

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 25th June, 2014

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. A.S. Ezard
Mr. B. Warcup
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mr. R. Van Der Heijden
Mr. C. Shanks
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. J. Moorfoot

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual meeting held on 8th May, 2014, were agreed and signed as a true record.

At this point the Chairman brought forward a later agenda item to formally record the recent death of long-serving former member, Mr. R.D. Corner. Having only stood down from the parish council last October, it was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to his wife.

(Clerk's note: letter to Mrs. J. Corner, 27/6/14)

3. There were no Declarations of Interest.
4. There were no Public Representations.

5. Matters Arising:

- (i) Old School Garden (item 7i)

Mr. Warcup and Mr. Smallwood reported on progress. Chippings suitable for the pathway had been offered. Also, general help from the Youth Club when required. It was thought that much of the tangled brambles could be trained back to create a neater hedge. There was a little concern over a gate post, but the Chairman happened to have one which he would make available. He also asked that prices or estimate for the next work should be obtained as soon as possible, due to an imminent deadline regarding Grant funding.

- (ii) 1 Lamb Row (item 9 i)
Plans approved for Construction of new vehicular access. The only condition was the expected one of space for vehicles to be turned enabling forward exit from the property. The parish council had then received a cheque for £100 in recognition of its help and support from the owner, Mrs. Newton, to be spent on the Old School Garden project. The Chairman felt that this should be spent on a specific item such as a seat or a bird table, which was agreed.
(Clerk's note: A letter of thanks for this unexpected generosity had already been sent to Mrs. Newton).
- (iii) Springdale Amendment (item 9 ii)
Plans approved for: Erection of agricultural building following demolition of existing buildings and conversion of redundant agricultural barn to residential use. Nothing of particular note in the conditions.
- (iv) Accounts/Audit (item 11)
The books had been available to view at the home of the chairman for the required period, after which the accounts return had been duly posted off for audit.
- (v) Cluster Meeting (item 16 vi)
The meeting had been cancelled due to lack of interest from other parish councils. At Mr. Shanks' query, the Chairman explained the "Cluster meeting" concept.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (i) Parish Paths (item 14 viii, 19/3/14)
Paperwork had been completed by Mr. Ezard for expected usual work, and payment subsequently received. He explained that County Council cut-backs had resulted in only one man remaining there to oversee the scheme.
- (ii) E.R. Local Plan (item 6 ix, 29/1/14)
The County Council had submitted the completed Local Plan to Government. Their examination was to take place later this year, with a view to adoption in early 2015. (Clerk's note: We can request to be kept informed of progress via an ERYC "Programme Officer" if desired – details to hand).
- (iii) Thornholme Wind Farm (item 8 i, 4/12/13)
Following an approval of the plans by the Inspectorate, an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State. He had decided against the Inspectorate and the plans finally refused. The Chairman explained that this was a case in which the Secretary of State had agreed with local opinion that the Inspectorate had not given sufficient weight to landscape matters, and in particular the proximity to Burton Agnes Hall.

7. Street Lighting Inventory

The Clerk briefly explained complications arising from the news that Northern Powergrid required a street light inventory from the parish council. E.R.Y.C. had been able to provide all the technical information required but due to Rudston being on their "level 2" agreement (as opposed to the more expensive level 1) had to make a charge of £15 + VAT.

The Clerk had had to agree to this, and after more posting backwards and forwards of paperwork with Northern Powergrid the matter had reached a conclusion, but this is now expected to be an annual requirement.

8. Committee Reports

Mr. Wood reported on the Playing Field Committee A.G.M. Parish council member Mr. Moorfoot had been appointed Treasurer. There had been discussion on insurance with particular fears being raised by the Bowls Club of players being hit by cricket balls at times when both sports were being played. Having been approached earlier, the Clerk had discovered that each individual club were expected to hold their own Public Liability insurance, which in this case would be the Cricket Club. However, the Bowls Club had since obtained a Grant to erect safety netting around the vulnerable side of the Green.

Mr. Rhodes reported on a successful "Yard Sale" event which had taken place on the previous Sunday. General discussion agreed, with visitors from some distance having been noted amongst the crowds attracted.

9. Members' Village Issues

- (i) Mrs. Starkey reported a recent encounter with a pot-hole while walking. The Chairman advised ways of reporting these.
- (ii) Mr. Shanks asked about the overgrown state of the Gypsy Race which was unattractive to visitors. There was some discussion on this "annual subject" but with no better solutions as maintenance is the responsibility of the Environment Agency.
- (iii) A resident had approached Mr. Rhodes about speeding traffic on the main road and he proposed that Police should be asked about arranging another speed check. This was agreed, with the further request that checks should be on both approaches to the central part between crossroads and Long Street junction rather than in that area itself. (Clerk's note: e-mail to Inspector at Beverley, 27/6/14)
- (iv) The Chairman remarked that a vehicle driven at reckless speed along Eastgate had been spotted again. A look out for a registration number would be made as this could be the "exception to the rule" identified in the recent survey. (item 16 i, last meeting, refers)
- (v) Mr. Smallwood reported a section of lightning conductor on the church was missing believed stolen. A Church Warden had mentioned this to the Clerk some time before and he would discover latest position. Mr. Shanks commented that it could be one of the items which require time-consuming Church Faculty applications.
- (vi) A dramatic increase in use of the Bottle Recycling bank after the Bosville Arms re-opening was reported, and request to be made for more frequent replacement. (Clerk's note: letter with annual agreement form 27/6/14)
- (vii) Mr. Overfield asked about the seat opposite Caravan Site entrance (item 14 ii, 29/1/14, as amended 19/3/14, refers). Clerk to chase up. (Note: e-mail 27/6/14)
- (viii) The Clerk had been asked previously about a list of parish council members and he had brought along copies of the two which he held. One of these was passed around for members to update information. The "Areas of Responsibility", which the Chairman explained for newer members, as previously allocated to Mr. Corner and

Mrs. Turner were still outstanding,

10. Payment of Accounts

The Clerk's action in paying the following accounts as a matter of urgency was approved:

Aon Insurance (Premium to 31/5/15)	£ 971.24
Pavescape (Tennis Courts ex Grant)	£3,300.00
Classic Fencing (Old School Garden)	£1,458.00

Another cheque book was awaited and being one short, the Clerk had withheld his Salary. Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

H.M. Revenue & Customs (P.A.Y.E.)	£ 51.00
E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll services)	£ 5.00
East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Street Lighting inventory)	£ 18.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50

On receipt of new cheque book: Clerk's salary (quarter to 30/6/14) £277.00

The Clerk also reported receipts: £28.18 for Recycling (first 3 months of the year but for one collection of Paper only); £2,750.00 from Tennis Club (Grant less VAT as above); £100 donation (item 5 ii refers); £315.00 Parish Paths (item 6 i).

11. Correspondence

- (i) Rural Local Council Sounding Board – the Chairman explained about this. He had signed on for two groups, and offered chance for others. No takers.
- (ii) E.R. Parish News: Dog Wardens were being trained, but it was agreed this was not for Rudston. Also reminder about Emergency Plans - Mrs. Starkey had not yet received Rudston's from Mrs. Turner, so to chase up.
- (iii) News of an anti Wind Farm March in Beverley in July.
- (iv) Community Partnership information – passed to Chairman.
- (v) List of Code of Conduct training sessions in October.
- (vi) News of annual Lissett Wind Farm Funding Review meeting in July.
- (vii) Guidance note on government change on permitted development rules, which includes possible change of use of agricultural buildings with no permission required. Knowing something about this, the Chairman explained that it referred to internal alterations, and any external alteration/extension would still require permission.
- (viii) The Chairman had completed a Housing Survey and passed copies around members for approval before submitting. All agreed.
- (ix) The Chairman had also received a request from Cottam Parish Council to support their opposition to two farm wind turbines there. This was separate to the proposed Wind Farm plans, but if approved may aid that. Having investigated, the Chairman explained that the applicant also had an industrial unit at Carnaby and two 45 metre wind turbines at Cottam would help negate the "carbon footprint". There was some discussion, and a vote showed a majority of members in favour of supporting Cottam Parish Council with one against.

12. Any Other Business

The Clerk had misplaced a Declaration of Office form and Mr. Van Der Heijden signed a replacement.

13. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 3rd September, 2014, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.