

Rocklands Parish Council (RPC)
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (Virtual meeting - held using Google Duo)
7.00pm on Monday 25 May 2020

Present:	David Howie	Chair
	Nickie Southgate	Vice Chair
	Shirley Colenutt	
	Tim Ford	
	Richard Harrison	
	Sarah Martin	
	Kim Austin	Clerk
	Ed Connolly	Norfolk County Councillor

Also present: No members of the public joined the group meeting.
The meeting opened at 19:04.

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence

There were no apologies received. Cllr. Howie confirmed that Cllr. Sarah Eagleton had resigned as, during the current crisis, she was not able to give the time that was needed. She was thanked for her contribution and it was noted that if circumstances change, she may consider returning.

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 17 February 2020

The minutes had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Harrison asked that his name as author be added to Item 14. The Clerk would amend. It was agreed the minutes would be signed by the Chair, Cllr. David Howie after the meeting.

4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes (17 February 2020) not on the agenda.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. To adjourn the meeting for public participation

No members of the public had joined the group meeting.

6. Update from our Norfolk County Councillor, Ed Connolly

Busy at County. Workforce is working from home. Cllr. Connolly continues to send out Coronavirus updates and these will certainly continue for a while. The current crisis has highlighted opportunities for the future, in reducing pollution etc. Well done to all as the Parish Council supports the residents. They recognise the enormous amount of work done by the community shop, for example, in managing deliveries. Good to see people in Norfolk supporting each other. Cllr. Connolly was thanked for his help.

7. Update from our Breckland District Councillor, Sarah Suggitt

No report.

8. To receive village reports

8.1 Village Shop and Post Office (Dave Seaton DS)

No report. The shop was however doing very well financially as takings have been well up during lockdown. Cllr. Howie had informed the Shop of money available from the Plunkett Foundation, but they said they did not need to apply.

8.2 Village Hall

Sarah Good reported that the Village Hall had been awarded and received £10,000 from Breckland Council Covid-19 Grants. This money will help the Village Hall to survive the current

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crisis, as it has been hit by lost revenue. Well done to Sarah for applying for this grant. Cllr. Colenutt reported that the revenue from glass recycling was up this year.

8.3 Little Rocky's Parent and Toddler Group (Sharon Brown)

Sharon sent a report which was read out by the Clerk.

There is little to report as our parent and toddler group remains closed for the time being during this Covid 19 crisis. We closed the Friday before Mothering Sunday but thankfully, we did manage to post most of the cards the children had made so their mummies received them in time. We are hoping to re-open in September but will only do so if it is safe for all concerned. We will ensure that all the toys and resources are thoroughly washed and disinfected again before the children are welcomed back. We will also have to look at ways of maintaining a rigorous but manageable cleaning programme at the end of each session. We may have to limit the activities made available to the children. When we do eventually open again, we anticipate that there will be a decline in numbers as many of our children will have started school. We will have to re-launch an advertising campaign to attract more families although hopefully many of our regular families will return.

8.4 Rocklands Primary School (David Jones DJ)

Cllr. Howie read out a report from DJ, that had been approved by the Executive Head. As everyone is aware, Covid 19 has had a profound impact on schools, which have been closed to all pupils except those of key workers or those considered to be particularly vulnerable. Teachers have been kept busy managing home learning. Numbers attending have averaged about 15 and have been managed with very careful consideration being given to health and safety issues. Rocklands school has been 'mothballed' with all children attending Great Ellingham School. This has enabled school provision to be maintained throughout what would have been the Easter holidays and the half term holidays. From 1st June, the government requires primary schools in England to accommodate reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils. This has caused controversy because of the potential risk of Covid 19 infection and the extreme measures required to minimise this risk. There are clear indications that many parents will choose not to send their children back to school at this stage. Social distancing will require provision of two classrooms per year group, with an additional area for those already attending, who are not in these year groups. In view of the smaller numbers of pupils expected, strict controls of all movement, constant sanitisation involved and requirements to maintain social distancing, it has been decided that all pupils will attend Great Ellingham School. Rocklands School will remain closed for the time being. Plans for the future of Rocklands School have been on put on hold during 'lock down'.

8.5 Rocklands Playing Fields (SG)

Rockland Playing Field has been awarded and received £10,000 from Breckland Council Covid-19 Grants. This money will help this community establishment to survive the current crisis, as it has been hit by lost revenue. The playground remains closed to the public, although the Playing Field committee are continuing to maintain it. A RoSPA inspection is due in June. The playing field pitches are also being maintained as best as they can be, given that the mower needs repair and there have been problems sourcing replacement parts during the lockdown.

Sarah was congratulated for securing £10,000 for the Playing fields. Well done Sarah.

Cllr. Howie added that work on the pavilion is on hold and mentioned the new container, saying he would not like to see more containers there.

8.6 Rockland St. Peter Church (RSP) (John Brown JB)

No report.

8.7 Rockland All Saints' Church (Cath Jones CJ)

Cath Jones provided the following report which was read out by the Clerk.

There have been no services at any church since just before the official Lockdown, on instructions from our Bishops, and the buildings have also had to remain closed. The work of the church, however, has continued but in a very different fashion, of course.

Pastoral visits have had to be done by phone or other non-contact methods, which has been difficult but necessary.

Funerals have been carried out but with just a handful of immediate family members present. Weddings have been postponed until rules on group gatherings have been relaxed and permission is granted for them to take place again.

The grass continues to grow, but John and Dave have used their 'exercise hours' to keep it tidy and it hasn't 'got away', so is still a lovely peaceful place for anyone passing to stop and have a think! The wildflower areas are doing what they should, despite the rabbits' efforts to sabotage the wildflowers !

At All Saints, we had to take the sad decision to cancel Barbara's Day and the Flower Festival this year, which means that our two main fundraisers for the upkeep of our church will not happen. We still have to raise the money to pay to the Diocese (about £6000 this year) and insurance (about £1300) with only church collections to cover the costs (and with no services, that poses a problem!!) However, Barbara had a stall by the shop for all her carefully nurtured plants and donations from that amounted to £250 which was divided with the Community Shop, so that was wonderful. Thanks to careful husbandry, a small cushion has been built up over the years, so we are not desperate for day-to-day expenses (like the bill for emergency repairs to a damp patch at the back of the church). The cracks in church tower have not been forgotten and are still being monitored.

We are also sad that special services, like the annual open air Pets Service that was scheduled for 17th May have had to be cancelled (even more annoying that it was beautiful afternoon weather-wise and would have been ideal!) but looking at the greater picture, we have nothing to complain about as, so far, we are all still unaffected by serious consequences from the virus. Rocklands, as a village, has really pulled together during the crisis.... thank you one and all !

8.8 White Hart Public House (Dave Thomas DT)

An email had been received from DT. This was read out by Cllr. Howie.

These are unprecedented times and we as a business have had to evolve to remain financially stable to meet the needs of the community. As such, following consultation from the British Pub Association, advice from partners and current legislation; we forged ahead to utilise our property and assets for the good of all. We recognised the gaps that were emanating in our and neighbouring communities and looked to best service those by providing the safest environment for our patrons. For more information on how we are satisfying all government guidelines of such please review the video uploaded to our social media sites.

We decided to open on a Friday & Saturday 4 - 7 pm from our cabin bar, situated on what used to be the pub bowling green. Therefore, from the 1st May we, in consultation with

- Tony Perkins Butchers, we can supply any pre ordered meat from his range, delivered fresh to our premises for collection.
- Local suppliers, we provide a refreshing range of fine takeaway wines.
- Wolf of Besthorpe, Beeston and Lacons Breweries, we supply very good quality, recently brewed, locally sourced takeaway beers and ales.

More recently we have developed upon the above and back by unilateral request, we have re-introduced 'Fish Friday' to the Hart of the Village on a takeaway only basis. This service is by pre-booking only; whereupon each person will be provided an agreed time slot, between our opening times, to collect their fish and chips, etc.; from the front door of the pub.

The common thread you'll note, is that we are predominantly looking, as always, to remain safe, to support our colleagues in local business, to under pin everyone and work towards supporting whomever we can, safely to the other side of this pandemic. More live information is available upon the Notice Board outside the pub and upon our Social Media feeds. Many thanks to all our patrons and community for their support throughout. Regards, Dave & Jayne Thomas

8.9 To update on Chapel Green Meadow (Carolyn Emblen CE)

No report.

9.0 To report on financial matters

9.1 Approval of accounts 2019/2020 (AGAR Part 2, PKF Littlejohn, External auditors.)

The AGAR (Part 2) had been circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting for reference.

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9.1.1 Exemption from limited assurance review (<£25,000 gross income/expenditure) (p3)

The Clerk explained that because both gross income and expenditure were less than £25,000, Rocklands Parish Council was eligible to apply for an exemption certificate for the year 2019/2020 meaning a limited assurance review would not be carried out by the external auditors. There would therefore be no fee of £200 this year which is good news. It was agreed the Chair would sign the form after the meeting and the Clerk would send the completed/signed form to PKF Littlejohn the external auditors.

9.1.2 Internal auditor's report (p4)

Michaela Canham had carried out the internal audit of the accounts and confirmed all accounts are in order. Michaela's invoice received for £30, same as previous years.

9.1.3 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 AGAR Part 2. Section. 1 (p5)

The Chair read out the 9 governance statements. All councillors agreed with the statements, therefore the Clerk ticked the YES boxes for statements 1-8. Statement 9 was ticked as N/A. The Form would be signed by the Chair after the meeting.

9.1.4 To approve the Accounting Statements 2019/2020 AGAR Part 2. Section 2. (p6)

The councillors all agreed with the accounting statements. The Chair would sign the form after the meeting.

9.2 Financial position

Bank account balances as at Monday 25 May 2020

Barclays Community Account	£	4000.48
Barclays Saver (Reserve) Account	£	336.59
TOTAL as per bank	£	4337.07

Summary

RPC Rocklands Parish Council	£	4086.47
RNP Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan (RG)	£	200.60
Rocklands Play Park (KR)	£	50.00
TOTAL as per bank	£	4337.07

9.3 Money in since last meeting (17 February 2020)

2/3/20	Barclays Saver Account	£	0.66
31/3/20	Norfolk Community Fund for VE DAY events	£	500.00
9/4/20	Breckland Council - 1 st Precept payment 2020/2021	£	3100.00
	TOTAL IN	£	3600.66

NOTE: Vat reclaim still to do.

NOTE: VE Day Road closure. The Clerk has asked for a refund of **£37.64** as the road closure never happened. Two email reminders have been sent but no reply yet. The Clerk paid this amount, was reimbursed by RPC (cheque 688), so the fee is owed to RPC.

NOTE: Chapel Green Licence. Letter posted to Pat Robinson in January for Chapel Green Licence payment of £1. No money received.

9.4 Money out since last meeting (17 February 2020)

9.4.1 Standing Orders/Direct Debits

17/2/2020	Eon-Electricity (DD)	£	35.62
2/3/2020	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	273.87
16/3/2020	Eon-Electricity (DD)	£	33.32
1/4/2020	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	273.87
16/4/2020	Eon-Electricity (DD)	£	35.62
1/5/2020	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	273.87
18/5/2020	Eon-Electricity (DD)	£	34.46
	TOTAL OUT	£	960.63

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9.4.2 Cheques out (to sign)

CHQ 690	Cllr. Howie - reimburse for computer paper	£	9.95	ALREADY SIGNED
CHQ 691	Parish Noticeboard Co. - Final payment - new board	£	402.00	ALREADY SIGNED
CHQ 692	Guy's Magnets - For new magnetic noticeboard	£	15.36	ALREADY SIGNED
CHQ 693	K&M Lighting - 3 months maint. (Mar-May 2020)	£	41.34	
CHQ 694	Michaela Canham - Internal Audit fee	£	30.00	
CHQ 695	ICO Info Commissioner-Annual fee. Reimburse Clerk	£	40.00	
CHQ 696	Norfolk Parish Training & Support - Annual Fee	£	62.00	
CHQ 697	Business Services at CAS, Insurance NEW 3yr LTA	£	207.48	
	TOTAL OUT	£	808.13	

9.5 Annual insurance renewal

RPC had been paying £280 per annum for the last three years under a 3yr Long Term Agreement with Came and Company - due to expire 1/6/2020 so this is the final year. The renewal premium is £334.94 for a new 3-year LTA and £349.94 for a one-off annual payment (Has increased because it now includes a £50 admin fee !). The Clerk requested a quote from Community Action Suffolk (CAS) - Business Services, because she found they provided a policy for a very good price for Thompson Parish Council last year. See below. Councillors unanimously agreed to a new policy with CAS as a 3-year undertaking at **£207.48 per annum**.

	Premium (inc. IPT and commission)
No LTU	£218.40
3 Year LTU	£207.48

Misc. Note: SSL SSL stands for 'secure sockets layer' and is a form of security for websites that handle sensitive information such as visitor's personal information and credit card numbers. It creates a secure connection between a visitor's web browser and the server of the company they are interacting with. Rocklands website does not have logins or payments so shouldn't affect them. Ian Scholes has however managed to secure the update at **no cost** to the Parish Council. Thank you Ian.

10. To consider planning applications

10.1 Planning outcomes since last meeting

APP/F2605/W/19/3236051, 3PL/2018/1533/O Corcoran/Land south of the street/1 dwelling, parking, turning/access (157) Refused, Appealed. DISMISSED. A good outcome with the Planning Inspector's report likely to provide some long-term protection.

3PL/2019/0971/F Woodroffe/Demolition of outbuildings. Called in. (172,177,181,186,188) PERMISSION

3AG/2020/0005/AG FRC Ltd./Three concrete bases (187) WITHDRAWN

3PL/2020/0219/HOU Ridgeway/Post House, The St. Pitched roof lean to. (189) PERMISSION

3PL/2020/0092/LU Jones/Stable Lodge/Garage to bedroom. (190) NO COMMENTS REQD.

10.2 Applications pending outcome

3PL/2019/1058/VAR Shadrack/Peels Farm/ Amend condition 2 (174)(182)

3PL/2019/1091/F Shadrack/Peels Farm/Retrospective planning, erection of agri storage building (175)

The Parish Council is not aware of any odour problems being reported. Correspondence had been received from Breckland regards Peels Farm having one extra batch of pigs in an extra shed due to coronavirus impact and demand for food. PC did not hear from Breckland as to the outcome.

10.3 New applications since last meeting (17 February 2020)

3PL/2020/0395/F Douglas/Magna Farm/Single dwelling and cart lodge (191). RPC agreed they had NO OBJECTION to this application as long as highways were happy with the access.

3PL/2020/0452/F Annison, Griffin Lodge/Variation, condition 2, Realign to N boundary (192). It was agreed that the Planning Inspector should have the final word at Appeal. The applicant should not then have the chance to challenge and overturn any conditions by applying to Breckland Council. RPC agreed the system was being played but agreed to register a vote of NO OBJECTION.

3PL/2020/0413/F Ridgeway, Post House 57 The Street/Proposed stables (193). Cllr. Southgate raised a few questions with the case officer at Breckland. Is there only one access to the site, down the side of the house ? Confirm that the approved extension to the house will not affect this access

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route. Will the muck heap be located near the stables and away from neighbours? Confirm there will be arrangements in place for the regular removal of the muck. The case officer replied to all questions enabling Cllr. Southgate to formulate a response. All councillors agreed a vote of NO OBJECTION in principle, but would outline their concerns as follows:

- We understand that the stables are to be for the use of the applicant's own horses, and this will not be a commercial operation.
- Nevertheless, 5 horses will mean a fairly substantial muck heap which the applicant has stated, would be sited in the vicinity of the stable block. The applicant has also said, following the Parish Council expressing concern, that they will ensure that the muck heap is cleared regularly either with the assistance of a local farmer or muck removal company and thus ensure that odour will be kept to a minimum. We can see from the plans, that the stable block is sited well to the rear of the properties in The Street, so hope that this will not cause any nuisance to the neighbouring properties.
- One direct neighbour has expressed the hope that an existing line of trees/bushes between their boundary and that of No 57 (which will abut the proposed stable block) will be retained as a screen between their garden and the stable block.

Correspondence: Allison's Farm Planning Applications, 3PL/2019/0971/F

The Parish Council received emails from David Roznowski and later from Andrew Wood. The Parish Council was disgusted, angered and disappointed with the content and has the following response:

It is important that the various allegations that have been bandied about by some residents should be addressed and not simply ignored. There has been an amount of criticism, primarily emanating from the residents in the immediate vicinity of Allison's Farm, about Rockland Parish Council's involvement in this planning application - and now, even more so, as the whole site has now been put up for sale, following planning approval being granted on 9 March 2020.

For clarity, RPC would like to put on record its position and actions concerning the sequence of events with this application:

ALL submitted planning applications for new development in the parish are tabled for public discussion at the most conveniently scheduled Parish Council meeting - even if this means requesting a deferral by Planning Officers. In the first instance, RPC's adopted position - either to support, object or adopt a neutral stance - is governed by our residents' reaction to any particular proposal and the outcome of a show of hands if circumstances dictate. Exactly this procedure was followed in the case of the Allison's Farm application and it was considered that no strong consensus prevailed one way or the other (RPC meeting dates, Sept/Nov 2019).

The Parish Council were very keen to raise their particular concerns as regards flooding issues, parking/traffic issues (particularly as regards the overcrowding at drop off and collection time from the primary school) - and our response to Breckland Planning raised these matters for further consideration.

In general, residents were clearly in favour of retaining the historic, original farmhouse building (that would have been demolished under an earlier proposal); however, immediate neighbours (few in number) were strongly opposed to the idea of an additional new dwelling on the site. Many other residents took the trouble to write to Breckland recording their support for the scheme - although most were based on their relationship with the applicant rather than commenting on actual planning issues.

In summary, there is no favouritism on the part of Rocklands Parish Council and the time and effort that they apply to dealing with any particular planning application aims to be commensurate with the residents' expressed sentiments and the willingness of a significant number of people to get involved to achieve the desired result.

Each application has to be considered on the basis of the facts presented and admissible planning matters alone, even when there is the possibility that an applicant may change their intentions at a later date. Objections/representations cannot be made on speculation and supposition; they can only be made on the basis of what are called 'Material Considerations' in planning law. In the case of Allison's Farm, even though there was only a small nucleus of objection, RPC still provided considerable input to those objectors who wished to get the application dismissed. This included organising for them to

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Speak directly to our local Breckland Councillor. Both the applicant, and the Planning Department, had gone to considerable lengths to try to satisfy the concerns and objections raised (these measures having taken some months) and, as a result, RPC knew from experience that realistically, to get the application refused, was going to be difficult - and so it eventually turned out. The Breckland Planning Committee followed the delegated Case Officer's recommendation for approval.

Just because the neighbours lost the argument is no reason to start insulting Parish Council members or indulging in a game of 'I told you so' - especially as the RPC went to great lengths to assist them. As we know from experience over the last few years, the planning process is not necessarily logical or consistent in the way it works and outcomes may not be as expected, even when you feel certain that you have a cast iron case.

11 To discuss a new Parish Notice Board

The new noticeboard is in Cllr. Howie's garage awaiting installation. The Clerk has added it to the asset register.

To discuss Chapel Green Pond regeneration

Cllr. Howie had tried to contact Ed Stocker but had not had a reply.

12. To update on First Time Sewerage System for Rocklands St. Peter (Report from Cllr. Harrison)

Since our last meeting, we still await notification from Anglian Water that internal authorisation has been given to progress the Rockland St Peter scheme. Of course, as with many other service organisations, administration will have been affected by the ongoing pandemic situation.

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

Local Plan. Still asking for clarification of the 5% allocation target for housing within the new Local Plan. The responses from Breckland so far have been unsatisfactory. Breckland have not been answering the questions posed and avoiding the issues highlighted (previous emails from Rebecca Collins). Andrew D'Arcy (Planning Policy Manager), in an email on 12 May 2020 said, 'There is no statutory requirement for the Council to formally notify parishes on the Council's interpretation of local plan policies ...'. So, in effect, he is saying, they do not have to explain themselves to us. He goes on to say, 'The definition of the word 'significant' is not defined in the Local Plan and is therefore a subjective one and cannot be defined by a specific numerical value'. The whole thing is a farce. Rocklands may have reached double its allocation already. Rocklands PC will be drafting another letter and it will also be copied to Mr. D'Arcy's boss and MP George Freeman. This understanding is essential to ensure the Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan is as watertight as possible.

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

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

a) The Street, facing towards School

Deployed: 12:00 hrs 05 February 2020

Finished: 11:00 hrs 05 March 2020

The analysis results show:

7,635 vehicles detected

Average 264 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 08:00 to 09:00

Afternoon peak time - 15:00 to 16:00

7,542 vehicles (98.8%) within 30 mph speed limit

93 vehicles (1.2%) exceeding speed limit, 8 vehicles (0.1%) over 35 mph, likely open to a fine*

Top speed: 45 mph - 22/02/2020 @ 08:05 hrs#

b) Attleborough Road, facing towards Caston

Deployed: 11:05 hrs 05 March 2020

Finished: 10:10 hrs 03 April 2020

The analysis results show:

29,009 vehicles detected

Average 1,000 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 07:30 to 08:30

Afternoon peak time - 16:00 to 17:00

25,125 vehicles (86.6%) within 40 mph speed limit

3,884 vehicles (13.4%) exceeding speed limit, 915 vehicles (3.2%) over 46 mph, likely open to a fine*

Top speed: 65 mph - 12/03/2020 @ 05:35 hrs#

c) Attleborough Road, facing towards Great Ellingham

Deployed: 11:00 hrs 03 April 2020

Finished: 16:00 hrs 04 May 2020

The analysis results show:

24,131 vehicles detected

Average 773 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 07:00 to 08:00

Afternoon peak time - 16:30 to 17:30

14,900 vehicles (61.8%) within 40 mph speed limit

9,231 vehicles (38.2%) exceeding speed limit, 4,357 vehicles (18.1%) over 46 mph, likely open to a fine*

Top speed: 75 mph - 10/04/2020 @ 17:45 hrs#

The Government imposed 'full lockdown' on 23 March - when very tight travel restrictions came into force. The third data set (c) above records speeds for Attleborough Road, facing Great Ellingham, entirely within the lockdown period. For comparison with the two previous sets of readings from this location, a separate table is shown below.

Since the last deployment at this position: Vehicle movements have decreased by 880 per day (that's a decrease of 53%). Vehicles exceeding the speed limit have increased hugely from 22.9% to 38.3% the percentage of drivers open to enforcement action increased massively from 7.9% to 18.0%. This is a truly shocking increase in non-compliant motorists but, sadly, one that appears to have been replicated during lockdown in other parts of the country too. Nationally, recorded speeding offences have seen an average increase of 36% - compared to our figures showing an increase of 67% of the 'normal' rate!

Of course, there are no excuses that can justify these huge increases, and several Police authorities have launched new/enlarged road crime teams to address the issue. Many have also explained that they will be monitoring the situation closely as lockdown arrangements ease. It will be very interesting to see the figures from the local roads policing teams...

Due to the 'social distancing' rules, and the requirement for two persons to be involved in moving our SID, we received written agreement from NCC Highways to limit the deployment of our SID to the two locations on Attleborough Road - until two persons from different households are again permitted to work together. RH thanked his partner Sue for helping him to move the SID during lockdown.

The SID is currently on Attleborough Road, facing towards Caston.

RH will soon attempt to contact the sign manufacturers for the additional brackets needed for the new locations at the North end of The Street, contingent on them being available and able to supply.

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

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Rocklands SID - Vehicles from Great Ellingham Direction			
Start	03/04/2020	06/01/2020	12/09/2019
Finish	04/05/2020	05/02/2020	11/10/2019
Total Vehicles	24,131	49,654	41,427
Average Vehicles/day	773	1,653	1,433
Morning Peak	07:00-08:00	07:15-08:15	08:00-09:00
Afternoon Peak	16:30-17:30	15:30-16:30	17:00-18:00
Max Speed (date)	75 (10/04/20 - 17:45)	80 (17/01/2020 - 21:45)	75 (07/10/2019 - 07:05)
0-40mph	14,900	38,267	32,681
%	61.75	77.07	78.89
40+ mph	9,231	11,387	8,746
%	38.25	22.93	21.11
45+ mph	4,357	3,932	3,088
%	18.06	7.92	7.45
45-50	2,667	2,802	2,105
%	11.05	5.64	5.08
50-55	1,156	865	705
%	4.79	1.74	1.70
55-60	389	186	210
%	1.61	0.37	0.51
60-65	121	63	59
%	0.50	0.13	0.14
65-70	20	13	8
%	0.08	0.03	0.02
70-75	4	1	1
%	0.02	0.00	0.00
75-80	0	2	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00

Thank you to RH for the detailed report.

15. To update on Highways

Highways have been filling potholes leftover from the wet winter. A few portable machines have been out now since the weather improved.

16. To update on Flooding (RH)

Cllr. Harrison provided a very comprehensive report. This wasn't read out at the meeting in its entirety, but a few points of summary are: A blockage has been located in the area of No. 50 The Street, hence the water can't get away, causing flooding in the area of 38 The Street. Not sure where the water is coming from though. Not field water as there hadn't been any rain for a while. Anglia Water who have visited 3 times, said there was not a leak/burst, so still a mystery. Cllr Howie has borrowed pumps from John Borrill and Kevin Eagleton to pump out the overflowing manhole. No camera put down this manhole as they said had been incorrectly placed and built as a 'T'.

RH report is below:

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Since the last meeting, the 'Cleanse & Camera Survey' of the surface water drainage system down much of The Street and Low Lane - organised by Norfolk County Council (NCC) Flood Risk Team - was carried out.

On 11 March, the NCC contractors carried out the bulk of the works. Present for all/part of the time were: Nathan Harris (NCC), Sean Riseley (NCC), Cllr. Harrison (RPC), Cllr. Howie (RPC), Tim Ford (RPC), Richard Golke (RNP), Al Bainbridge (AB -All Saints Cottage). The survey began on the land at the corner of Green Lane/Mill Lane - where surface water drainage from that land, and the playing fields beyond - converges to empty into a culvert which goes under Mill Lane, to join the main culvert running down the East side of The Street and then down Low Lane, to the outfall in the soakaway area in 'The Wetlands'. On the West side of The Street, from the ditch at the Village Hall, a second culvert runs down The Street to a manhole adjacent to the shop - from where it runs under the road to join the main culvert on the East side of The Street. Where possible, a video camera survey was carried out - but this was not possible where the culverts were full of water. Cleansing was carried out using jetting equipment where possible, to remove silt and small blockages as necessary. Any significant blockages were recorded, and the land above clearly marked where possible. At the end of this first visit, a blockage was identified somewhere in the area of Nos.48/50 The Street, but a camera investigation was not possible at this time due to the culvert being full of water. The survey was terminated outside All Saints Cottage on Low Lane, as time had run out and heavy concrete covers needed removing.

On 30 April, Dave Howie reported significant flooding on his (No.38) and two neighbouring properties. It had been some days since any significant rainfall, so it was difficult to understand where the water was coming from. Subsequently, following several pumping exercises, the flooding persisted. Anglian Water attended to carry out tests and concluded that it was not a mains water leak. Meanwhile, NCC Flood Risk Team added investigation of this to the remit of their contractors on their next visit.

On 12 May, the NCC contractors returned to complete the remainder of the original works. AB and Cllr. Harrison were in attendance for the duration of the works. AB had arranged for the heavy concrete covers outside his property to be lifted, and the survey commenced with an examination of that manhole. Subsequently, two manholes downstream of that point had to be located - as one had been buried under hardcore at field entrance, and the other under multiple covers and vegetation further down Low Lane. It was established that water was flowing freely towards the outfall, and the contractors decided that it was not necessary to check the last section of culvert through to the outfall in 'The Wetlands'. Thanks go to AB for all his help and local knowledge on this section. The contractors now briefly went to look at the problems in the area of 38 The Street. However, their office had not communicated this extra work to them, and their working time had almost expired.

Subsequently, NCC Flood Risk Team arranged for another visit from their contractors - to look at the problems in the area of 38 The Street.

On 18 May, the contractors returned to the culvert in the area of No.38. To identify the location and nature of the blockage downstream, they had to pump-out the section from the Village Hall ditch several times - so that camera work could be done. They put their camera in at the Shop - working up towards the Village Hall - but only got as far as No.50 - where they found the pipe completely blocked with hedge/tree roots, and they could go no further. We also understand that they put the camera down from the Village Hall and found a leak in the culvert under Nos.36 and 38. They apparently could not go further because of water, and apparently the incorrect design of a manhole. We now await a full report - with drawings, photos, video - from NCC Flood Risk Team. Appropriate steps will be taken to get the blockage in the area of No.50 dealt with and the culvert leak. On receipt of the report, we will start discussion on next steps.

I would like to thank NCC Flood Risk Team - who have no statutory duty to fund or carry out the works above on, what is essentially, a private drainage system. In particular, Nathan Harris, for all the work he has done on this. Also, once again, sincere thanks to Ed Connolly for his support in facilitating this.

17. To discuss any correspondence.

17.1 Letter from Peter Bangay re: land auctioned, Rocklands.

The Parish Council received correspondence from Peter Bangay regards the auction of a parcel of land. His points have been noted. There will be no further response from the Parish Council.

Signed

Date

17.2 Email Dave Thomas re Openreach/BT (Sarah Martin and Peter Martin)

Mr. Thomas wrote: Over the past few weeks there has been a hive of activity from Open Reach engineers installing FTTP (fibre to the premise), this I am led to believe will be part of a trial that the village will undertake ? I have checked with BT and although the install is depicted upon their wholesale website, it is showing as in test phase. If we are all to be invited to be part of such a trial, how will that work? As I like many other residents do not currently subscribe to BT and am in contract elsewhere I'd guess that if it is to be a reputable trial then they'd need a cross section of a number of residents to sign up ? The depicted charges per month for FTTP are in excess of nearly £50 plus Line rental of £18 - 22 and an installation cost too! Therefore, although this is cutting edge technology delivered to Rocklands, the cost appears to be prohibitive and moreover if this is a trial then one would imagine that the connection is likely to be susceptible to disconnection.

The Parish Council replied: Your question about FTTP broadband in the village was discussed at yesterday's videoconference Parish Council meeting, and we involved a local industry expert to advise. Openreach - the UK's digital network business - are installing fibre network cables in Rocklands in preparation for a trial to evaluate three different types of network hardware and topology. Due to the current pandemic, delivery of the hardware and preparation of the network is likely to take some time. As you may know, BT and Openreach are two entirely different organisations. BT is an internet service provider (ISP) and is not involved with the network itself. Of course, there are many other ISPs e.g. Talk Talk, Virgin Media, Vodafone, Zen etc. If you wish to enquire about obtaining a FTTP service, and prices, you should contact either your current ISP, or an alternative one. As soon as Openreach have completed the network installation, configured it, and it is operational, an ISP should be able to quote you for a FTTP service. They will arrange for connection to the network, and installation of hardware in the home. Different ISPs can quote different charges for connection, and monthly charges for the service. As now, monthly charges will vary - depending on what upload/download speeds you want, and whether you also require a telephone service. At this time, we do not know when the network will be completed and available. Some ISPs could take your request now, and then contact you again when the service is available.

17.3 Email from D Roznowski re: Tree preservation order (TPO)

Mr. Roznowski had previously dealt with Hugh Coggles, tree officer at Breckland Council in July 2019, regards a tree that he felt needed protecting on the Allison's Farm site. Mr. Coggles went to the site and agreed the Sycamore is a fine specimen. He was assured by the owner that there is no intention to remove the tree and he was satisfied there was no threat to the tree and that it would not be expedient for the council to serve a TPO at that time. As circumstances may have changed since then, Mr. Roznowski asked if the Parish Council could make sure the tree is formally protected.

In light of the land now being put up for sale, the Parish Council had already thought it appropriate to consider a TPO before receiving this email.

20. AOB There was no AOB.

21. Date of next Meeting

Monday 6 July 2020, 7pm, Rocklands Village Hall

The meeting closed at 20.49

Signed

Date