the successful completion of that process the traffic calming will be installed at the earliest opportunity.

Data is being collected each month from the SID located on Knowles Hill and sent on to the relevant authorities for any necessary actions to be investigated. Over the period since installation in September the results of this, whilst not altogether surprising, are nevertheless deeply disturbing. Around 30% of cars were breaking the speed limit. Many of these would face points on their licenses and even disqualification in some cases. Even worse is the fact that despite seeing their speed displayed, many don't attempt to slow down and with the impact of the downhill actually speed up as they pass the device.

Successful Grant Award for maintenance of the historical Jinny Nature Trail

The Parish Council is delighted to have successfully applied to the County Council's 2025 Community Fund (supported by Councillor Philip White). This grant will part fund work to repair the surface of the section of the Jinny Trail path (from the steps to the Rolleston/Stretton boundary gate). Work will take place early in 2026 (dates are weather dependent) and may require part closure of the trail for a short period. Notices advising of this will be posted nearer the time. It is hoped to be able to complete the remaining section of the Trail from the gate on Station Road to the steps at some point later in 2026/early 2027 subject to available funding.

Brookside and Burnside - ongoing improvements to the white railings and removal of vegetation

Reeds, Himalayan Balsam and debris continue to be cleared from sections of the brook by the Parish Council. The Environment Agency have also carried out further clearing of saplings and vegetation as part of their yearly ongoing maintenance program. These tasks will be repeated to continue to maintain

the brook and its banks. The Parish Council will resume the white railings cleaning and painting project later in 2026.

Tree Survey and Maintenance Works on Parish Council Land

The Parish Council has now commissioned a tree survey of all trees on Parish Council land to identify and collate a schedule for any remedial requirements. Some tree works in Tafflands as well as on The Croft and Burnside have already been identified and progressed. The two large Weeping Willows alongside Burnside by the brook will be pollarded again and the smallest of the Willows removed. A number of trees on The Croft will have crown lifts and low branches removed.

Public footpaths and stiles

Rolleston has a number of 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 the Parish Council 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 2026

Monday 9th Feb 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting
Monday 9th March 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting
Monday 13th April 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting
Monday 27th April 7.00pm – Annual Parish Meeting



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