

Rocklands Parish Council (RPC)  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
7.00pm on Monday 7 March 2022

Present:	David Howie	Chair
	Richard Harrison	
	Tim Ford	
	Kim Austin	Clerk
	Sarah Suggitt	District Councillor

Also present: 8 members of the public.  
The meeting opened at 19:02.

**1. To consider accepting apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Swaddling who was at work, Cllr. Southgate who was away, Cllr. Bidmead and Cllr. Ed Connolly who was attending another Parish Council meeting. Dave Jones sent apologies as he had been dealing with a fallen tree at the Church during the day.

**2. To record declarations of interest from members in any items on the agenda**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. To approve the minutes of the last council meeting on Monday 10 January 2022**

The minutes had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. All councillors approved the minutes and they were duly signed by the Chair, Cllr. David Howie.

**4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes (10 January 2022) not on the agenda.**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

**5. To adjourn the meeting for public participation, an opportunity for members of the public to raise any queries and concerns**

The meeting was adjourned at 19:05

A member of the public present introduced himself as Ian Minto, a Thompson resident and advised he was there to observe, not participate, as Liberal Democratic representative in Breckland. Cllr.

Howie thanked Ian for coming.

The meeting re-opened at 19:07

**6. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Cllr. Howie gave a brief update.

The White Hart will have an event with music. The Parish Council have applied for a road closure between the school and the shop on Sunday 5 June 2022. Residents have been asked to decorate their houses and a prize will be awarded for the best decorated. A 'Big Lunch' is planned to take place in The Street. It was hoped that the many organisations and clubs in the village would get involved. Dave Jones would co-ordinate these groups. There would be a service at St. Peter's church at 10:30 before the celebrations start at 12 o'clock midday. Very few people as yet have volunteered but still have a few months yet. There was an idea to have an art and craft exhibition as there are quite a few artists in the area. Paula Bidmead has taken this on but it may be that the exhibition is later in August and not as part of these celebrations.

Cllr. Suggitt said that regards the Platinum Jubilee, Breckland had discussed and were reluctant to give out money for street parties etc. Instead, they were to give grants for community projects that last, that would show the benefits for years to come. Community groups will be able to apply from 1 April 2022 for £500 from a total pot of £10,000 towards their community projects. Breckland will notify organisations and groups via Facebook etc. Little Rockys were excited they might be able to apply for a new shed. Cllr. Suggitt will confirm eligibility.

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**7. To receive reports from village organisations**

**7.1 Village Shop and Post Office (Dave Seaton).** Cllr. Howie said the shop is being re-organised.

**7.2 Village Hall (Sarah Good)** No report.

Thank you to Cyril Ruffles for digging out the ditch on the field side of the village hall.

**7.3 Little Rocky's Parent & Toddler Group (Sharon Brown)**

Closed on 17 December 2021 due to Covid and re-opened on 25 February 2022 thinking it would be a slow, steady return, but 24 children attended, which was wonderful ! We welcomed back familiar faces and registered many new families too. The age range has shifted to include babies under 1 year. Good for the group in terms of sustainability. We have a designated activity table for rising 4s in readiness for school. Plan to install heavy duty 'butcher's curtains' over the doors to facilitate free-flow play. Slow the children down and keep the heat in. Baby weighing scales have been ordered for mothers to weigh their babies and toddlers. There are no baby clinics anymore. Have bought travel mugs with lids for parents to create a safer environment for hot drinks. Have changed drink times so parents drink at different times to the children. Singing time has been re-instated as an opportunity for group participation. We have a wonderful team of 5 volunteers who help to run the group and 2 gentlemen volunteers who help to clear away afterwards. We have a high level of expertise amongst the volunteers. Have stronger links now with Rocklands and Great Ellingham schools. We have a wide catchment area - Caston, Watton, Attleborough. Only 3 children from Rocklands. We now have a committee and hold regular meetings. We have to be sustainable and keep evolving and need to get parents on board for their support.

Everyone agreed they were doing a wonderful job in providing this facility in the village. Well done.

**7.4 Rocklands Primary School (Dave Jones)**

Nothing to report but there should be in time for the May meeting.

**7.5 Rocklands Playing Fields (Sarah Good)**

Cllr. Howie confirmed still waiting for the defibrillator case. Has been a very long wait although Amanda has been chasing this. Such a shame, as the defibrillator was delivered within a week of ordering. Hopefully have an electrician lined up and mains power ready for when it does arrive.

The planning application for 2 extra nights training with floodlights has been withdrawn. Breckland required a proper lighting report and despite several extensions the report was not forthcoming. The Committee has been hampered by illness unfortunately. Do have 2 new committee members.

Cllr. Howie hoped the lighting could eventually be updated to more modern lighting that were more neighbour friendly. It was reported that one light was again pointing upwards and would need repositioning. The football teams seem happy and the sport is very popular.

Not too many complaints about speeding recently. One complaint about the size of the gravel that was used to resurface the road. The edge of the road has collapsed at the end of the lane, past Christmas Cottage, was thought to be the Serco refuse truck.

**7.6 St. Peter's Church (John Brown)**

Need a flint walling expert that can fill a hole in a wall. Permission has been granted by the Chancellor and the Archdeacon to demolish the wall and replace with a fence but would prefer that it is repaired/rebuilt. Historic England might have a different view on this.

Shellrock Benefice (made up of 5 churches) will probably merge with the Hingham Benefice and then there will be 12 churches. To be discussed on 28 March but the merger looks likely to happen.

Still waiting for water supply to be connected.

**7.7 All Saints Church (Cath Jones)**

The Clerk delivered the report from Cath Jones for All Saints.

Following the retirement of Rev Christina as Priest-in-Charge of the Shellrock Benefice (Rocklands, Ellingham and Shropham - 5 churches/parishes) Rev Sue Strutt has now been given pastoral responsibility for the benefice. Sadly, the Anglican church rules do not allow Rev Christina to continue her excellent pastoral work in Rocklands as she had wished but she will still be around as she is now a member of the shop committee and she will of course be continuing her friendship with so many villagers, just not in a clerical capacity. It is looking as though we will eventually be linked up with the Hingham group of churches (currently in an Interregnum as their rector has also retired) when a new incumbent has been installed there.

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There is still no update on the condition of the cracks in the church tower at All Saints but it is being pursued. There is however progress on the perennial problem of preventing rooks/jackdaws from forcing their way through the louvres and nesting in the tower, as a villager with the necessary expertise has agreed to put in substantial wire mesh frames in order to thwart the corvids in their endeavours. This will involve harnesses and safety equipment but will hopefully be a long-term deterrent.

Unfortunately, Storm Eunice caused a huge beech tree to fall at the back of the churchyard on February 18th, across some more recent gravestones. On first inspection, it was thought there was no significant damage but when inspected by a local tree surgeon, the problem was found to be more serious than first thought. The church insurance (in spite of costing >£1600pa) was found to cover only damage caused to buildings or people so would not be able to help with costs of removing the tree safely, nor the cost of the damage to gravestones (which is down to the families of the buried people). We were fortunately able to quickly contact all those directly affected and most families came up to remove precious items from the graves that might be at risk of further damage as remedial work was undertaken. The Diocese was contacted for advice and we were told permission had to be gained from the Archdeacon before the tree could be removed, even though it was completely uprooted and some large branches were embedded deeply into the ground from the force of the fall. The Archdeacon visited the site and gave permission so local tree surgeons were contacted to look at the job. We were very fortunate that one was able to fit the job in quickly and is working on it as I write. One family has asked for a slab of tree that was resting on their loved one's gravestone so that it can be made into a garden seat and we hope that is possible. Only when the tons of wood are removed will we be able to see the exact extent of the damage caused, but at least nobody was hurt, which was our main concern.

Apart from all that, there is little else to report - next service is on March 20th at 10.30 when the choir will be singing for the first time at RAS since before the first lockdown !

#### **7.8 White Hart Public House (Dave Thomas)**

**Post meeting note** from Dave and Jayne. The White Hart will be looking to consolidate its position throughout the month of March. I am sure everyone has noted the recent developments to the front of the pub with the new seating & parasols, as we prepare to hopefully welcome good weather and the spring. Our monthly food menu has been operating well with great attendance throughout the week. We are looking forward to some great events which are planned in the forthcoming months.

#### **7.9 Chapel Green Meadow (Chapel Green Management Committee CGMC) (Pond DH)**

The committee did meet last month to plan this year's schedule but nothing significant to report at the moment.

It had been reported that grass seed has been sprinkled on the banks of the pond. This goes against the advice of Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Norfolk County Council, who were very clear that the ground should be left to regenerate. It was suggested the Parish Council ask that the management of this area is not interfered with. The Parish Council would make contact.

### **8.0 To report on financial matters**

#### **8.1 Subscription to Norfolk Parish Training and Support (NPTS)**

Excellent service from NPTS throughout the year on all issues/queries raised. Annual renewal is now due. Small increase as subscription is based on the precept which has increased this year. Increased from £62 to £72 for the coming year. Unanimous decision to renew.

#### **8.2 Financial position**

##### **Bank account balances at Monday 7 March 2022**

Barclays Community Account	£	5668.78
Barclays Saver (Reserve) Account	£	336.83
<b>TOTAL as per bank</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>6005.61</b>

##### **Summary**

RPC Rocklands Parish Council	£	5805.01
RNP Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan (RG)	£	200.60
<b>TOTAL as per bank</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>6005.61</b>

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### 8.3 Money in since last meeting (10 January 2021)

27/1/2022	East of England Co-op (Defibrillator maintenance)	£	400.00
7/3/2022	Barclays Saver Account - Interest	£	0.01
	<b>TOTAL IN</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>400.01</b>

### 8.4 Money out since last meeting (10 January 2021)

#### 8.4.1 Standing Orders/Direct Debits

1/2/2022	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	273.87
3/2/2022	NPower (was Eon) Electricity (DD)	£	64.60
1/3/2022	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	273.87
	<b>TOTAL OUT</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>612.34</b>

#### 8.4.2 Cheques out (to sign)

CHQ 743	Village Hall, Anglian Water (Replaces CHQ 740)	£	18.00	ALREADY SIGNED
CHQ 744	Shena Scholes - Memorial Bed (Replaces CHQ 742)	£	19.20	ALREADY SIGNED
CHQ 745	Attcare, charity donation - Elizabeth Burrows	£	50.00	ALREADY SIGNED
CHQ 746	K&M Lighting - Streetlight maint. (Feb/Mar 2022)	£	30.60	
CHQ 747	NPTS Annual subscription	£	72.00	
CHQ 748	NCC Road closure 5 June 22 - Reimburse Clerk	£	38.66	
CHQ 749	Postage, heating etc. Reimburse Clerk	£	40.03	
	<b>TOTAL OUT</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>268.49</b>	

#### Notes:

##### Clerk's Pay rise.

New National Salary awards 2021/2022 have finally been announced, dated 2/3/2022, received today. Level SCP18 was £12.64 per hour from 1/4/2019 according to agreed NALC pay scales.

£12.64 x 5 hours a week = £63.20 x 52 weeks per year = £3286.40. Divide by 12 = £273.87 per month.

**New hourly rate from 1 April 2021 is £13.21 x 5 hours a week x 52 weeks per year = £3434.60.**

Divide by 12 = **£286.22 per month.**

The Clerk had prepared a letter to the bank asking for the standing order to be changed as per the figures above. The pay increase was agreed and the letter signed by Cllrs. Howie and Richardson.

### 9.0 To consider planning applications

Cllr. Howie ran through the current list of applications.

#### 9.1 Planning outcomes since last meeting (Monday 10 January 2022)

3PL/2021/1038/VAR PC/Rocklands Playing Fields/Floodlights/ 2nights to 4 nights (232) WITHDRAWN

The planning application for 2 extra nights training with floodlights has been withdrawn. Breckland required a proper lighting report and despite several extensions the report was not forthcoming.

3PL/2021/0703/VAR WARNES/Land Magpie Lane/Variation cond. 4 on 3PL/2017/1278/F (229) WITHDRAWN

3PL/2021/1541/F ANNISON/Griffin Lodge/Proposed detached dwellinghouse (227)(234) PERMISSION

**Post meeting note:** (NS) This application to add a 1st floor to one wing of Griffin Lodge has disappointingly been approved, in spite of continued representations of objection from the Parish Council. There were notably very few objections lodged by the neighbouring residents for whom it is very likely that they are just fed up with the state of this plot of land and would like to see something built after so many years of wrangling. We hope that we won't be faced with further applications for a workshop/garage as well in the coming months.

3PL/2021/1553/HOU HINSLEY/Leverets Scoulton Rd/Single storey extn. Annex, garage (242) PERMISSION

#### 9.2 Applications pending outcome

3PL/2021/0697/F DEVLIN DEV./Allisons Farm/3 house residential development (225)

It was thought there were concerns about the houses being too close to the roots of the tree with the TPO. Also, the crown of this tree has been damaged and needs some work doing.

**Post meeting note:** (NS) An Arboricultural Report was posted on 22 February which concludes that with the recommended root protection in place and protective fencing that the development can be accommodated on the site with minimal impact on the arboricultural interest of the site. The TPO has been significant. This sycamore concerned is described as a good quality tree which would

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merit a category 'A' grade were it not for some irremediable defects around the base. It was good thinking to ensure that this tree got protection. It has sustained some storm damage in the crown of the tree which will need to be remedied. It will also provide significant shading to the proposed House 2. It will be interesting to read the Decision, particularly if Approved in the light of our inarguable case relating to excess development in the village.

3PL/2021/0900/F IRWIN/Old Mill House Scoulton Rd/Restore Tower/garage to dwelling (230)

The PC had no objection to this application. **Post meeting note:** (NS) There have been 2 further reports lodged on the website: one a Visual Inspection Report by structural engineers to assess the current structures on site. The conclusion is that the property is capable of conversion to domestic function with proportionate and appropriate repairs and that the addition of a single storey extension will add attractiveness to the location and provide further stability to both the existing Mill and the garage. The 2nd report which was only lodged on 2 March was a detailed Arboricultural Report to assess the impact of construction of the proposed new gravel driveway at the northern edge of the site, recognising that protection for retained trees is a high priority for preserving the character and amenity value of the site. It is recommended that the driveway should be constructed using the 'No Dig' technique. A Tree Protection Plan is included to protect trees with Tree Protection fencing and if required, anti-compaction and anti-pollution ground protection cover to protect more surface root systems. The conclusion was that if these measures were put in place, there was no impediment to the proposed building works.

3PL/2021/1547/PF SOUTHGATE/Land south of Swangey Lane/8x poultry houses etc. (244)

The Parish Council were concerned that Highways had not yet submitted their report. Although Cllr. Connolly (NCC) had posted his own concerns on the Breckland website. Cllr. Suggitt had said she would chase this at the last meeting (10 January) and would continue to find out when the report would eventually be submitted. The PC were frustrated and could not understand what could be holding this up. If this application goes before the Planning Committee, could be May but probably later. Cllr. Suggitt said the number of comments posted on the website was huge.

### **9.3 New applications since last meeting (Monday 10 January 2022)**

9.3.1 3PL/2022/0246/F JONES Coach House, Low Lane/Glamping pods x2 (245)

Package treatment plants should not be used if public drainage is readily available. Proposed glamping pods are close to existing connections to the public sewer - so they should connect to it. Not against the introduction of 2 pods but expansion with more pods would be a concern, as would future replacement with permanent structures. The PC will speak to any neighbours that would be affected this week. Especially regards extra vehicle movements, noise and exterior lighting arrangements. Will need to hold an extra meeting as current deadline for comments is 28 March (before the next scheduled PC meeting.)

## **10. To update on the Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan (RNP) and Local Plan (LP)**

To progress this would need more members on the committee. Not complex and various organisations are offering training in neighbourhood planning. Using a consultant would be expensive. Can apply for grants. Cllr. Howie will speak to Susan Heinrich for advice and/or Maggie at Yaxham PC. Concerns that the housing allocation numbers will be increased in the new Breckland Local Plan.

Cllr. Harrison asked Cllr. Suggitt why Breckland will not recognise that Rocklands is more than 100% above it's housing allocation limit. Despite many emails to many officers within Breckland including Simon Wood, they will not reply for some reason. Cllr. Suggitt said she would investigate.

A Breckland Local Plan meeting is planned for 30 March 2022 to look at how the parishes feed into the Local Plan review.

## **11. To update on First Time Sewerage System for Rocklands St. Peter (Cllr. Harrison RH)**

Cllr. Harrison had distributed this detailed report to all councillors prior to the meeting.

Work was originally scheduled to start on this project in March this year. However, at the public meeting held by the Anglian Water @one Alliance last year, some residents had objected to the proposed location of the new underground pumping station - and the proposed location of the site compound had been deemed unsatisfactory. As a result, it has taken some time to identify an alternative location for the pumping station, negotiate with the landowner, consult relevant residents,

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agree purchase of the land and draw-up new plans. An alternative location for the temporary site compound was also identified and negotiated with the relevant landowner. Because of these delays, a planning application 'window' has been missed and the new anticipated start date, unfortunately, now looks like September this year.

Following the meeting in September last year, the @one Alliance (Anglian Water + Contractors) will be holding a consultation event for those residents interested in connecting to the new sewer. This will take place in the Village Hall on **Thursday 24 March from 3pm to 7pm**. The format will allow individual households to discuss details face-to-face with @one Alliance representatives (anticipated to be a representative at each one of approx. 5 tables set-out in the hall). To make the most of the 4-hr session, it would help if those residents not working - or able to attend earlier in the session - attend in the first couple of hours. The @one Alliance will be writing to each household individually, with more details of the event. At the time of writing, @one Alliance still has yet to submit the planning application for the project to Norfolk County Council.

## 12. To update on SID (Flashing Speed sign) (Cllr. Harrison RH)

Cllr. Harrison had distributed this detailed report to all councillors prior to the meeting.

Since our last meeting, further deployments of the SID have been completed as follows:

### The Street - traffic approaching B1077 Crossroads

Deployed: 11:00 hrs 05 January 2022

Finished: 11:00 hrs 03 February 2022

The analysis results show:

10,281 vehicles detected

Average 355 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 08:00 to 09:00

Afternoon peak time - 15:15 to 16:15

7,956 vehicles (77.4%) within **30 mph** speed limit

2,325 vehicles (22.6%) exceeding speed limit

- of which 493 vehicles (4.8%) over 35 mph - and likely open to a fine\*

Top speed: **55 mph** - 20/01/2022 at 12:30

Since the last deployment at the Village Hall-facing position:

- vehicle movements averaged 355 per day - a 5.3% decrease in daily traffic volumes.
- vehicles speeding numbered 2,325 (22.6%) - a 2.1% lower proportion of vehicles speeding.
- vehicles open to enforcement action numbered 493 (4.8%) - a 0.5 % lower proportion of vehicles open to enforcement.

### Attleborough Road (B1077) - traffic from Great Ellingham

Deployed: 10:00 hrs 03 February 2022

Finished: 14:00 hrs 04 March 2022

The analysis results show:

42,402 vehicles detected

Average 1,580 vehicles/day †

Morning peak time - 08:00 to 09:00

Afternoon peak time - 16:30 to 17:30

32,596 vehicles (76.9%) within **40 mph** speed limit

9,806 vehicles (23.1%) exceeding speed limit

- of which 3,323 vehicles (7.8%) over 45 mph - and likely open to a fine\*

Top speed: **75 mph** - 25/02/2022 at 04:40 and 03/03/2022 at 05:00

Since the last deployment on Attleborough Road facing towards Great Ellingham:

- vehicle movements averaged 1,580 per day - a 7.5% increase in daily traffic volumes.
- vehicles speeding numbered 9,806 (23.1%) - a 2.4% higher proportion of vehicles speeding.
- vehicles open to enforcement action numbered 3,323 (7.8%) - a 1.2% higher proportion of vehicles open to enforcement.

† On this occasion, the low residual battery voltage meant that no data was recorded for 2 days 8 hours between 19 and 21 February, and this has been factored-in to the vehicle average.

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Although there has been a modest decrease in traffic volumes and vehicles speeding on The Street, almost 23% of vehicles speeding remains an appalling figure, and totally unacceptable.

It is disappointing that, together with a significant increase in daily traffic volumes on Attleborough Road, there was also an increase in both vehicles speeding and those open to enforcement. Also, two vehicles at 75 mph on separate occasions.

The speed sign is currently on Attleborough Road - monitoring traffic coming from the Caston direction.

Once again, sincere thanks to Cllr. Tim Ford for his help in relocating the speed sign.

The same situation remains with the Android app on my most recent phone, and I will contact the American company directly.

It is now clear that the battery capacity is degrading noticeably, and we will have to replace them soon. Unfortunately, Lithium replacements are absurdly expensive - so we will have to stay with sealed lead-acid types.

\* The SID is limited to grouping vehicle speeds into 5mph blocks. However, for a 40mph speed limit, enforcement action is normally applied at 46mph and above - so a very small proportion of vehicles above 45mph could arguably be travelling at less than 46mph (e.g. 45.5mph). The SID also has a specified accuracy of  $\pm 0.5$ mph. Enforcement action is not always a fine - depending on circumstances, drivers may be offered a speed awareness course.

See spreadsheets at the end of these minutes.

### 13. To update on Highways

Mill Lane was originally just a farm track and therefore not surprising with the current vehicle use that it is a bit of a mess. Vehicle movements are eating into the verges. Farmers are obliged to clear any mess that they make on the roads.

Low Lane is also bad but was again never intended to be used as a regular road.

### 14. To update on Flooding (RH)

Cllr. Harrison had distributed this report to all councillors before the meeting:

On 24 February, our meeting with the NCC Water Management team and the Environment Agency took place - to follow-up the outcome of the last multi-agency meeting. Unfortunately, due to late-stage pregnancy, Helen George of the Environment Agency was unable to attend. However, Mark Ogden (Head of NCC Water Management) and Martin Matthews (NCC Flood Risk Officer) did attend. For Rocklands, joining myself were Cllr. Tim Ford, Dave Jones, Al Bainbridge and Paul Rutter. Following preliminary discussions and orientation, we spent the majority of the afternoon engaged in an extensive 'walkabout' of the land, fields, ditches and culverts surrounding the main part of The Street, Mill Lane and Low Lane. Martin took numerous photographs and notes of the areas visited, and opportunities for surface water attenuation, collection and re-direction were discussed. The notes and photographs are to be sent to Helen George of the Environment Agency. Helen has extensive expertise in this area of surface water management and flood mitigation, and she will produce a report with mitigation options and recommendations. This will initially go to the NCC Water Management team, and they will then forward a copy to us. Once the report is available, we will arrange a meeting with landowners/farmers and residents to discuss various mitigation options, grants for implementing them, and ongoing maintenance payments available from Government and Natural England.

Meanwhile, having formally asked to be considered for another source of funding, we will discuss potential opportunities with landowners/farmers, and residents, for the types of flood mitigation projects which could benefit from the 'Reclaim the Rain' initiative - an initiative which could make at total of up to £6.4M available for three community projects in Norfolk, and three in Suffolk. Essentially, such projects aim to accumulate surface water for re-use in various ways and thereby mitigate flooding. Examples include reservoirs/lagoons for agricultural irrigation (reducing the need for borehole abstraction and associated costs), the creation of wildlife ponds and nature areas etc.

Anyone with ideas as to how we can re-use collected surface water - please do let us know.

Mark Ogden and Martin Matthews of Norfolk County Council were very complimentary on how much the village has done already, and how pleased they were to find a community which is so committed

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(unusually) to dealing with flooding. I would like to thank Tim, Dave, Al and Paul for taking part in this exercise - and Mark and Martin for giving us so much of their valuable time.

In February, some of our residents have been very busy doing maintenance work on their parts of the Village's surface water drainage system in the Low Lane area. In particular, Al Bainbridge and Paul Rutter - with invaluable assistance from Richard Seaman and his excavator - have worked wonders on the drainage ditches over their land, and on the 'headwall' (outfall) area of the 'Wetlands' which is an essential attenuation facility for the Village's surface water drainage system. On behalf of Rocklands Parish Council, I would like to offer sincere thanks to Al and Paul for discharging their riparian responsibilities so diligently. I would also like to thank Stephen Howlett for similarly continuing to maintain the ditch on his property - the other side of Stowlay Lane - where excess water from the Wetlands drains to. Of course, the same thanks go to those residents and farmers who continue to maintain those parts of the Village's ditch and culvert drainage system which are on their land. Such maintenance is vital and invaluable in minimising flooding issues.

Stowlay Lane, opposite the pumping station, was closed for a few days towards the end of February - so that NCC Highways could install further drainage capacity under the road, from the Wetlands to the drainage ditch beyond. We now have 3x 300mm pipes beneath the road - trebling the flow capacity. A very welcome further improvement. Once again, huge thanks to Matt Lines - our area Highways Engineer - for expediting these works. Also, thanks once again to our County Councillor - Ed Connolly - for his continued support.

On Saturday 5 March, it was reported that the village hall car park, and the field ditch to the side, were flooded - whilst little water was reaching the village hall ditch itself. On 6 March, Cllr. Tim Ford and I attended the area and, in summary, after valuable assistance from Cyril Ruffles - with a longer set of drain rods - Tim valiantly managed to unblock the culvert running beneath the car park entrance. (He was the only one who was already wearing wellies!) He only just managed to avoid the deluge as a few days of backed-up water rushed towards him. Very quickly, the water in the village hall car park drained away into the field ditch. By 2pm, the water level in the village hall ditch had equalised and Tim tells me that, by 3:30pm, the culvert pipe in the village hall ditch was completely visible again.

The weather forecast for the coming week looks relatively promising so, when levels have dropped, we will examine what needs to be done at the field ditch (very deep) to minimise further blockages and make any such blockages easier to clear in future. Huge thanks to Tim for his very hard work, and also to Cyril for his valuable help.

#### **15. To discuss any correspondence.**

**Rally Cars.** On 4 March David Barnard called the police to report an incident between 9pm-10-30pm of around 20 rally cars speeding at ~ 50mph around Norrols Farm. Cars had their internal lights on so presumably map-reading. David was lambing in the shed next to the road and the sheep were showing signs of distress. The police confirmed they couldn't do anything because this was an official event held by the Sporting Car Club of Norfolk (SCCON) and was a legal rally. Cllr. Southgate will write to the Rally club to voice our concerns and understand if they have any obligations pre-rally to notify those living en-route.

**Dogs.** Cllr. Howie had received a complaint about dogs running loose. Not being kept under control. Someone had been attacked. Other complaints about poo not being picked up and poo in bags left hanging in bushes. Cllr. Howie wants to put some more posters up.

#### **16. AOB - To receive items for the next agenda**

**Tape measure.** It was agreed Cllr Harrison should buy a long tape to for measuring distances regards drainage and flooding.

**Rubbish.** Cyril Ruffles reported that people had been putting their rubbish in the Village Hall bins. Might need to get a lockable bin to prevent this happening.

**Trees.** There was a tree branch sticking out over the main Attleborough Road. Thanks to Cyril for cutting this back. Cyril had noticed a hollow tree needed to be taken down before it fell. Cllr. Howie will contact Mrs Firman.

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**Village Hall.** Where the hedges have been cut back, a very deep ditch (~2m deep) has been left open at the corner of the entrance to the Village Hall. This is dangerous and needs fencing. Cllr. Howie asked if it could be brought up at the Village Hall meeting. Deep water sign also needed.

**Waste collection.** Cllr. Suggitt confirmed that waste collection days will be changing to streamline/optimize routes driven by the bin lorries. Everyone will receive a letter and the new schedule will start from 21 March 2022. Cllr. Howie said the bin men do an excellent job. Cllr. Suggitt confirmed the Company was Serco.

**17. Date of next Meeting:** Monday 9 May 2022, 7pm Rocklands Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 21.00**

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**Rocklands SID - The Street, Vehicles from Village Hall**

Start	05/01/2022	03/09/2021	06/05/2021	03/01/2021	04/09/2020
Finish	03/02/2022	04/10/2021	03/06/2021	03/02/2021	04/10/2020
Total Vehicles	10,281	11,577	10,280	6,557	10,757
Average Vehicles/day	355	375	368	212	360
Morning Peak	08:00-09:00	08:00-09:00	08:00-09:00	11:15-12:15	08:00-09:00
Afternoon Peak	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:00-16:00	12:00-13:00	15:00-16:00
Max Speed (date)	55 (20/01/22, 12:30)	50 (07/09/21, 19:50)	55 (09/05/21, 18:20)	50 (04/01/21, 18:05)	65 (30/09/20, 14:05)
0-30 mph	7,956	8,719	7,484	5,060	8,016
%	77.39	75.31	72.80	77.17	74.52
30+ mph	2,325	2,858	2,796	1,497	2,741
%	22.61	24.69	27.20	22.83	25.48
35+ mph	493	618	686	340	671
%	4.80	5.34	6.67	5.19	6.24
35-40	429	553	584	302	562
%	4.17	4.78	5.68	4.61	5.22
40-45	56	58	92	30	100
%	0.54	0.50	0.89	0.46	0.93
45-50	7	7	9	8	7
%	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.12	0.07
50-55	1	0	1	0	1
%	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
55-60	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
60-65	0	0	0	0	1
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
65-70	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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**Rocklands SID - Vehicles from Great Ellingham Direction**

Start	03/02/2022	04/10/2021	03/06/2021	03/02/2021	04/10/2020	03/07/2020	03/04/2020	06/01/2020	12/09/2019
Finish	04/03/2022	04/11/2021	03/07/2021	04/03/2021	02/11/2020	04/08/2020	04/05/2020	05/02/2020	11/10/2019
Total Vehicles	42,402	45,575	47,333	35,237	44,434	44,605	24,131	49,654	41,427
Average Vehicles/day	1,580	1,470	1,571	1,215	1,532	1,399	773	1,653	1,433
Morning Peak	08:00-09:00	07:30--08:30	08:00-09:00	07:15-08:15	08:00-09:00	07:30-08:30	07:00-08:00	07:15-08:15	08:00-09:00
Afternoon Peak	16:30-17:30	16:30-17:30	15:30-16:30	15:00-16:00	15:15-16:15	16:45-17:45	16:30-17:30	15:30-16:30	17:00-18:00
Max Speed (date)	75 (25/02/22 - 04:40)	75 (20/10/21 - 19:35)	80 (20/06/21 - 14:35)	85 (28/02/21 - 21:10)	75 (10/10/20 - 06:30)	75 (10/07/20 - 19:10)	75 (10/04/20 - 17:45)	80 (17/01/2020 - 21:45)	75 (07/10/2019 - 07:05)
0-40 mph	32,596	36,127	37,794	27,054	34,808	33,509	14,900	38,267	32,681
%	76.87	79.27	79.85	76.78	78.34	75.12	61.75	77.07	78.89
40+ mph	9,806	9,448	9,539	8,183	9,626	11,096	9,231	11,387	8,746
%	23.13	20.73	20.15	23.22	21.66	24.88	38.25	22.93	21.11
45+ mph	3,323	3,040	3,349	3,022	3,487	4,062	4,357	3,932	3,088
%	7.84	6.67	7.08	8.58	7.85	9.11	18.06	7.92	7.45
45-50	2,338	2,137	2,291	2,047	2,385	2,749	2,667	2,802	2,105
%	5.51	4.69	4.84	5.81	5.37	6.16	11.05	5.64	5.08
50-55	744	645	760	720	790	943	1,156	865	705
%	1.75	1.42	1.61	2.04	1.78	2.11	4.79	1.74	1.70
55-60	181	188	224	199	237	281	389	186	210
%	0.43	0.41	0.47	0.56	0.53	0.63	1.61	0.37	0.51
60-65	45	60	60	41	57	70	121	63	59
%	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.16	0.50	0.13	0.14
65-70	13	8	9	11	14	16	20	13	8
%	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.08	0.03	0.02
70-75	2	2	4	3	4	3	4	1	1
%	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00
75-80	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
80-85	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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