

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Wednesday, 19th March, 2014

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. A.S. Ezard
Mr. B. Warcup
Mrs. F. Turner
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
Also: 2 people observing
2. Apologies: Mrs. A. Starkey
Mr. J. Moorfoot
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Clerk confessed the first sentence of item 14 ii to be in error, and requested its deletion to be replaced by: "Mr. Overfield raised the matter of the seat opposite the Caravan Site entrance which is in need of attention". This was agreed, and the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th January, 2014, then signed as a true record.
4. There were no Declarations of Interest.
5. There were no Public Representations.
6. Matters Arising:
 - (i) Community Transport (item 6 iii)
Details of a new bus service to Driffield were explained by the Chairman, and had also been printed in the current Newsletter. Run by Nafferton MiBus on a "book in advance" system it was initially Tuesdays only, but there was a possibility of Thursdays too if that should prove successful.
 - (ii) Westcroft, South (item 6 v)
The outline application for a dwelling South of Westcroft had now gone on appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

(iii) Old School Garden (item 6 viii)

The Chairman reported approval of a Grant from E.R.Y.C. of £1,388. A further £360 for “severe weather” work had been refused, as had a separate grant application.

Mrs. Turner reported receipt of estimates for fence and gate work, and a contractor was suggested by Mr. Wood. Mr. Warcup reported on pathways etc.

Mr. Smallwood asked about the name of the site, which was not expected to continue as “Old School Garden” or others associated with its past. The Chairman suggested one in connection with First World War centenary commemorations, but proposed that this be raised at a meeting of project volunteers, which would be organised shortly. Agreed.

There was further discussion on the project, and Mr. Overfield gave an example of a similar one elsewhere.

(iv) Playground & Insurance (item 10)

The Clerk had received confirmation that there was no insurance cover for the storm damage. Also that even if the playground had been covered this particular damage would not have been.

Mr. Rhodes had obtained quotes for repairs, and a decision on wood or concrete fence posts was needed. There was much discussion on this, and another option involving steel suggested. Mr. Rhodes to investigate further and proceed.

(v) Village Issues (item 11)

The Clerk had received a full answer to the issue of reflectors on Eastgate Bridge. They had been fitted by E.R.Y.C. in preference to road markings, to bring the bridge up to a standard required under regulations dating from 2002.

(vi) Community Policing (item 14 i)

The Clerk had received communication from an inspector at Beverley Police Station regarding Police Community Support Officers. There were now only two attached to Driffield Police Station and though the name of a PCSO Andy Milner was given for the area including Rudston, they were no longer restricted to one area.

A “Reporting Crime” procedure had also been given, which the Clerk intended to include in the next Newsletter.

7. Planning Applications(i) North of Westcroft

Application for Erection of Dwelling received soon after last meeting, seen by all members. There had been unanimous opposition to the plan, and the Chairman had compiled a list of reasons for refusal, which the Clerk had relayed to E.R.Y.C. This was read to the meeting, and received approval.

(ii) Springdale

Also between meetings, an application for Erection of agricultural building following demolition of existing buildings and conversion of redundant agricultural barn to residential use at Springdale had been received.

Approved by all members, and passed on to E.R.Y.C. accordingly.

8. Co-option of New Member

The Chairman introduced the two gentlemen observing, both being candidates for the parish council vacancy. Mr. R. Van Der Heijden and Mr. C. Shanks then in turn gave personal introductions while the other left the room. Both then left the room for members' deliberations to take place.

At this point however, Mrs. Turner announced her intention of standing down, which would enable both to be co-opted. This news was received with regret, but Mrs. Turner assured members of her continued support where possible.

There was some discussion, as procedure would still need to be followed in the light of this development. It was finally agreed that Mr. Van Der Heijden be co-opted to fill the existing vacancy, and providing the usual advertising of the new vacancy failed to produce anything different, Mr. Shanks could be co-opted later.

Both gentlemen returned to the meeting, the news explained to them, and agreed.

9. Tree Preservation Orders

As a sycamore tree under a preservation order was featured in the North of Westcroft plans (item 7 i), the Clerk had been asked to establish others in the village. There were a total of 3, the others being "2 beech, 2 sycamore, at 'Urania', Long Street" and "1 oak, grassed area on the corner of High Street and Long Street". The latter was confusing, but it was decided not to query at present.

10. Register of Electors

The Clerk had obtained copies of the latest Register of Electors for members, and distributed with Agendas. A total of 350 on the Register was an increase of 12 which was unusual. There was some discussion, including a particular query from Mr. Overfield, and the Chairman was able to pass on some of his knowledge on the subject.

11. Committee Reports

Mr. Rhodes had little further to say about the Village Hall, but Mrs. Turner reported a Youth Club event to be held in the Village Hall on 29th March.

12. Members' Village Issues

Regarding the South of Westcroft appeal (item 6 ii), Mr. Warcup thought that the parish council should convey its feelings directly to the Inspectorate. Comments already made will have been passed on by E.R.Y.C., but it was agreed that an affirmation of those could be conveyed.

(Clerk's note: Letter 20/3/14)

13. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

B. Warcup (Notice Board)	£ 32.27
P. Crossland (Clerk's Salary, quarter to 31/3/14)	£285.20
H.M. Revenue & Customs (P.A.Y.E.)	£ 42.80

E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll administration) £ 10.00
(This included year-end returns)

Rudston Village Hall (Hire) £ 7.50

There had also been a receipt of £110.93 for Recycling, covering the period of October to December, 2013. Details read out to meeting.

14. Correspondence

- (i) Notice of a price increase from Npower, which was the first since 2008. Figures were difficult to follow, but the Clerk had estimated it would be an increase of 2.5p per unit which would equate to about £120 per year.
(Clerk's note: This to take effect from April, so invoice expected shortly will be still at the old rate).
- (ii) Another letter on Wind Turbines had been sent to Bridlington Free Press by Burton Agnes Parish Council, to which Rudston was a co-signatory.
The Clerk read out a letter on the same subject from Cllrs. Evison & Owen.
- (iii) More on Lissett Funding. Passed on for interest.
- (iv) Chairman's Awards – no Rudston nominations identified.
- (v) Two editions of E.R. Parish News – the second also received electronically and passed on to those with the facility. Nothing outstanding to report.
- (vi) Police News had nothing in Rudston.
- (vii) E.R.Y.C. policy on Street Naming. Concerning new roads/developments only.
- (viii) Parish Paths information had been received by e-mail. Mr. Ezard had agreed to continue with that, and the Clerk had printed most of it, which was now passed on.
- (ix) Update on Cottam Wind Farm. Studies still being done to determine suitability.
- (x) Notice of Audit just received. No problem with dates, and Chairman's home established as point of accounts availability to view, when the time comes.

15. Any Other Business

- (i) Mr. Warcup reported that a recent meeting with police after a shed break-in had brought up the question of Neighbourhood Watch. Police assistance in re-establishing a scheme in the village would be available. Doubts were expressed during discussion, but Mr. Shanks (having been permitted to speak) had some experience of this, and thought it would be relatively easy. It was agreed that the Clerk should mention in his newsletter column to gauge village interest.
- (ii) Mr. Smallwood raised a question of wheelchair access to Dark Lane footpath from Eastgate, having witnessed people returning after being unable to proceed. There was some discussion about what would be entailed and cost. Finally agreed for Mr. Ezard to investigate via Parish Paths scheme.
- (iii) The Chairman announced his intention to make more of the annual Parish Meeting which was usually ignored in the village, by inviting Cllrs. Evison and/or Owen to speak. This was agreed, but would entail use of the main

- hall which it was thought would not be available on a Wednesday.
- (iv) Mr. Overfield queried the “Twilight” school bus service to which the parish council had financially contributed. This was not thought to have been intended to be daily (nightly), but linked to pupils’ after-school sports activities. However, it was agreed that questions to the school would be better coming from parents rather than the parish council.
 - (v) Mr. Rhodes related some recent gale experiences in his rented field.

16. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

This was intended to immediately follow the Parish Meeting (item 15 iii, above), so to be established.

(Clerk’s note: To be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 8th May, at 7.30 p.m. or as soon as possible following Parish Meeting)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.