

Rocklands Parish Council (RPC)
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
7.00pm on Monday 10 January 2022

Present: David Howie Chair
Nickie Southgate Vice Chair
Richard Harrison
Tim Ford
Paula Bidmead
Kim Austin Clerk

Also present: 47 members of the public.

The meeting opened at 19:00.

Rules of this meeting ?

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Swaddling who was at work and Dave and Jayne Thomas who were away on holiday.

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

Cllrs. Southgate and Bidmead declared an interest in item 11.3.1, planning application 3/PL/2021/1547/F Southgate, Land South of Swangey Lane, 8 x poultry houses and would not take part in any discussions.

3. To approve the minutes of the last council meeting on Monday 8 November 2021

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 (8 November 2021) not on the agenda.

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. Presentation of HM Lord-Lieutenant Commemorative Plaque to the Community

Cllr. Howie welcomed Melinda Raker, Deputy Lieutenant was welcomed to the meeting. Melinda explained, the Lord-Lieutenancy was established almost 500 years ago in the 1500s - originally a military post to gather men to fight for monarch and country. It is an unpaid, non-political role, focusing on active support within the community, to champion the work of volunteers for good causes and charities. Keeps an eye on the Norfolk voluntary sector and actively fights for the poor, the sick and the needy of Norfolk. Offers support to charities and the disadvantaged. Promotes the Queens award for Voluntary Service. Melinda mentioned how in the last 18 months during the pandemic, it was good to see how everybody had pulled together. The plaque funded by private donations, was commissioned to be given to every parish. **'Live your best & act your best & think your best today'**. Cllr. Howie received the plaque from Melinda on behalf of the Community. He said the plaque would probably be displayed at the Community Shop, particularly appropriate in that the shop had managed to stay open throughout the pandemic for the parishioners.



6. To receive a talk by Elizabeth Burrows MBE, Chairman of Attcare.

Cllr. Howie welcomed Elizabeth to the meeting.

Attcare is a registered charity created when the successful Neighbourhood plan was being formulated in Attleborough in 2015. Its function is to implement the health and social care objectives of this. Since the adoption of the plan two years ago work has continued to implement the objectives. Attcare aims to act as a facilitator.

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We were able to find an investor to buy and develop the old Brentag site beside the station in Attleborough and Castle Meadow Care are to build a dual registered care home and provide a number of supported living/warden-controlled dwellings (63 beds) on the 15-acre site. We are working closely to improve the primary care provision for Attleborough and the surrounding villages. This of course is very important for your own community where I believe many of the residents attend the Attleborough surgery. We are working with the CCG and the GP Practice and the NHS and are aware that Attleborough has been identified as a priority area of need for investment in improved Provision both statistically and in terms of future plans. Need more mental health and better maternity provision.

To underpin and identify the priority areas of need ATT CARE have commissioned a research project by the university of East Anglia, Health Economics Consulting. The existing report carried out nearly ten years ago had become out of date with the huge building development taking place in our area and the changing demographics. This project costs £23000. We were able to reduce the original costs and have arranged for the research to be carried out in two stages. The first stage is underway. To complete the second/final stage we have a shortfall of £1800. Elizabeth was asking for a contribution towards this shortfall from parishes such as Rocklands, served by the Attleborough Doctors Practice. Elizabeth was thanked for her talk and said PC would be in touch regards a donation after the meeting.

7. To Co-opt a Parish Councillor

Rocklands has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. The Vacancy has been advertised on noticeboards, the website and in the Rocklander. There has been some interest but as yet no application forms have been received. Co-option of a Parish Councillor will be on the agenda for the March meeting. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk or speak to any Parish Councillor to discuss.

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

Item 11.3.1 was brought forward for discussion by members of the public.

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

Cllrs. Southgate and Bidmead left the meeting.

Cllr. Howie said he would aim to give everybody the chance to speak if they wished and asked that discussions remained professional and not personal. Cllr. Howie asked if anybody would like to speak for the application.

A resident said there had been lots of misinformation posted and personal details shared. They believed the site, previously landfill, would be good for chickens as not good for crops. Lots of land has been taken for housing, which is needed. Neighbouring farms produce grain for poultry feed. Poultry muck doesn't produce flies, not like pig muck does. Pigs also smell, but now there are better systems for eradication and control. In support of the application, with just one concern about unsuitable road access and heavy HGV use. Used to be a quarry, however, with between 30-40 HGV movements per day. A resident spoke regards their local family run glamping business. Established 3 years ago, 2 years of which had unfortunately been spent coping with the pandemic. They had rewilded, producing wildflower meadows and an environment for glampers to enjoy. If this proposal goes ahead their business would be significantly affected, by the light pollution, noise and smell dependant on prevailing winds from the poultry business. Established local businesses should not be allowed to be affected. No benefit to the community in terms of jobs. One full time and one part time worker is derisory.

HGVs. Another resident said she categorically objects to the application. Road systems not built for HGVs. The quarry had obligations regards HGVs and was asked to put in passing places because the roads are too narrow. New access road(s) in the past have been turned down. HGVs passing cause vibrations in their house. Noise from empty vehicles that 'bounce' along the roads is very loud. The way the HGV drivers conduct themselves is appalling. They also mentioned the application doesn't provide for a dwelling but most livestock sites do have live in accommodation for animal welfare and site security.

Pollution. There was concern about contamination being carried by vehicles into the area as a vehicle was reported washing its wheels on the road. There were grave reservations of the effect of potential pollution on the fishing lakes. If Breckland Council approve this application, will they pay compensation

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to Swangey Lakes if polluted ? Ammonia and odour levels deemed unacceptable. All muck draws flies ! Potential for run off to enter the water system and the lakes. Hot spot for spread of bird flu from migrating birds. Resident in favour asked why would the applicant spend a million pounds and pollute the site, only to be shut down as a result ? Their other site has shown no evidence of pollution.

Flooding. It was reported Swangey Lane has been flooded 4 times in the last 4 months. Another resident said they frequently use Swangey Lane and the road becomes impassable. Appears to be no contingency for if/when this happens. Concrete bases will add to flooding. Resident in favour said water should go into soakaways.

Scoping. The point of view of a civil engineer with 35 years' experience in building, soakaways etc. The people acting for the applicants had underplayed every point. Admitted odour above acceptable limits. No consideration for light screening. Weight limits. Noise from fans on 24-hour basis. Technical report is lacking. Information provided appears very underhanded. Other residents agreed entirely with these observations.

Alternative site. The applicant owns other land so why not build at Wroo Road instead where they have direct access to the highway.

Flies. A resident reported not being able to have barbecues when the flies were really bad from current site.

Planning notices. There was a complaint that Planning notices had not been displayed or had been displayed and taken down. Cllr, Suggitt said that the notices would have been displayed and as is normal practice a photograph would have been taken with them in situ. Post meeting note: Cllr. Suggitt confirmed planning would be going back out replacing the sign and will provide a photo to the Parish Council.

Rocklander magazine. A resident complained that this planning application was not listed in the chair's report in the December Rocklander and thought this to be deliberate. Post meeting Note: As the PC were not officially notified of this application until 1 December, it could not possibly appear in the December Rocklander as the deadline for copy for this issue was 20 November.

Personal comments. Despite Cllr. Howie asking for comments not to be of a personal nature, some were made. An apology was asked for but none was forthcoming.

Other residents spoke in support of the issues/objections already raised by others.

Cllr. Howie asked for comments from the Parish Councillors.

Cllr. Harrison agreed the reports were full of holes. The report on movement of HGVs was misleading.

Cllr. Harrison had re-analysed the data. The greatest impact is from articulated lorries - 149 in each 7-week cycle.

Agreed this area was a valuable public amenity that would be ruined. Report does not cover interaction between articulated lorries and walkers/cyclist and horse riders who regularly use this route. Agreed there would be some noise from the fans. CPRE objections were very useful saying the degree of ammonia pollution was significant. Norfolk Valley Fens is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). An area of particular interest due to rare species of fauna or flora. A significant aquifer, drinking water being drawn from boreholes. Any contamination would therefore have serious consequences. Need to consider airborne chemicals and contaminants as significant environmental issues.

Cllr. Harrison objects to this application saying it is not acceptable at all.

Cllr. Ford agreed with Cllr. Harrison, issues with vehicles in particular. Inappropriate siting. Objects.

Cllr. Swaddling had sent his apologies but also emailed his objection to the application.

Cllr. Howie summarised saying he understood all the objections to this application, He agreed the application was inappropriate.

Parish Councillors were unanimous in their decision to OBJECT to this application. Deadline for comments was Friday 14 January. The PC would put together a letter of objection based on the residents' fears and concerns raised at this meeting.

Highways. It was noted that Highways had not yet submitted their comments. Cllr. Howie expressed concern that the PC was expected to comment although this report was not yet available. Cllr. Suggitt explained that although 14 January is the advertised deadline for comments, you can continue to make

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comments right up to the decision date. Cllr. Howie said the PC may add further comments once the Highways report was available. Maybe Ed Connolly could explain the absence of the NCC Highways report. Cllr. Suggitt would chase this. Cllr. Howie said the PC had not held much confidence in their reports in the past. There were grave concerns that this report was not available.

Sarah Suggitt clarified some of the points raised. Regards scoping, would have liked to have seen more robust reports. The different names on the scoping and the application does not confuse anything. Breckland Planning are not the experts in all areas and do rely on other agencies. In this instance the Environment Agency (EA) were seen as the experts and were keen to overcome what they would need to issue a permit. Planning is talking to EA and this will be ongoing over a length of time. Environmental Health are consulted but trumped by EA who are the statutory consultee. Planning notices are put up and then photographed as evidence of posting. Process: Parish Council role is to collect information from their residents. The planners will look at all the documents. The application will be called and will go before the Planning Committee. At this meeting, the Parish Councils will have 3 minutes each to speak. Cllr. Howie confirmed the three councils will liaise to make the best of their overall 9 minutes. Cllrs. Suggitt and Cowen will have 3 minutes each. A supporter will also be allowed 3 minutes and an objector, 3 minutes. Agreed there needed to be a co-ordinated approach. It had been noticed that the case officer had changed from Fiona Hunter to Gemma Manthorpe. There was concern this change would interfere with continuity and should be seen through by Fiona. Some were wary of a hidden agenda. Cllr Suggitt said Fiona had a backlog and Gemma was now back from maternity leave. It was noted that Kay Gordon from Highways normally drives the roads in question and her comments could be very important. Cllr Napier asked that comments made on the planning website should not be redacted. Shouldn't be allowed to make comments anonymously. Cllr Suggitt explained that all letters/emails received by planning are automatically redacted, even if the sender asks that they are not to be. Planning has to honour redaction rights as do all council planning departments.

The PC had noticed there are inappropriate names being used by some people when entering comments on the planning website. They felt that Breckland should intercept these as inappropriate. It does not help their cause.

The meeting resumed. Members of the public were invited to leave if they did not wish to stay for the rest of the meeting. Cllrs. Southgate and Bidmead returned to the meeting once the public had left.

9. To receive reports from village organisations

9.1 Village Shop and Post Office (Dave Seaton) No report.

9.2 Village Hall (Dave Jones)

Dave wanted to record real appreciation for the sustained support received from Cllr. Richard Harrison, who has achieved urgently needed work done on the ditch between village hall and the road. All work was achieved free of any charge to village hall, Parish Council or any cost to the village at all. This is a superb achievement, brought about through a member of the Parish Council working patiently and persistently with a variety of agencies to address what was becoming an increasingly urgent and serious problem. Thank you, Richard.

9.3 Toddler Group (Sharon Brown) No report.

9.4 Rocklands Primary School (Dave Jones/Julie Dekker)

Time constraints meant the report could not be read out but would be included in the minutes.

Like all schools, Rocklands is hoping that the latest highly infectious Omicron variant does not impact too heavily, particularly with regard to causing major staff absences. We all look forward to a time when we can function more normally without such restrictive measures in place. Everyone has been co-operative but we miss the energies enjoyed with freer interaction with parents and the events usually organised by Friends of the School.

Given present constraints regarding wearing of face masks etc, we do not feel able to offer children attending youth club a quality/worthwhile experience at present so have cancelled until end of January, with opportunity to evaluate if we can reopen in February. With schools so vulnerable, we did

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not want to exacerbate risk of cross infection between schools, as youth club members attend a variety of schools.

Dave also said, although it did not concern him personally, he applauded the work that has gone into achieving mains sewage for properties not already provided for.

9.5 Rocklands Playing Fields (Sarah Good) No report

Cllr. Howie confirmed still waiting for the defibrillator case. Still waiting for floodlights to be assessed and reported as a requirement for the planning application for 2 extra training nights.

9.6 St. Peter's Church (John Brown) No report.

9.7 All Saints Church (Cath Jones)

Thank you to Cath for her report, but after a very lengthy meeting it was decided not to read the report out but to include in the minutes.

There is still no further news on the state of the tower, but the structural engineer has been approached again to come and check the 'tell-tales'.

We were able to welcome about 30 children and their families to the annual Christingle service on 12th December. It was a beautiful day, so all the Christingles were made in the open air in the churchyard before we went inside the church for the lovely magical service. (Fortunately, an alert Dad saved me from going up in flames myself when I leaned across a small child and her candle to help a child behind her put his candle straight, luckily all the children were very responsible and safety-conscious in comparison !!)

Unfortunately, that was the only Christmas service in All Saints as it turned out, as it was decided to cancel the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass due to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant and we felt it would not be possible to accommodate possibly large numbers safely.

On 31st December, our wonderful priest-in-charge, Rev Christina, retired from her Benefice position and on January 2nd, we had a lovely service at St Peter's where a variety of vouchers and a personally drawn picture by Chris Riddell were presented to her. We very much hope it will not be the last of Christina's ministry in Rocklands however as she has retained Permission to Officiate from the Bishop, so will still be about in the community and in our churches.

There has been a flurry of activity in the old schoolroom in the churchyard in recent weeks. A group of men, calling themselves the Men's Den, has met together several times and they have managed to put in a new wooden flooring to raise the level of one of the bigger sheds behind the building so that it is more accessible for storage of larger items. (Many thanks to the Leslie family who donated the wood free of charge and to those men from the village, including two PC members, who spent so long working on this in cold, wet conditions!) As result, we have cleared the schoolroom of 'junk', hidden some necessary items at the back behind screens, brought out the old bier that is almost 100 years old ready to be spruced up for the next Flower Festival and cleared enough space for some smart new tables and chairs to be set out. We will be serving refreshments after services in the schoolroom from now on, leaving the church free for quiet reflection by those who wish for it while the chattering goes on in the warmer building near the road!

Our next project is to further improve the disabled and wheelchair access along the gravel path from the road to the church. A sturdy handrail is now on the inner door to help those who are less mobile feel more secure stepping into the church from the porch, so we are moving ahead slowly but surely, improving our facilities. All Saints' PCC wishes you all a very happy and healthy 2022 - may it prove to see us all enjoying a more normal life before too long. Thank you for your support.

9.8 White Hart Public House (Dave Thomas)

Time constraints meant the report from Dave could not be read but would be included in the minutes. The Team at the White Hart would like to wish all its patrons a safe and prosperous New Year. We hope that 2022 will bring a refreshed outlook. After careful consideration I am sure you would all be aware that our Pub closed, following close of business on 27 December 2021 with the intention to re-open on Wednesday 2 February 2022. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our extended Team and patrons for their help & support throughout 2021. If nothing else throughout 2021 we have learnt how our business has had to be agile to deal with the twists and turns this new life living with Covid has brought us. We intend to re-open in February with a fresh advertising campaign with

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the intention of widening our footprint/footfall, bound together with a refreshing new month-long menu, renewed ales and lagers, to entice our guests.

9.9 Chapel Green Meadow (Chapel Green Management Committee CGMC) (Pond DH)

Time constraints meant the CGMC report could not be read out but would be included in the minutes. **CGMC meetings and activities.** Over the autumn and winter months there has been little need for meetings or activities, but CGMC is now planning the first of the 2022 committee meetings to be held in January 2022.

Chapel Green Pond. Over two years after the initial visit to County Hall by Sarah Martin, Carolyn Emblem and Chris Sharpe, kindly facilitated by Cllr Edward Connolly, which resulted in an agreement to fund pond restoration, we were pleased to witness work being carried out on Chapel Green Pond by Norfolk County Council on 24 November 2021. NCC's Ecologist, Ed Stocker, accompanied the excavator staff and was on hand throughout the day to discuss the project with residents. Several villagers took the opportunity to talk with Ed. He was very impressed by the pioneering efforts made by the Parish Council to establish and maintain Chapel Green meadow and noted its crucial importance to local wildlife. CGMC would like to thank Cllr Edward Connolly, NCC Ecologist Ed Stocker, NCC Head of Environment John Jones, Norfolk Wildlife Trust's Helen Baczkowska, Dave Howie and all members of Rocklands Parish Council for supporting this work over its two-year gestation. Should villagers wish to see how the work was carried out, Mick Ladner documented the entire process with a series of excellent photographs.

10.0 To report on financial matters

10.1 Financial position

Bank account balances as at Monday 10 January 2022

Barclays Community Account	£	6014.72
Barclays Saver (Reserve) Account	£	336.82
TOTAL as per bank	£	6351.54

Summary

RPC Rocklands Parish Council	£	6150.94
RNP Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan (RG)	£	200.60
TOTAL as per bank	£	6351.54

10.2 Money in since last meeting (8 November 2021)

6/12/2021	Barclays Saver Account - Interest	£	0.01
	TOTAL IN	£	0.01

10.3 Money out since last meeting (8 November 2021)

10.3.1 Standing Orders/Direct Debits

16/11/2021	Eon-Electricity (DD)	£	40.93
1/12/2021	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	273.87
17/12/2021	Eon-Electricity (DD)	£	39.62
4/1/2022	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	273.87
	TOTAL OUT	£	628.29

10.3.2 Cheques out (to sign)

CHQ 739	K&M Lighting - Streetlight maint. (Dec/Jan 2022)	£	30.60
CHQ 740	Rockland Village Hall, Hire 30/11/2021	£	18.00
CHQ 741	Reimburse Clerk, Flowers for Ex-Councillor	£	35.00
CHQ 742	Reimburse Shena Scholes - Plants, Memorial Bed	£	19.20
	TOTAL OUT	£	102.80

10.4 Precept Setting 2022/2023

Historical precept figures had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. The precept had been set at £6200 for the last 3 years.

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	PRECEPT	GRANT	TOTAL	INCREASE
2014/2015	4800	£335.90	£5,135.90	£350.00
2015/2016	5000	£335.90	£5,335.90	£200.00
2016/2017	5000	£245.00	£5,245.00	£0.00
2017/2018	5000	£168.00	£5,168.00	£0.00
2018/2019	5500	£84.00	£5,584.00	£500.00
2019/2020	6200	£0.00	£6,200.00	£700.00
2020/2021	6200	£0.00	£6,200.00	£0.00
2021/2022	6200	£0.00	£6,200.00	£0.00
2022/2023	TBC	£0.00		

Projected figures for the coming year had also been circulated. An amount for SID batteries (£200) defibrillator maintenance (£310), annual flowers for memorial bed (£50) and a contingency for managing a certain increase in electricity was added to the projected figure. Would need funding for Platinum Jubilee celebrations but hopefully some grants will be available. With this in mind it was proposed the precept increase by £1000 to £7200 for the coming year. The proposal was agreed by all councillors present. Precept Form B was signed by chair, Cllr. David Howie. The Clerk would send form to Breckland by the deadline of 31 Jan 2022 for precept requests. It was agreed that a £50 donation be made to the charity Attcare following the talk by Elizabeth Burrows.

11.0 To consider planning applications

Cllr. Southgate ran through the current list of applications.

11.1 Planning outcomes since last meeting (Monday 8 November 2021)

Cllr. Southgate reported outcomes since the last meeting.

3PL/2021/1344/HOU ELSTON Foxhill Sandy Lane/Single storey rear extension (233) PERMISSION

3PL/2021/1398/LU MACRO Springfields, Thieves Lane/Extension (235) PERMISSION.

3PL/2021/1405/VAR CJB DEV. Mill Lane/Green Lane/Var cond. 2/Site layout (236) PERMISSION

3PL/2021/1439/HOU MCILWHAN/Nirvana 88 The Street/Single storey rear extn. (237) PERMISSION

11.2 Applications pending outcome

3PL/2021/0697/F DEVLIN DEV./Allisons Farm/3 house res.dev. (225)

3PL/2021/0596/VAR ANNISON/Griffin Lodge/Var cond. 2 add first floor (227)(234)

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

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

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

11.3 New applications since last meeting (Monday 8 November 2021)

11.3.2 3PL/2021/1553/HOU HINSLEY/Leverets Scoulton Rd/Single storey rear extn. Annex, (242)

Neighbours OK with annex. All councillors agreed they had NO OBJECTION to this application.

12. To update on the Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan (RNP) and Local Plan (LP)

Cllr. Howie now has all the Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan paperwork as Richard Golke is longer involved with this matter. Cllr. Howie will speak to Susan Heinrich for advice. Volunteers needed to help with its completion.

13. 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.

We understand that the @one Alliance have identified an alternative location for the new pumping station - one which is located away from direct viewing by residents. At last contact, approaches to the relevant landowner were in progress. A new location for the site compound is still in progress. At the time of writing, @one Alliance has yet to submit the planning application for the project to Norfolk County Council.

14. 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:

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a) Attleborough Road (B1077) - traffic from Caston

Deployed: 10:00 hrs 04 November 2021

Finished: 12:00 hrs 05 December 2021[†]

The analysis results show:

34,719 vehicles detected

Average 1,202 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 07:45 to 08:45

Afternoon peak time - 14:45 to 15:45

32,001 vehicles (92.7%) within **40 mph** speed limit

2,718 vehicles (7.8%) exceeding speed limit

- of which 454 vehicles (1.3%) over 45 mph - and likely open to a fine*

Top speed: **60 mph** - 15/11/2021 at 02:50

Since the last deployment at the Crossroads-facing position:

- vehicle movements averaged 1,202 per day - a 2.4% decrease in daily traffic volumes.
- vehicles speeding numbered 2,718 (7.8%) - a 1.2% lower proportion of vehicles speeding.
- vehicles open to enforcement action numbered 454 (1.3%) - a 0.26 % lower proportion of vehicles open to enforcement.

[†] On this occasion, the low residual battery voltage meant that no data was recorded for 4 & 5 Dec.

b) The Street - traffic from B1077 Crossroads

Deployed: 11:00 hrs 05 December 2021

Finished: 11:00 hrs 05 January 2022

The analysis results show:

9,139 vehicles detected

Average 295 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 10:30 to 11:30

Afternoon peak time - 14:45 to 15:45

6,902 vehicles (75.5%) within **30 mph** speed limit

2,237 vehicles (24.5%) exceeding speed limit

- of which 463 vehicles (5.1%) over 35 mph - and likely open to a fine*

Top speed: **60 mph** - 15/12/2021 at 13:40

Since the last deployment on The Street facing towards the B1077 Crossroads:

- vehicle movements averaged 295 per day - a 14.2% decrease in daily traffic volumes.
- vehicles speeding numbered 2,237 (24.5%) - 7.1% lower proportion of vehicles speeding.
- vehicles open to enforcement action numbered 463 (5.1%) - a 3.1% lower proportion of vehicles open to enforcement.

Together with a decrease in daily traffic volumes - probably partially due to the Christmas holiday period - there was also a slightly encouraging decrease in vehicles speeding, but 24.5% remains outrageously high! However, true to their promise at the last SNAP meeting, Attleborough Police have been seen with a mobile speed gun at the B1077 crossroads, and on other occasions, with their safety camera van stationed in Wayland Road.

The speed sign is currently on The Street - monitoring traffic approaching the B1077 Crossroads from the village.

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

The speed sign continues to exhibit the same downloading issues seen previously with my phone running Android 11. However, no such issues occur with my previous phone running Android 9 - so I am keeping it purely for that purpose. Meanwhile, further tests as advised by the sign manufacturer have not resolved the issue. The manufacturer has forwarded details of the issue to the App Developers.

For the time being, low residual battery voltages are being addressed by changing the battery mid-deployment i.e., every two weeks.

* 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

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specified accuracy of ± 0.5 mph. Enforcement action is not always a fine - depending on circumstances, drivers may be offered a speed awareness course.

15. To update on Highways

Nothing to report

16. To update on Flooding (RH)

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

On 18 November, Cllr Howie, Cllr Southgate and I met with representatives of the developer currently building 7 bungalows on the corner of Green Lane/Mill Lane. Primarily, this was to discuss naming of the private road on the development. However, I took the opportunity to raise concerns about the surface water management system proposed for the site - and how it could affect the existing culverted system down the East side of The Street. The representatives were of the opinion that the proposed system would improve matters rather than have an adverse effect. They described the arrangements for the 'management company' which would be formed for maintenance of the site surface water drainage system going forward. I have sought advice from Breckland Planning on how correct surface water management on the site will be enforced after the properties have been completed.

On 30th November, the Parish Council held a 'Flooding Update' meeting with various agencies. This meeting included:

- our County Councillor - Ed Connolly
- the NCC Water Management Team Head - Mark Ogden
- our area NCC Highways Engineer - Matt Lines
- four representatives from Anglian Water
- Dave Jones, to represent residents
- Parish Council representatives - Cllr Dave Howie, Cllr Tim Ford, and myself

The purpose of the meeting was to update and discuss progress on our flooding issues.

I delivered a presentation which included numerous photographs and video clips; topographical, British Geological Survey and Environment Agency surface water flooding maps; details on previous surveys - and a summary on the most recent cleaning and survey of part of the Street's culvert system, kindly arranged by Matt Lines.

The scale and extent of our problems were emphasised - and also the significant lack of funding for further survey and mitigation works. Our progress to-date on work with the Mid Norfolk Flood Partnership (MNFP), and our submission to the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) were outlined - as was our success in being shortlisted for the next tranche ('Tranche 2') of practical support from the NSFA (decision in the coming weeks).

There followed a very productive discussion on next steps and funding matters. Mark Ogden undertook to arrange a meeting with RPC, NCC Water Management Team and Environment Agency representatives - to examine and set out options for a flood mitigation strategy for the village.

In the short-term, we described the problems that we were experiencing with the Village Hall ditch - including the erosion on the roadside. Matt Lines and Ed Connolly undertook to look at how they could help us with this. This subsequently resulted in a successful outcome...

Following the multi-agency flooding update meeting above, and true to their word, w/c 13 December NCC Highways had their contractors thoroughly excavate and re-profile the Village Hall ditch - and reinforced the crumbling roadside with a wall of cement bags at the upstream end. See the Rocklands Community Hub Facebook page for photographs.

I have personally thanked our area highways engineer (Matt Lines) for arranging the excellent work, and also our County Councillor (Ed Connolly) for his continued support in this matter. Again NCC Highways should be given full credit for arranging and funding these works - as they have no statutory responsibility to do so.

Hopefully, these works will offer some help in alleviating heavy surface water flows - if we experience them this Winter. At the time of writing, the ditch has so far remained free flowing and not at high levels.

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However, as the most recent (September 2021) partial survey (also arranged and funded by NCC Highways) of the culvert system in The Street revealed, there remain a number of culvert issues which need addressing with residents of properties between the ditch and the Community Shop on the West side of The Street.

Our MP, George Freeman, Chair of the Mid Norfolk Flooding Partnership (MNFP), secured a meeting for himself and Lord Dannatt, Chair of the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA), with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Rebecca Pow MP, on 30 November 2021. Minister Pow has "Floods and Water" within her ministerial portfolio and it was seen as an excellent opportunity to continue our ongoing efforts, as well as the efforts of the NSFA and groups like our own MNFP, by raising awareness in Westminster of the awful flooding issues our part of the world has increasingly been affected by in recent years.

Among the topics for discussion were the Environment Bill, Planning and how we as a country and county can better respond to, and mitigate for, future flood events.

George Freeman asked MNFP members for comments and points to be taken to the meeting. I submitted four points to be raised.

Unfortunately, an unforeseen change in the diary disrupted the Minister's plans and the meeting had to be postponed. We await information on a new date for the meeting.

We look forward to the meeting with the NCC Water Management Team and Environment Agency representatives - to be arranged by Mark Ogden.

Resident with road eroding outside her house due to water flow, thanked Cllr. Harrison for his efforts.

17. To discuss any correspondence.

Speed limit on Bell Road. The Parish Council received an email asking whether any changes could be made to the current National Speed Limit on Bell Road beyond Lark House. It was reported that vehicles regularly speed along the road and round the blind bend. The road is also used by many for walking their dogs and or children and biking and is very dangerous to do so. They had spoken to some other residents on Bell Road who live prior to the speed change, they say that it is noticeable that drivers speed up when they see the sign and drive above the 30mph limit. Given the nature of the road and houses further on, they proposed a change to 30mph for the whole of Bell Road if possible.

Cllr. Harrison had replied saying the Parish Council experience is that changing a speed limit on a section of road is extremely difficult to achieve - even with extensive traffic monitoring data. It involves approaches to both the Police and NCC Highways, an extended legal process, and expense which is found challenging by both bodies. However, irrespective of the issues, Cllr. Harrison would see what could be done.

18. AOB - To receive items for the next agenda

Platinum Jubilee celebrations on next agenda.

19. Date of next Meeting: Monday 7 March 2022, 7pm Rocklands Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.45

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Rocklands SID - Vehicles from Caston Direction

Start	04/11/2021	03/07/2021	04/03/2021	02/11/2020	04/05/2020	05/03/2020	12/12/2019
Finish	03/12/2021	04/08/2021	06/04/2021	03/12/2020	03/06/2020	03/04/2020	06/01/2020
Total Vehicles	34,719	39,567	38,508	31,201	24,850	29,009	24,913
Average Vehicles/day	1,202	1,232	1,165	1,007	832	1,000	993
Morning Peak	07:45-08:45	07:45-08:45	07:45-08:45	07:45-08:45	10:30-11:30	07:30-08:30	07:45-08:45
Afternoon Peak	14:45-15:45	16:15-17:15	14:30-15:30	15:30-16:30	16:15-17:15	16:00-17:00	15:15-16:15
Max Speed (date)	60 (15/11/21 - 02:50)	65 (19/07/21 - 23:55)	60 (05/03/21 - 07:05)	60 (11/11/20 - 14:35)	60 (05/05/20 - 05:50)	65 (12/03/20 - 05:35)	60 (13/12/19 - 18:50)
0-40 mph	32,001	35,989	34,370	28,173	21,279	25,125	22,051
%	92.17	90.96	89.25	90.30	85.63	86.61	88.51
40+ mph	2,718	3,578	4,138	3,028	3,571	3,884	2,862
%	7.83	9.04	10.75	9.70	14.37	13.39	11.49
45+ mph	454	622	811	528	815	915	588
%	1.31	1.57	2.11	1.69	3.28	3.15	2.36
45-50	412	543	693	470	692	751	501
%	1.19	1.37	1.80	1.51	2.78	2.59	2.01
50-55	40	70	111	50	112	148	80
%	0.12	0.18	0.29	0.16	0.45	0.51	0.32
55-60	2	8	7	8	11	15	7
%	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.03
60-65	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
65-70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
70-75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
75-80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Rocklands SID - The Street, Vehicles from Crossroads

Start	05/12/2021	04/08/2021	06/04/2021	03/12/2020	04/08/2020
Finish	05/01/2022	03/09/2021	06/05/2021	03/01/2021	04/09/2020
Total Vehicles	9,139	10,300	11,092	9,337	10,341
Average Vehicles/day	295	344	369	300	332
Morning Peak	10:30-11:30	09:45-10:45	08:30-09:30	11:15-12:15	09:30-10:30
Afternoon Peak	14:45-15:45	16:45-17:45	17:30-18:30	14:45-15:45	17:00-18:00
Max Speed (date)	60 (15/12/21, 13:40)	55 (18/08/21, 23:30)	50 (07/04/21, 06:30)	50 (04/12/20, 13:10)	60 (31/08/20, 02:55)
0-30 mph	6,902	7,050	7,592	7,134	7,180
%	75.52	68.45	68.45	76.41	69.43
30+ mph	2,237	3,250	3,500	2,203	3,161
%	24.48	31.55	31.55	23.59	30.57
35+ mph	463	845	788	495	760
%	5.07	8.20	7.10	5.30	7.35
35-40	393	691	661	419	623
%	4.30	6.71	5.96	4.49	6.02
40-45	58	130	113	68	110
%	0.63	1.26	1.02	0.73	1.06
45-50	11	20	14	8	24
%	0.12	0.19	0.13	0.09	0.23
50-55	0	4	0	0	24
%	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.23
55-60	1	0	0	0	1
%	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
60-65	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
65-70	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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