

Rolleston on Dove Parish Council



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Environment Agency (EA) Flooding Latest Update from Tom Ellis

We continue to receive completed consent forms from residents who have registered an interest in the proposed Property Flood Resilience (PFR) scheme. This means we are now able to progress towards arranging the property suitability surveys, which we expect to begin shortly. The surveys will provide important information to help inform the next stage of the project and the Full Business Case. We have also recently looked into the build-up of silt at the Brookside ford. Following an assessment of the area, we do not currently consider the silt bank to present an immediate flood risk. Although there is a noticeable build-up of sediment, there remains good capacity within the wider channel around the silt bank. Compared with the channel immediately upstream and downstream, the cross-sectional area at the ford remains greater, and during higher flows the silt bank would become submerged. We therefore expect any influence on flood levels to be relatively minor and localised. The Environment Agency's field teams will continue to monitor the Rolleston Brook and undertake maintenance where there is an identified or immediate 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

Traffic calming measures at the Rolleston Road/Knowles Hill/Beacon Road junction and Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Knowles Hill

Following detailed design work, the Highways Engineering Team have established that the suggested high-sided "containment kerbs" would not be effective in stopping speeding vehicles from leaving the carriageway at this

location. Therefore, they are now drawing up plans to add two sets of speed cushions on Rolleston Road ahead of the new mini roundabout. Their intention is to install the speed cushions at the same time as the rest of the Knowles Hill scheme later this year with the current plan being for this to happen in November. The county council is able to fund the inclusion of speed cushions on the approach to the new mini roundabout at the junction of Rolleston Road, Knowles Hill and Beacon Road as well as white "sharks' teeth marking on the road. The Parish Council has agreed to fund the installation of a set of village gates at the 30mph limit, so that there is a clear boundary between the rest of the road and the calmed area. This gives the illusion of the road narrowing and can be effective for most road users.

Data continues to be collated monthly 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 2025 the results of this show that the volume of cars using the road into Rolleston is significant. In addition, many are well over the speed limit, facing points on their licenses and even disqualification in some cases.

		Speed of Vehicles					
	Number of Vehicles	30mph – 39mph	40mph- 49mph	50mph - 59mph	60mph - 69mph	70mph- 79mph	80pmh- 89mph
Sep-25	24,322	17,178	1,206	45	9	0	1
Oct-25	40,886	17,176	1,204	73	19	4	1
Nov-25	42,503	16,702	982	76	14	1	
Dec-25	42,805	14,646	922	97	7	3	
Jan-26	37,550	12,456	786	65	14	4	
Feb-26	35,514	13,334	900	76	13	2	
Mar-26	34,350	13,535	850	68	7	1	
Apr-26	39,407	17,868	1,190	83	16	6	
May-26	38,748	17,773	1,179	88	11	0	
Jun-26	39,546	16,525	1,056	68	13	3	
Jul-26	36,412	17,726	1,082	83	21	2	
Aug-26	31,762	13,452	805	60	23	2	
Sep-26	36,522	14,982	911	80	14	2	

Tree Maintenance Works on The Croft to fell two of the very tall limes

Earlier in 2026 the Parish Council commissioned a report into the health of all trees across the village on Parish Council land. Unfortunately, this survey indicated that two of the lime trees on The Croft, running alongside of the Brook, had signs of disease and decay. Following this report it was decided to commission a more detailed report, not just of the two trees indicated but of all seven Lime trees. A professional Arboriculturist was engaged who carried out a thorough inspection, including drilling into the trees to examine the core. Sadly a 3rd tree was also identified as severely diseased and in need of felling.

Whilst the outcome is disappointing our first priority has to be the safety of residents and therefore, we have taken the difficult decision to remove all three affected trees. The remaining four will all require some remedial work but it is hoped that following this they should recover and survive for many years to come.

In order to give these trees time and space to fully recover a decision on replacements will be made at a later date.

Tree surgeons will have removed the first two lime trees in accordance with ESBC approved planning application (ref P/2026/00656) in early October.

Tree maintenance works on the Jinny Trail will also take place in early October, to remove a number of dead branches and two trees identified as diseased, from the section of the Trail nearest Dovecliff Road.

Tafflands Zipwire

The aging, end of life zipwire on Tafflands will be taken out of use and closed in early October. It will then be completely removed before the winter months, ready for a brand-new replacement to be installed at some point next year. Further details to follow on this exciting project!

The Diamond Jubilee Community Orchard

The Diamond Jubilee Orchard, (owned by the Parish Council, managed by the Parish Council and a group of volunteers) survived the incredibly hot and dry summer. Grateful thanks to volunteers who popped in and watered over the last few months. The sharing shelf proved very popular, supplying a seemingly

limitless quantity of courgettes(!) as well as other fruit and vegetables. Do call in and help yourself to fruit and herbs. If you could spare some time to help on a Saturday morning, please contact Mike Robson (07929 833893).

The Platinum Jubilee Orchard (located off Meadow View)

Some of the new plum, pear and apple trees planted at the Orchard cropped quite heavily this year – grateful thanks to the kind resident who watered these regularly over the summer months. As they mature further, these trees will now require new stakes and pruning. Please do go and have a look and perhaps have a walk around the Orchard and Tafflands.

Public footpaths and stiles

Thank you to those residents and councillors who raised issues regarding various stiles to the Parish Council over the summer months. These have all been addressed and resolved. If you notice any further areas or stiles on public footpaths that require attention or some maintenance, please report these to the Parish Council Clerk. Footpath walks leaflets are available from the Clerk or 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 AND 2027

Monday 9th November 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting

Monday 14th December 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting

Monday 11th January 2027 – 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting



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