



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Tollerton Parish  
held in the Parish Rooms, Burnside Grove, Tollerton  
on Wednesday 09 May 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Chairman:** Matt Garrard

**Present:** Twenty-three members of the parish and Councillors: Andrea Beyer, Julian Smith, Parma Somal, Chrissie Firth,  
**Also Present:** Rebecca Holden and Emma Goodman (TPC), PC Howard Shinn and PCSO xx xx (Notts Police) , Rosemary Gibson  
and Chris Cobb (Grantham Canal Society)

1. **Chairman's welcome**
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Mark Law, Andrew Penn, Tracy Longworth, Air Cadets Sqn 2425, Rainbows
3. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman provided a summary of the work of the Parish Council over the last 12 months, including challenges and achievements across the Parish - the Parish Council Report 2017/18 is included at Appendix a. The Chairman thanked Parish Councillors for stepping in whilst there was not a clerk in post at the end of 2017 and for their contributions throughout the year.
4. **Reports from Village Groups:** The meeting enjoyed reports and contributions from representatives of Nottinghamshire Police, the Gardening Club, Circle of Friendship, Rushcliffe Photographic Society, the History Group, Neighbourhood Watch, Tollerton Newsletter, the Allotment Society, Brownies, 2425 ATC Sqn, Rainbows and St Peters Church. Appendix b includes reports from these groups. On behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked all the volunteers across the village for their efforts contributing to the community.
5. **Questions from residents:** no further questions were raised
6. **Guest Speaker- Rosemary Gibson from the Grantham Canal Society**

Meeting closed: 9.00pm

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# Parish Council Report 2017/18

## Annual Parishioners Meeting 2018

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The Parish Council provides a report to the annual parishioners meeting each year.

2017/18 challenges for the parish, village and residents included:

- Deteriorating road quality across the parish,
- Traffic impacts of changes to traffic lights on Melton Road and periods of overnight closures,
- Changing look of the parish, old hanger demolished and threat to heritage buildings,
- Local Plan Part 2 consultation on further housing
- Change of use at Tollerton Hall and access to the estate

Additional challenges for the Parish Council in 2017/18 included:

- Addressing accumulated maintenance issues with assets
- Changes to personnel and staffing structures

During 2017/18 Tollerton Parish Council focused on improvements requested by residents in the parish plan, maintenance of facilities and planning for the future. The Council's budget is aligned to support this work and has funded short term actions and started longer term actions from the Parish Plan including:

- A. Village Centre – Improvement to planting and provision of a Christmas Tree. Addressed litter bin capacity issues in the village centre and highlighted problems with parking on the verges to encourage behaviour change.
- B. Old Village – Professional cleaning and maintenance of the war memorial and prepared plans for further improvements. Improved planting, added spring bulbs and provided a new Christmas tree.
- C. Open Space – Developed an action plan for improvement and launched the Active Tollerton project. Held a consultation event for residents which included options for new play equipment as part of the project. Worked with suppliers to develop quotes and made several funding applications.
- D. Village boundaries / Airport – Installed new gateways and planting at village entrances. Worked to protect grade 2 listed pillboxes and offered support for the development of a heritage strategy. Monitored development and seeking enforcement of planning applications as appropriate.

Improved communications, transparency and strengthened governance – Restructured staffing with a separate finance officer, new executive officer (& clerk) and changed auditors. Maintained use of the Parish Council website and further developed the use of social media for regular and timely communications. Regular contributions to the newsletter and notice boards have continued.

Procured and commenced major capital works to renovate flat 42. Re-procured grass and planting contracts.

Provided a thorough response to Local Plan Part 2 and advocated parish plan policies in planning consultation.

Conducted detailed Neighbourhood Plan Consultation across the Parish, delivered to all residential property across the parish, advertised online and on social media, notice boards and local publications. 'Called for sites', held consultation events and appointed experts to support the development of a neighbourhood plan for Tollerton.

Provided grants to support village groups, activities and projects and supported the development of the Tollerton Community Trust.

## **Nottinghamshire Police**

PC Howard Shinn explained that Nottinghamshire Police has seen a new Chief Constable come in during the last 12 months and he is keen to see officers back on the streets, with more community engagement and visibility in the village. PC Shinn spoke about working well with Tollerton's neighbourhood watch and explained that crime in Tollerton is relatively low. He also stated that in the event of a crime, the owner of the property which the crime relates to needs to report the crime in order for it to be recorded and acted upon in addition to any reports from the public.

## **Gardening Club**

Kevin explained that the gardening club has been running for 13 years and has 75 members with three quarters of these from Tollerton. He spoke about the group being friendly and enjoying lots of outings. The group holds 11 meetings per year with 10 of those including talks from outside speakers. The Gardening Club have a stall at the village fayre and welcome donations of plants and look forward to seeing members of the community there.

## **Circle of Friendship**

Pauline introduces the Circle of Friendship. A new group which meets on the first Thursday of each month from 2.30pm-4.30pm at the Parish Rooms. There are currently ten people who attend the friendship group where you can play games, chat and listen to speakers. The next meeting is on the 28<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Rushcliffe Photographic Society**

The Photographic society has a total of 80 members with Pauline beginning her second year as Chair. The Group runs from September to June and enjoys input from guest speakers. It is an informal and friendly group which welcomes new members.

## **History Group**

Tollerton Village History Group Report - April 2018.

"The group has continued to meet on a regular basis throughout the year. I am grateful to the group for remaining interested and committed to ensuring the history of the village is recorded as accurately as possible and in an accessible way for interested residents both now and in the future.

Our core work is the follow through of evidence sent to us often by past residents of Tollerton. They send information to us either via one of the group or the History Group Website. Follow through takes different forms, it may be a visit to the Nottinghamshire Archives, a visit to interview the individual or on-line research using a range of databases. Since our book was published additional material has been placed on the website and I am grateful to Jayne Thompson for her work as the webmaster. Some of the work takes a considerable period of time for example transcribing the Tollerton Vestry Minute Book (1854-1934 ) which has provided depth to some of our existing knowledge. Barbara Storrie , Jayne Thompson and Yvonne Burbanks have led this work.

On occasions individual families have contacted us who have links to families we already have an interest in. Yvonne Burbanks in particular has been fantastic in helping them discover more about their own family so adding to their knowledge as well as ours.

We have for a while intended to undertake a housing survey in order to extend our knowledge about key buildings of interest in the village. We have only just begun this work but were able to produce a sizable folder of evidence to support the Parish Councils work regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. We intend to continue this work so if anyone has information that might assist us we would be pleased to take a look at documents, photographs or listen to what you know.

The main focus of our work over recent months has been the making of a video about the History of Tollerton Hall. We have used the proceeds of the sale of our History Book for this purpose. The filming was undertaken by an external contact at the point when the Insurance Company renting the Hall moved out. Since then Chris and Yvonne Burbanks have led the work of editing the film and with the assistance of the group agreeing the commentary, music etc. It has been a time-consuming task and I hope the village will be pleased with the result when we show it soon. We are in the final stages now, the voice over is still to be done but the script is written and we have agreed the final format. We were delighted so many people attended our event last summer when we shared stories of some of our more colourful residents, we hope we capture lots of you again this year.

The financial position as at 5th April 2018 is a balance of £ 774.73. We anticipate much of this will be utilised to pay for voice over, the possible hire of equipment to show the Video and refreshments at the event.

I am grateful to all members of the group for their work over the last year – Yvonne Burbanks, Barbara Storrie, Jayne Thompson, Peter Brooker and Julian Smith. In addition, Chris Burbanks for his work on the video. "

Dame Elizabeth Fradd DL Chair - Tollerton Village History Group 26.04 .2018

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Neighbourhood Watch was launched in the UK in the early 1980's and Tollerton's scheme was formed during the 1990s and was enthusiastically managed by two residents of the village. Further people volunteered and ran the scheme until 2000 when Noel Marshall and Barbara Storrie and three other residents took over.

Communication of crime or reported incidents were shared around the village via telephone. The transcript of the original message rarely became the same – Chinese Whispers come to mind!

The group of five have been meeting each month, together with the Police or PCSOs and their contribution has been invaluable. Items on the agenda form the basis of what is reported in the village newsletter and displayed on the notice boards. We are advised of incidents in neighbouring villages that could impact on Tollerton and these again are reported occasionally in the newsletter.

During the last year there have been approximately 28 reported incidents ranging from burglaries, attempted burglaries, fuel taken from cars by drilling the tank, attempted car break-ins and also to property, ornaments taken from gardens, eggs thrown etc.etc. Fuel is regularly taken from the petrol station but we do not record this crime in the Tollerton figures.

We now have around 240 email addresses covering approximately 2/3rd of the village and recipients are asked to share the contents of the emails with their immediate neighbours.

We hope that all our residents appreciate our efforts and would ask that you spare a few minutes of your time each month reading our report in the newsletter where useful contacts will always be given and we hope will make Tollerton an even safer place in which to live.

Noel Marshall on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch.

## **Tollerton Newsletter**

TOLLERTON NEWSLETTER REPORT April 2017 to May 2018

Firstly, thank you to all who regularly contribute to the newsletter. Pauline Barrett for her sterling efforts to find something for the front cover each month and write about it also. Auntie who creates the crossword and Kate for writing about gardening. We have regulars who keeps us informed about the Brownies, Air Cadets and a newcomer on board this year from the Playgroup. A big thank you to my proof readers who continue to do a great job correcting my mistakes, Jenny and Colin. And a thank you also to Caryl King who steps in when I go away on holiday.

Debbie Mason continues to do an admiral job being our distributor of newsletters to 20 or so deliverers and a big thank you to them all; they go out in all weathers each month delivering to our doors in time for the beginning of each month.

I continue to try to keep the newsletter interesting and I really like to hear from people in the village with interesting stories to tell. Like the one this month about Tom Jones the 17 year old playing Volleyball. Last year Keith Hiley wrote about his challenge doing a triathlon although it would have been nice to have had a follow up on how it went.

I can't believe the 'Travels of a Tollerton Newsletter' does so well. This year it has travelled to Co.Cork, Cairngorms, London, and further a field to Cuba, Budapest, South Africa, Alaska, Mexico, India, and Jordan. It doesn't matter where it goes, please keep the photos coming.

This year the Easter 'chicks' did very well. We had 20 entrants guessing the number with 2 correct ones. Chocolate was given to all, even the runners up received a small egg.

The advertisers have gone down in numbers this year, through retirement and other reasons and I haven't a waiting list anymore therefore there are at the moment two slots available. The Printers continue to give us a great service and although we predicted a price change this year it has in fact stayed the same.

Lastly thanks to the newsletter committee and Parish Council for their support.

And I look forward to another year of bringing you the news in the newsletter and it would be good to hear from anyone with new ideas.

## **Allotment Society**

Report from Tollerton Allotment Association

Prepared for Tollerton Parish Council Annual Meeting, Wed 9th May 2018

Tollerton Allotments are situated at the end of Tollerton Lane, in a small triangle, bounded by the A52 and the Grantham Canal. We have had use of the land for 9 years now. The allotments came about after a request to the Parish Council for this provision. What started as a grazing field has become a productive, vibrant space.

The land is owned by Notts County Council and leased to Tollerton Parish Council, who in turn lease the plots to individuals. The day to day running of the site is overseen by the Allotment Association Committee. A whole plot is 15m<sup>2</sup>. and costs £35 per year. Currently the site is divided into 14 whole plots and 13 halves.

Most of the ploholders are long standing, with one or two plots changing hands each year.

A wide variety of crops are grown; all the usual vegetable and soft fruit as well as some more unusual varieties and many flowers. Several ploholders can grow all their potatoes for the year and only just eat all their produce before the next season begins.

The allotment holders are a varied bunch of people; families, individuals, a group of friends, young, more mature. Some use their plot to grow as much as possible and others may use it more as a place to relax. Advice and extra plants are all shared freely.

We have several social events in the year; our Open Evening will probably be in August, and there is friendly rivalry with our onion and garlic growing competitions in summer and pumpkin competition in the autumn.

The mutual support of ploholders has been more important than ever this year.

In previous years, we have experienced occasional nuisance visitors to the site, with small amounts of crop theft, but no vandalism. This past year saw a significant change. From Spring to Autumn, we lost count of the number of incidents involving damage to crops or structures on site, with two major incidents. One Friday night in August, there was significant vandalism to nearly all structures on site and another Friday night in November saw two sheds completely destroyed by arson, necessitating a call out from the Fire Service.

The Allotment Association have been in discussions with the Parish Council since then to see what can be done to reduce the vulnerability of the site and we hope something will be achieved this year.

One ploholder has left due to the incidents but most are willing to see if this year will be better.

The future development of the area will also affect us as the proposed alteration to the Morrison's junction on the A52 will use our site. While our future at the current site is uncertain, we are hopeful that we have shown an allotment site is wanted in the area and this provision will continue.

Meanwhile, we continue to dig and grow.

## **Brownies**

There are currently 26 Tollerton Brownies with the group being led by 3 leaders. The Brownies are involved in a range of activities and enjoy a trip each term. They are currently planning for a weekend away to Elton. The group is accessible to all girls and

costs for trips are heavily subsidised. Tollerton Brownies will be 70 this year and the girls plan to make a time capsule and get a bench for the garden.

## **2425 ATC Sqn**

"So, 2425 Squadron Nottingham Airport Squadron Tollerton is your Air Cadet Squadron. There are about a 1000 sqns country wide. We are proud to be associated with the village and the Airfield. Seriously, it is quite a privilege for a Village such as Tollerton to have an Air Cadet Squadron. We are certainly proud of our home.

The Squadron is the current holder of the Rushcliffe Investors in young people award. This prestigious award was bestowed upon us last year at the Award Ceremony in Rushcliffe.

It is a fitting recognition of the efforts by all our staff team who give such a great amount of their personal time to ensure we succeed.

We are a youth organisation for 12-20 year olds. Historically a recruiting platform for RAF Pilots, we have now changed to be one of the premier youth organisations in the Country.

We offer a range of activities designed to challenge and motivate young people to provide them valuable life skills to equip them for later life. The Air Cadets are strong supporters of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, which coupled with our training curriculum strives to ensure we provide the best start to any young life.

The RAF is our parent organisation and they provide a multitude of activities to ensure each Cadet gets a fantastic experience. We fly RAF trainer aircraft at RAF Cranwell, We fly RAF Gliders at RAF Syerston. We also provide target shooting and the opportunity to stay at RAF Stations both home and abroad.

We also have our own extensive training programme including lots of activities on the Airfield such as Navigation exercises, Fieldcraft exercises, even Archery.

Each Sqn is a registered charity and we fundraise to ensure we can continue this important work in your community.

We are proud to be part of the Village and look forward to being an integral part of Village events. We shall once again participate at the Village Show and it gives us great pleasure and pride to lead the Remembrance Parade each year.

On a sad note our present home at the Airfield is under threat. The development at the Airfield has put our building in the middle of expansion plans and although Mr Wells, the Airfield owner, has provisionally offered us land to develop in an ideal location, there is concern we may not be allocated funding by our parent organisation to build a new Squadron HQ or provide temporary buildings.

I am doing all I can to ensure we can continue to represent the village though I may be calling upon you for support to ensure your Cadet Squadron can continue to thrive."

## **Rainbows**

"Things have certainly changed at Tollerton Rainbows in the past year, we now have a new leader and assistant leader as well as our familiar (and very much appreciated) volunteer helper, Gill.

In Autumn Term 2017, we carried out a range of activities including; indoor campfires (for when it rained!), designing and making ice cream sundaes and a pyjama party. We have completed a cupcake challenge, an Autumn challenge and a Winter Wonderland challenge where we had to complete a number of activities in order to gain a badge at the end of the unit.

We also took part in the Remembrance Parade which we are very proud to be a part of. The Rainbows try incredibly hard to sit quietly and listen during the church service and as some of our youngest Rainbows are only 5 this can be quite a challenge for them. They were all very keen to represent us positively.

In the Spring Term, we completed an All About Me badge and also managed to fit in some Valentines crafts and activities. We completed the Spring Challenge too partly by exploring our shared Brownie/ Rainbow garden and making plans for the later months. We also took part in a thinking day disco with other Rainbow units from the area.

This term promises to be a fun one! We are currently working towards a pet badge and have already made dog biscuits, cat toys and small animal toys for our pets. We are going to the theatre this month and are going to visit the RSPCA in June to help out and learn about how to care for animals.

We thoroughly enjoy Rainbows and are always full, with others waiting to join. We are still looking for another 'leader' so if you would like to come along and have fun with us we would love to meet you!"

## **St Peters Church**

Ruth from St Peters church guided residents through the St Peter's current repair needs. Work which is required to the church centre building has been quoted to cost £180,000 and plans to replace the toilet facilities in the church hall are going to cost

around £6-8,000. The Church, a listed building, has significant repairs costs for the tower structure around £26,000 and internal access and windows of around £2,500. Having already spent £2,500 on surveys, the Church is looking for support from the community to help enable these projects.