

Rocklands Parish Council (RPC)  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
7.00pm on Monday 5 September 2022

Present:	David Howie	Chair
	Richard Harrison	Vice Chair
	Amanda-Jayne Buckland	
	Tim Ford	
	Bryan Swaddling	
	Anne Jones	
	Kim Austin	Clerk
	Sarah Suggitt	Breckland District Councillor

Also present: 8 members of the public were also present.  
The meeting opened at 19:01

With sadness, Cllr. Howie announced the recent death of Dave Davis who had been Clerk to Rocklands Parish Council from 2004, retiring from the position in November 2009.

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

Apologies were received from Paula Bidmead whose dog was having puppies. Apology was accepted.

**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 Parish Council Meeting on Monday 4 July 2022**

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

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

**Defibrillator.** Cllr. Tim Ford was looking to purchase paediatric pads for the G3 AED at the Village Hall. Cllrs. Ford and Buckland had not been able to obtain sponsorship. Originally ~£110, Cllr. Ford had now found the same pads for ~£70. The Parish Council agreed pads suitable for children should be purchased.

**First Time Sewerage (RH)**

We have recently been advised that works will start on 12 September, and that the project is expected to take approximately 10 to 12 months to complete. Works will start with setting-up of the site compound, which will take up to four weeks to complete. The site compound will be located adjacent to Bray's Lane, in the field to the West of St Peter's church.

The project team have undertaken to do their best to keep disruption to a minimum, but this is a major construction project involving regular traffic movements and will lead to some noise and visual disturbance - including the need to use floodlights to carry out work safely in the darker months. Work is planned to start from 7am, and they will aim to finish by 6pm each day. Currently, there is no plan to work weekends but, if this changes, they will let the PC and residents in the area know. We will post any notices like this on the Village website, PC noticeboards and 'The Rocklands Community Hub' Facebook page.

Anglian Water recognise that rural roads can get messy in the Winter, and that their works will be adding to this - so they have undertaken to sweep the roads regularly.

Whilst aiming to reduce disruption to pedestrians and traffic as much as possible, this major construction project will require the closure of certain roads and the use of traffic lights as the work progresses. The following scheduled traffic management will need to be implemented:

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Where	What	When
The Street	Road Closure	26 Sep 22 – 20 Oct 22
B1077 – Chapel Street Junction	Multi-way Traffic Lights	6 Oct 22 – 03 Feb 23
Thieves Lane	Road Closure	06 Feb 23 – 14 Mar 23
Chapel Street	Road Closure	26 Sep 22 – 18 May 23
St Peter's Close	Road Closure	23 Jan 23 – 07 Mar 23

These dates/times may vary - subject to progress, but will be posted on PC noticeboards, village website and Rocklands Community Hub Facebook page.

In the case of road closures, diversions will be signposted, and more details will be available from: [www.anglianwater.co.uk/yourarea](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/yourarea) - by entering your postcode.

The PC will also endeavour to put details of the proposed diversions on PC noticeboards, the Village website and 'The Rocklands Community Hub' Facebook page.

Steps will be taken to maintain residents' access to their properties. We have also requested that a sign 'Businesses Open as Usual' is posted close to the 'Diversion' sign at the B1077 crossroads when The Street is closed.

In due course, we will publish relevant contact details for residents to use if they have any questions or wish to raise issues with the project team.

We are sure that all residents will appreciate that this one-off disruption will be of enormous benefit in the long term to those living North of Attleborough Road. This will be put back on the agenda as a regular item.

#### 5. To adjourn the meeting for public participation

The meeting was adjourned at 19:10.

**Kemp Meadow.** The new development on the corner of Mil Lane/Green Lane has been named as Kemp Meadow. It had been noticed that the sign for Kemp Meadow had been erected on public land and should be moved onto private land. No planning application had been submitted.

Cllr. Howie talked about where the name 'Kemp' meadow may have come about. William Kempe lived between 1560 and 1603. 'Will' was an English dancer and actor and a friend of William Shakespeare. He apparently danced/jigged for 9 days, spread over several weeks from the Lord Mayor of London's house to Norwich. He started on 11 February 1600 in Ilford, to Romford, Bury, Thetford, Rockland, Hingham and on to Norwich on 8 March. He rested for 4 days in Rocklands. His host, the innkeeper gave an odd welcome speech which left Kempe slightly bemused. 'Thou art ever as welcome as the Queen's grey hound.' He died penniless.

**Green Lane road surface.** Residents of Green Lane said the dust had been horrendous this year, particularly with the dry weather. However, the situation has been made worse by the use of crushed concrete as a surface dressing which could be harmful if inhaled and can cause lung disease. Has left white deposits on the hedges. Cllr. Howie said he was not aware of its use and certainly hadn't given permission for it to be used. It was noted a different material had been used in the car park.

Cllr. Howie would go and have a look.

The meeting resumed at 19:20.

#### 6. To discuss Dog Poo bins - new locations and sponsorship

Dog poo left in public places has become an increasing problem in Rocklands. The Parish Council decided that extra poo bins may help. Currently have 3. Thank you to Cllr. Jones for her work in securing sponsorship for some new bins from Taylors Pet Foods and Myhills. Cllr. Jones would also ask Rocklands Mere and the White Hart. Various new locations have been suggested. 5 new locations would be applied for to Breckland Council for confirmation of siting and collection. There may be a limit on how many bins Breckland can service within a Parish.

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Suggested locations: All Saints Church  
Junction Mill and Green Lane  
Broad way and Flymoor lane  
Thieves Lane end of the footpath  
Magpie Lane/Rectory Road (not the church side)

**7. To discuss land at rear of Wayland Road**

Cllr. Howie gave some history of this site. This piece of land was compulsory purchase in the 1950s and has remained unused now for nearly 70 years, being maintained by Breckland.

This land had previously been proposed to be gifted to the Parish Council for a replacement Rocklands school. A single-track road so it would have to be widened and buildings at the end of the road potentially removed, of course rehousing those affected. Norfolk County Council had blocked the building of a replacement school. There have been discussions with Flagship about building houses. For now, they have planted trees. It should be gifted to PC as a community asset and put to use for the community.

Cllr. Suggitt confirmed the land was earmarked for a replacement school. No access without Flagship being on board. Council members at County had changed and maybe should be re-approached. Parkland with trees suggested - doesn't need vehicle access. Cllrs. Harrison and Swaddling suggested, a pond for water to be diverted to, to alleviate flooding in the village ? There could be a number of opportunities to mitigate flooding. A green space for educational purposes. Cllr. Suggitt suggested the Parish Council put their ideas forward to Breckland, explaining how the use of this land could help to enhance the area and/or solve problems.

Dave Jones explained NCC had been approached in the 1990s regards building a replacement school. They had worked through various phases, NCC had been very co-operative but changed their minds at the final hurdle due to County policy. Members have now changed but the policies remain. Could NCC change their mind ? Flagship were quite supportive about the school project but would always canvas views from residents. The old school could be sold to help pay for the replacement school or could be used as a venue for special needs children as had been suggested.

**8. To receive village reports**

**8.1 Village Shop and Post Office**

Cath Jones very kindly sent a report which was read out by Cllr. Howie. The new management team is working very well and all four managers are totally dedicated to the successful running of the shop. There is a caring and positive atmosphere for customers and staff alike, including volunteers. Our thanks to Jane (Senior Manager), Paul, Fay and Lottie for all they do.

We have just completed another end of year stocktake which was passed by our accountants Lovewell Blake. There is a hiccup with our EPOS system with the processing of the results but hopefully ECR are getting this sorted - fingers crossed !

In the current economic crisis, we hope to increase footfall and spending in the shop as customers find fuel costs increasing. We will soon be facing huge rises in our energy bill - we have done much to mitigate these with LED lighting and more efficient equipment etc but costs are still prohibitive. Prices from our suppliers are also rising exponentially but, as always, we endeavour to keep our prices as fair as we can.

There has also been a problem in PO in last few days as the PO printer has refused to work so only transactions that don't involve printing labels have been able to be done. Some customers have been happy to have screen shot receipts on their phones instead of a printed receipt, but it has all been very inconvenient for both managers and customers . Last Wednesday we were promised that an engineer was on his/her way but they have yet to arrive (Monday morning), in spite of daily assurances that we are priority !

We have welcomed younger volunteers in the shop during the summer holidays, some doing the 'service' section of their Duke of Edinburgh awards but they are now back at school/college so we will have more gaps in the rota to fill again. We are very grateful to those stalwarts who step in to fill empty shifts, as without a volunteer, the manager has to shut the café section as

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they cannot be in three places at once! We have done an extensive leaflet drop encouraging new volunteers in Rocklands and the surrounding villages, but we still need more volunteers to man the shop. They are crucial to the success of the business as well as for their support for the village in general. One of our volunteers has been looking after Dave Davis in his recent ill-health - she spotted he hadn't been in for his usual papers and soft white rolls and called to see if he was OK and took appropriate action when he wasn't. Her words after his sad passing yesterday sum up to me what the shop is all about: 'It was a privilege to look after him as he has no close family. It's what the shop can do - to be there for people. We see many people on a daily basis, and you notice when something isn't quite right and if we can lend a hand or have a chat, that's what volunteering at the shop is all about.'

## **8.2 Village Hall (Sarah Good)**

No report received. Dave Jones thanked John Brown and Cyril Ruffles for fitting the new door curtains in the Village Hall.

**CCTV.** Thank you to Cllr. Tim Ford and Cllr. Richard Harrison for their input and advice on installing CCTV cameras at the Village Hall. They have also agreed to do the installation of 5 cameras on the outside of the Hall. 1: Over the car park, 2: Number plates 3: Entrance step 4: Side and 5: Back. This will require 5 holes in the brickwork which will be sealed with a mastic. The Village Hall will pay for the equipment. Thank you to Cyril Ruffles for helping with the routes for the cables. The PC as trustee unanimously agreed for the installation to be done.

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

Very successful summer programme with all sessions fully booked: 50 children and 20 adults. Occasional 'no shows' but most of the time we were working to capacity. Volunteers to run the group were very generous with their time and we even had Mrs Karen Taylor from Rocklands School who kindly gave up her Friday mornings to work with us. Large sums of money were spent on purchasing resources and refreshments thus the 'carry forward' on subscription fees is lower than expected. Favourable feedback from the parent's questionnaire.

Issues arising from the summer programme: Insufficient age-appropriate resources for school age siblings which led to some children being quite 'creative' with their choice of play. Admission charge will need to be increased across the board for 2023 to compensate for the additional cost of resources for the summer programmes. This will be discussed at a L.R. committee meeting.

As of September, there will be a slight increment to the weekly charge of 50p per child: £2.50 for the first child with an extra £1.50 for siblings. This increment is to offset the rising costs of living as we notice the hike in prices on refreshments. We will resume our term time sessions on Friday 16 September as we take a much-needed break for the next couple of weeks.

### **Grant application to Norfolk Community Funding:**

The following policies are in draft/hearing completion: Safeguarding, Equal Opportunities and Health and Safety. We plan to have our policies checked by the Safer Programme Coordinator Norfolk. Our constitution needs to be updated following the Little Rocky's AGM meeting on 4 November 2022. We have consulted with our parents on the suitability and interest of an outdoor shelter/mud kitchen. This prospect of such a valued resource has been very well received and generated much excitement.

**Still to do** includes Annual accounts. Evidence for match funding. Permission and copies of quotes. Sharon asked if they needed permission from the Parish Council to install a permanent shelter on the village hall grounds ? If so, should LR approach the Parish Council or does this fall under the auspices of the VH ? It was confirmed LR should approach VH and they would contact PC. Quotes for a concrete base to elevate the shelter off the ground are required.

The deadline of 16 September may not be achievable, so may defer to the December deadline to ensure all the relevant paperwork is accurate. Cannot re-apply, so it is critical that all information is present and correct.

**Plastic door curtains:**

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These are now in place but due to the track being in two pieces over the exit door, there needs to be some adjustment of the plastic panels. There is a gap between a couple of the panels which needs to be addressed. There are two spare panels housed in the 'filing cupboard' room which will be used to try to remedy the problem. It has also been brought to our attention that the length of the curtain over the exit door is a potential trip hazard. The curtain needs to be trimmed to raise it off the floor slightly.

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

Dave Jones reported that the increase in the cost of power would need to come out of the current budget as too would any salary increases. Difficult times ahead. Opportunities for a new school are not dead in the water. Need to start again with the new complement of Council Officers.

Developers building new houses in Great Ellingham have drawn up plans for new classrooms as part of their application, but it has been said that Great Ellingham School doesn't need more classes. The developers are offering money and buildings but the offer has not been accepted. Difficult to understand why. Just doesn't make sense. Cllr. Connolly is investigating. A shame if the money ends up in the council coffers.

**8.5 Rocklands Youth Club (Dave Jones)**

The Youth Club closed for the school holidays. There was a BBQ with water fight at the end of term. Enjoyed by all.

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

No report received. Cllr. Buckland gave an update. The cricket season had finished. New windows have been installed at the pavilion, an upgrade from wood to uPVC and they look good. The field is not looking good due to lack of rain and desperately needs some TLC. School sports day was held on the Playing Fields. The playing fields are looking for a replacement volunteer secretary. Arranging meetings and typing up minutes. Contact [rocklandspf@gmail.com](mailto:rocklandspf@gmail.com) if interested.

**8.7 Rockland St. Peter Church (John Brown)**

John Brown reported that the congregation is getting smaller. Some alarming information has been received from Ecclesiastical Insurance Company. Have been given a list of work that needs carrying out before they will re-insure.

- Full electrical survey.
- SmartWater on all metalwork on the outside of the church.
- Lightning Conductor report/assessment.

All work would cost money that not sure the church has. Have made a claim re church wall but not sure this has any bearing on these stipulations. All Saints church uses the same insurance company so will probably receive the same information. John Brown and Dave Jones to discuss. John is doing a sponsored bike ride with the Norfolk Churches Trust to raise funds. Contact John Brown if you would like to sponsor him.

**8.8 Rockland All Saints' Church (Cath Jones)**

The Clerk delivered Cath Jones report. It has been a quiet month following the Flower Festival but we are now preparing for a new (for us!) service on 18 September when we will be holding a combined Pets Service and Harvest Festival at 10.30, hopefully outside, if the weather permits ! This will be a thanksgiving service with a difference as we celebrate our pets and the harvest all in one go ! Donations of gifts for the Food Bank can be brought along on the day and the collection will be in aid of the Leprosy Fund, which is our usual Harvest chosen charity.

Another date for the calendar is 15 October when we will be holding the annual Harvest Supper in the Village Hall at 7pm. Tickets will be available from Julie Dekker and Cath Jones nearer the time but please book date in your diary now! As well as the delicious home-cooked meal, the Roskettes will be entertaining us again, so an event not to be missed!

We still have little idea about the future of the benefice, although we are still expecting to be joined with the Hingham group of churches when they have appointed a new priest there. In the meantime, we are very grateful to Rev. Sue Strutt, readers Carol Bennett and Colin Thomas

(together with Nadine Randall who is hoping to become ordained in the near future,) for all they are doing to keep the benefice running smoothly.

### 8.9 White Hart Public House (Dave Thomas)

The Clerk had received an update from Dave: As previously reported our business has long looked at enlarging our footprint of customers, way outside the boundaries of our own community; with an aim to remain as affluent as we possibly can. As we continue to hold various events, it is a stark reminder that as we enter yet another crisis, this time within our own economy, we will have to look again at how we can possibly manage to compete with what is already a booming 'off sales' marketplace.

Following consultation and a review of our business plan in light of this evolving cost of living crisis Jayne and I are having to make swathing decisions to our current business model.

These will include reduced opening hours throughout the winter months and perhaps beyond.

We will look to reduce waste to an absolute minimum, this will involve only accepting pre bookings for our complete food menu, turning away customers who perhaps haven't pre booked as we strive to reduce our energy usage costs.

We hope that this will of course go some way to address this emerging and very troubling trend within the hospitality industry.

### 8.10 To update on Chapel Green Meadow (Chris Sharpe)

No report was received. The Clerk had received an email from the Chapel Green Committee asking if the PC would pay for the annual, September, grass cutting this year. Joe Bacon who cut the grass in previous years has provided a quote for £150. The Parish Council were not happy with the quote which had increased by 50% on last year's price of £100. It was agreed the Clerk would obtain other quotes for comparison. The Clerk would let Sue Steel know of this decision.

## 9.0 To report on financial matters

### 9.1 Financial position

#### Bank account balances on Monday 5 September 2022

Barclays Community Account	£	5949.40
Barclays Saver (Reserve) Account	£	336.96
<b>TOTAL as per bank</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>6286.36</b>

#### Summary

RPC Rocklands Parish Council	£	6085.76
RNP Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan (RG)	£	200.60
<b>TOTAL as per bank</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>6286.36</b>

### 9.2 Money in since last meeting (4 July 2022)

5/9/2022	Barclays Saver Account	£	0.10
15/7/2022	HMRC Vat Reclaim Year 2021/2022	£	217.14
	<b>TOTAL IN</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>217.24</b>

### 9.3 Money out since last meeting (4 July 2022)

#### 9.3.1 Standing Orders/Direct Debits

20/7/2022	NPower (was Eon) Electricity (DD)	£	43.11
1/8/2022	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	286.22
17/8/2022	NPower (was Eon) Electricity (DD)	£	43.44
1/9/2022	Clerk's wages (SO)	£	286.22
	<b>TOTAL OUT</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>658.99</b>

#### 9.3.2 Cheques out (to sign)

CHQ 764	K&M Lighting services - 2 months Aug/Sept 2022	£	30.60
CHQ 765	X2Connect Phone box paint. Reimburse Clerk.	£	100.44
	<b>TOTAL OUT</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>131.04</b>

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**Electricity.** The regular supplier Eon was recently taken over by Npower. The Clerk had received a cheque for **£25.80**. Eon had finalised the account and this was the credit balance owing.

**Accounts - External auditors.** The Clerk explained, external auditors are employed on a five-year basis. Under the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, SAAA is responsible for appointing the external auditors, for setting the terms of appointment for limited assurance reviews and for managing the contracts with the appointed audit firms. The next 5-year appointing period runs from 2022-23 until 2026-27.

However, all Parish Councils **MUST** be given the **OPTION TO OPT OUT** of the next round of 5-year audit appointments. In practise, this would mean appointing their own external auditor for the next 5-year period. In reality, the process is onerous with various complex procedures required under statute, and not one, any Parish Council would choose to perform, (and have not done in the past). To opt out, no action is required, and the Parish Council would remain part of the central scheme. The Clerk asked for the Parish Council's agreement not to opt out. The decision to **NOT** opt out was unanimous.

## 10.0 To consider planning applications

### 10.1 Planning **outcomes** since last meeting (Monday 4 July 2022)

3PL/2021/1547/F SOUTHGATE. Swangey Lane, 8 Poultry Houses. (244) **WITHDRAWN**

3PL/2022/0475/LU M. JONES. Ford Farm, Swangey Lane. Standing for a mobile home for use as annex for family (Certificate of Lawfulness). (252) **REFUSED**

3PL/2022/0643/F ROCKLANDS MERE FISHERY/Chapel Street/Change of use of existing office, tearoom and shop to holiday let including minor external alterations, demolition of the store & WC and to rebuild a small section of the eastern elevation (253) **PERMISSION** With conditions as suggested by the Parish Council.

3PL/2022/0676/VAR CJB DEVT/Site corner of Mill Lane and Green Lane/ Variation of Condition No 2 on 3PL/2021/1405/VAR (256) **PERMISSION**

### 10.2 Applications **pending** outcome

3PL/2021/0697/F DEVLIN. Allison's Farm, The Street. Proposed development. (225/241)

3PL/2022/0246/F A JONES. The Coach House, Low Lane. Change of use of garden land and erection of two glamping pods, pathways and parking area. (245)

3PL/2022/0285/F DUNNING. Rectory Road. Demolition of existing building and erection of two barn style dwellings and garage. (247)

3PL/2022/0470/F BECKER. Stone Barn, Mount Pleasant. Proposed new holiday cottage. (257)

3PL/2022/0396/F WARNES. Land at Magpie Lane. Change of use from agricultural storage to dog grooming saloon and erection of horse walker and manege. (Additional Info.) (251/254)

3PL/2022/0696/HOU SEATON/Churchfields, Bell Road/Rear two storey extension and extended front porch and re-roof with accommodation in roof space (255)

### 10.3 **New** applications since last meeting (Monday 4 July 2022)

**10.3.1** 3PL/2022/0900/HOU SEPPINGS/32 The Street/Proposed garden Room, replacement porch and associated alterations (258)

All councillors agreed they had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

**10.3.2** 3PL/2022/0960/F UPSTONE/ Land South of Sandy Lane NR171XG/Change of use from maintained grass field to 2no shepherd's huts to provide tourist accommodation (259)

Cllr. Howie had spoken to Mr. Upstone. The nearest neighbour is not close and down a farm track. The site plan shows 2 huts. All councillors agreed they had **NO OBJECTION** to this application. Could be concerns if site were further developed.

**10.3.3** 3PL/2022/0696/HOU SEATON/Churchfields, Bell Road/Rear two storey extension, extended front porch, re-roof with accommodation in roof space - Amended plans (260)

The Parish Council had heard and responded to the neighbours' objections when the application was first submitted. The now amended plans appear to address some issues. The Parish Council agreed it had **NO OBJECTION** to the application as long as the neighbours were happy and the amendments did actually address the issues raised by the Parish Council in their comments in July 2022.

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

**Breckland Council Local Plan.** Cllr. Suggitt reported the Breckland Local Plan is moving on with a partial review and full review. They do have a 5-year housing/land supply. Planning applications are still on hold due to the nutrient neutrality issue. The delay will be longer than 6 months. Old farming practices may contribute to pollution. Anglian Water have been asked to step up. A period of public consultation on the Proposed Submission Version Local Plan (Partial Review) is currently underway. Deadline for responses is 23 September 2022.

**Rocklands Neighbourhood Plan.** Parishes are communicating with each other on how the Breckland Local Plan is being developed, and how it could affect development/review of Neighbourhood Plans. Yaxham have spent 1000s of pounds on their Neighbourhood Plan and are now having to review it. Rocklands PC will meet with some of the parishes soon. Regards RNP, currently the view is, a lot of effort could be put in to continue developing it but the end product could be worthless.

**Breckland Housing allocations for Parishes.** Cllr. Harrison had previously asked Cllr. Suggitt to assist as he had not had a suitable response from Simon Wood, Breckland, Director of Planning regards clarification of housing allocation numbers. Various communications by email and at meetings had ensued, all failing to elicit a response. After eventually receiving a request for information on 11 May, Cllr. Harrison sent a very comprehensive email to Simon Wood on 12 May and waited 13 weeks for a response from Simon which attempted to explain the position in relation to the level of allocated development in Rocklands.

Cllr. Harrison explained, Rocklands allocation under Policy HOU 04 of the current Local Plan had been set at 5%, which equated to 8 new dwellings between 2019-2036, and not significantly more than that 5%. Obviously, the word 'significantly more' is ambiguous. However, the Planning Inspectorate in response to a Thompson appeal, had now defined significantly more, saying

*'The Council considers that it has already allowed 6 dwellings. On this basis, the appeal scheme would represent a 100% increase above the 5% figure, which would amount to 'significantly more' dwellings and therefore would be contrary to criterion 2 of Policy HOU 04.'* (This appeal was refused.)

In his response, Simon Wood did not accept that the Planning Inspector had provided a definition of significant. Rocklands is now 150% in excess of its allocation! Cllr. Harrison believes that Simon has conflated two unrelated elements of the Inspector's determination and will reply further to him.

12. **To update on SID (flashing speed sign) (RH)**

Cllr. Harrison circulated his report prior to the meeting.

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

a) Attleborough Road (B1077) - traffic from Caston

Deployed: 10:00 hrs 01 July 2022

Finished: 13:00 hrs 29 July 2022

The analysis results show:

30,578 vehicles detected

Average 1,087 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 07:45 to 08:45

Afternoon peak time - 16:00 to 17:00

27,708 vehicles (90.6%) within **40 mph** speed limit

2,870 vehicles (9.4%) exceeding speed limit

- of which 538 vehicles (1.8%) over 45 mph - and likely open to a fine\*

Top speed: **60 mph** - 04/07/2022 at 21:35

Since the last deployment facing towards Caston:

- vehicle movements averaged 1,087 per day - a 13.3% decrease in daily traffic volumes.
- vehicles speeding numbered 2,870 (9.4%) - 0.5% less vehicles speeding.
- vehicles open to enforcement action numbered 538 (1.8%) - the same percentage of vehicles open to enforcement.

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b) The Street - traffic from B1077 Crossroads

Deployed: 13:00 hrs 29 July 2022

Finished: 14:00 hrs 02 September 2022

The analysis results show:

11,735 vehicles detected

Average 335 vehicles/day

Morning peak time - 09:15 to 10:15

Afternoon peak time - 17:00 to 18:00

8,209 vehicles (70.0%) within **30 mph** speed limit

3,526 vehicles (30.0%) exceeding speed limit

- of which 818 vehicles (7.0%) over 35 mph - and likely open to a fine\*

Top speed: **70 mph** - 29/08/2022 at 15:25

Since the last deployment facing towards Great Ellingham:

- vehicle movements averaged 335 per day - a 2.0% decrease in daily traffic volumes.
- vehicles speeding numbered 3,526 (30.1%) - the same (very high) number of vehicles speeding.
- vehicles open to enforcement action numbered 818 (7.0%) - 0.7% more vehicles open to enforcement.

**Note:** Although one vehicle was recorded at 60 mph on Attleborough Road coming from Caston, a further 7 vehicles were recorded at approx. 60 mph during the monitoring period. As always, one or more may have been emergency services vehicles. Almost a third of vehicles speeding on The Street remains wholly unacceptable. On 29 August at 15:25 hrs, the SID recorded one vehicle approaching the bend near the Village Hall at 70 mph - an absurd speed on a village street! Unfortunately, Attleborough Police were not monitoring that day, so the individual concerned was not subject to enforcement action.

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

Once again, sincere thanks to Cllr. Tim Ford for his help in relocating the speed sign and, more recently, helping to clear the section of verge leading up to the speed sign - which was significantly overgrown and impeding the sign.

Attleborough Police continue to focus on Rocklands, Great Ellingham and Attleborough with their speed enforcement team, and have now added Quidenham/Eccles as a key area of concern. They were located at the B1077 crossroads last week, monitoring traffic speeds.

A SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) meeting was held on Tuesday 26 July at Attleborough Town Hall - where we again discussed speeding issues, amongst other topics - and again agreed speeding as a priority. During the last monitoring period in Rocklands, the Police issued 8 enforcements to speeding motorists, and gave 'words of advice' to a further 2 motorists. I thanked them again for their continued support.

Amanda has been liaising with Westcotec - to investigate the possibility of introducing a 'Collision Avoidance System' (CAS) at the Attleborough Road crossroads with The Street and Chapel Street. This would involve road sensors, camera(s) and illuminated signs to warn vehicles on Attleborough Road to slow down and that there are vehicles on the side roads at the junction. This would most certainly not be cheap and would need significant additional funding - as well as support from NCC Highways and the Police.

Westcotec have attended the location to carry out a cursory survey. The outcome indicates the requirement for additional roadside posts - probably mains-fed - and possibly more than one camera. When we get a final quotation, we will consider whether it is even worthwhile consulting Highways and the Police. Many thanks to Amanda for expediting this possibility.

\* 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.

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**13. To update on Highways.**

Cllr. Howie reported the 40mph sign near St. Peter's Church had now been replaced and looked good.

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

Cllr. Harrison circulated his report prior to the meeting. We are still to arrange the visit by Karen Paterson of the Environment Agency, and the NCC Water Management Team - to involve key stakeholders/landowners in identifying agreed mitigation measures.

Meanwhile, using the report, drawings and photographs resulting from the survey carried out earlier this year, we have begun to mark-out on The Street locations of damage/issues with the drainage culvert - starting at the Village Hall ditch. Further progress can only be made once the first upstream repairs have been affected by the residents who own the relevant sections of culvert. I would like to thank Cllr. Bryan Swaddling for his help (in sweltering temperatures) in making these first measurements and markings where there are issues.

**Land at rear of Wayland Road.** This had been discussed at Item 7, this agenda. Cllr. Harrison said the land could be used as a pond/water catchment area but could co-exist with a school, should those plans ever come to fruition. Dave Jones would forward school plans to Cllrs. Harrison and Swaddling.

**15. To discuss any correspondence.** There was no correspondence.

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

**Phone Box.** Thank you to Cyril Ruffles for preparing the phone box for a repaint.

**Sandbags.** Sandbags purchased by the Parish Council for use by residents in times of flood have not been returned to the Village Hall. Anyone that has borrowed the bags should return them immediately.

**Rats.** Residents had experienced problems with rats, originating from Ridgeons. Some still have problems, some say the problem has improved somewhat since Ridgeons have initiated some pest control.

**17. Date of next Meeting - Monday 7 November 2022, at 7pm.**

The Clerk confirmed the meeting dates for 2023 as:

9 JANUARY

6 MARCH

8 MAY

3 JULY

4 SEPTEMBER

6 NOVEMBER - All Mondays as usual and starting at 7.00pm.

**The meeting closed at 22:00**

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**Rocklands SID - Vehicles from Caston Direction (page 1)**

Start				01/07/2022	04/03/2022	04/11/2021
Finish				29/07/2022	02/04/2022	03/12/2021
Total Vehicles				30,578	36,234	34,719
Average Vehicles/day				1,087	1,253	1,202
Morning Peak				07:45-08:45	07:30-08:30	07:45-08:45
Afternoon Peak				16:00-17:00	15:45-16:45	14:45-15:45
Max Speed (date)				60 (04/07/22 - 21:35)	60 (07/03/22 - 15:50)	60 (15/11/21 - 02:50)
0-40 mph				27,708	32,642	32,001
%				90.61	90.09	92.17
40+ mph				2,870	3,592	2,718
%				9.39	9.91	7.83
45+ mph				538	643	454
%				1.76	1.77	1.31
45-50				468	548	412
%				1.53	1.51	1.19
50-55				62	84	40
%				0.20	0.23	0.12
55-60				8	11	2
%				0.03	0.03	0.01
60-65				0	0	0
%				0.00	0.00	0.00
65-70				0	0	0
%				0.00	0.00	0.00
70-75				0	0	0
%				0.00	0.00	0.00
75-80				0	0	0
%				0.00	0.00	0.00

**Rocklands SID - Vehicles from Caston Direction (page 2)**

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

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**Rocklands SID - The Street, Vehicles from Crossroads (page 1)**

Start						29/07/2022
Finish						02/09/2022
Total Vehicles						11,735
Average Vehicles/day						335
Morning Peak						09:15-10:15
Afternoon Peak						17:00-18:00
Max Speed (date)						70 (29/08/2022, 15:25)
0-30 mph						8,209
%						69.95
30+ mph						3,526
%						30.05
35+ mph						818
%						6.97
35-40						670
%						5.71
40-45						126
%						1.07
45-50						20
%						0.17
50-55						1
%						0.01
55-60						0
%						0.00
60-65						0
%						0.00
65-70						1
%						0.01

**Rocklands SID - The Street, Vehicles from Crossroads (page 2)**

Start	02/04/2022	05/12/2021	04/08/2021	06/04/2021	03/12/2020	04/08/2020
Finish	03/05/2022	05/01/2022	03/09/2021	06/05/2021	03/01/2021	04/09/2020
Total Vehicles	10,590	9,139	10,300	11,092	9,337	10,341
Average Vehicles/day	342	295	344	369	300	332
Morning Peak	08:00-09:00	10:30-11:30	09:45-10:45	08:30-09:30	11:15-12:15	09:30-10:30
Afternoon Peak	17:30-18:30	14:45-15:45	16:45-17:45	17:30-18:30	14:45-15:45	17:00-18:00
Max Speed (date)	50 (06/04/22, 18:05)	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	7,403	6,902	7,050	7,592	7,134	7,180
%	69.91	75.52	68.45	68.45	76.41	69.43
30+ mph	3,187	2,237	3,250	3,500	2,203	3,161
%	30.09	24.48	31.55	31.55	23.59	30.57
35+ mph	669	463	845	788	495	760
%	6.32	5.07	8.20	7.10	5.30	7.35
35-40	561	393	691	661	419	623
%	5.30	4.30	6.71	5.96	4.49	6.02
40-45	98	58	130	113	68	110
%	0.93	0.63	1.26	1.02	0.73	1.06
45-50	10	11	20	14	8	24
%	0.09	0.12	0.19	0.13	0.09	0.23
50-55	0	0	4	0	0	24
%	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.23
55-60	0	1	0	0	0	1
%	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
60-65	0	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
65-70	0	0	0	0	0	0
%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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