

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 28th November, 2012.

1. Present: Mr. A.S. Ezard (Chairman)
Mr. N. Watson
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. R.D. Corner
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. B. Warcup
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mrs. F. Turner (arrived during item 6i)
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
2. Apologies: Mr. J. Moorfoot
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October, 2012, were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. There were no Declarations of interest.
5. There were no Public Representations.
6. Matters Arising:
 - (i) Development Limits (item 5 ii)
The three proposed changes had been put together, with the reasoning behind each one, and presented to East Riding of Yorkshire Council by Mr. Watson. They were read to the meeting for confirmation and agreed.
 - (ii) Bosville Arms (item 5iii)
Mr. Watson reported a lack of enthusiasm from the village to the suggested other uses, but that may no longer be a problem as the Chairman reported that the Bosville Arms was now sold, subject to a boundary dispute being resolved. There was some discussion, and the prospective buyer though in business elsewhere, was understood to be planning to take up residence at the Bosville.

- (iii) Springdale Wind Turbine (item 5 iv)
Notification from E.R.Y.C. received after the last meeting stated that the plans had been “withdrawn”, rather than “refused” as the newspaper report had stated.
 - (iv) Clerks Hours/New Rate of Pay (item 5 v)
Mr. Watson briefly explained the background to the necessary changes, and had produced Contract of Employment and Job Description documents from national association models. The main sections of these were read to the meeting and agreed. Minor queries involving the Clerk’s working from home were to be checked before completion of the Contract of Employment, but the Job Description form was then handed to the Clerk.
The minimum rate of pay based on the national minimum wage and the Clerk’s own estimate of four hours per week was agreed. This amounted to an annual £1,288, which would continue to be paid quarterly, and effective from 1st January, 2013.
 - (v) Low Caythorpe Plans (item 6 i)
The variation of conditions to allow PVC windows had been approved.
 - (vi) Gypsey Race (item 9 iii)
In further discussion with Yorkshire Water the Chairman had been given a possible explanation for the loss of running water as an opening of fissures or cracks by the recent gas exploration activities. A few days later however, the stream had suddenly returned to normal for no apparent reason.
Discussion at the meeting agreed on the strong suspicion of water having been extracted upstream by pumping, with a possible culprit in mind.
 - (vii) Jubilee Commemoration (item 11 v)
Along with mugs being offered, a picture of the queen taken from a familiar 2012 image, was now available in various sizes. Prices ranged from £46 up to £177 for the largest. After discussion it was agreed not to pursue at present.
 - (viii) Winter Services & Playing Field Sign (Grant application) (items 11 i & 12 ii)
Mrs. Turner reported on an initial application combining the above, and after further advice, an amended one, the result of which should be known shortly. There was some discussion regarding bad weather (snow), siting of any new salt bins, and notices to be displayed, in the event of successful funding.
 - (ix) North of Westcroft (item 6 iv)
Additional item as a second re-submission of plans for a new dwelling following demolition of existing buildings had been received since distribution of agenda. The plans were passed around, changes noted, but still no clear intentions over the Water Lane boundary. It was agreed to change parish council view to one of objection, largely based on that.
7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:
- (i) Tuft Hill Wind Turbine (item 7 i, 27/6/12)
The Planning Inspectorate had allowed the appeal and permission was now granted for erection of a single wind turbine. The reasons given all stemmed from the

Inspectorate's belief that it would not intrude on the landscape, and that single farm turbines were generally acceptable.

8. Planning Applications:

(i) Westerly Cottage

Plans had been received and seen by all members for: alterations and extensions including alterations to increase roof height with associated alterations to chimney, construction of dormer windows to rear and installation of velux roof lights to front and rear; erection of single storey extensions to rear of Westerly House and to front of Westerly Cottage; and alterations to install, move and remove windows to front, side and rear. Agreed with no observations.

(ii) Bridleways Changes

Under a heading of "Downgrade and divert highways in the parishes of Rudston, Boynton and Grindale" were a number of proposed changes to byways, such as to skirt fields instead of crossing them as at present. Maps were passed around members, one having been received with the application and one separately by the Chairman. This caused much discussion, not least in identifying exact locations, but all was finally agreed. The Chairman and Clerk then signed a form of consent as was required in this case.

(iii) South of Littlethorpe (Hedgerow Removal)

Notice had been received by computer only of an application for: removal of two hedgerows to allow more viable farming practice and reduce carbon footprint, at land south east of Littlethorpe Cottages. Humber Archaeology had already objected on archaeological grounds, and after consultation with the Chairman, the Clerk had registered Parish Council objection on wildlife/environmental grounds while also expressing extreme scepticism at the claim to "reduce carbon footprint". Action approved.

(iv) South of High Street

Extra item as the Chairman was in possession of plans to transfer ownership of land south of High Street from Sir Ian MacDonald to Harrison Farmers. During discussion it was noted that this was adjacent to the Playing Field.

9. Precept

Usual 3 year tables had been distributed with agendas, together with letters for members to sign and return to Clerk, to comply with new pecuniary interests regulations. The Clerk had just learned that day that E.R.Y.C. were likely to postpone the deadline for Precept applications until end of January due to government funding cuts which could result in a reduction to parishes. Discussion went ahead however, and an increased amount of £4,000 agreed. Application form would be held pending any news from E.R.Y.C. which might have a significant effect,

10. Dog Control Orders

E.R.Y.C. were requesting any changes to dog exclusion orders. The childrens play area was the only one registered for Rudston, and it was quickly agreed by members that the Playing Field should be added. There was also a short questionnaire, which the Clerk would complete at the same time. (Clerk's note: Returned 29/11/12)

11. There were no Committee Reports.

12. Members Village Issues Reports

- (i) The fence alongside the Gypsy Race still awaits repair (item 9 iv, last meeting refers).
- (ii) A hedgerow on Long Street was reported to be badly overgrown and restricting the footpath.
- (iii) Recent heavy rain had highlighted an on-going problem with standing water on the main road at the bottom of Binsdale hill. This is in Boynton parish, so it was agreed to first establish whether it had been reported by their parish council.

(Clerk's note: copy of N. Watson's e-mail query to Boynton Clerk, 29/11/12)

13. Payment of Accounts

An invoice had been received soon after the last meeting, and the payment of that "as a matter of urgency" was approved:

East Riding of Yorkshire Council (annual Street Lighting Maintenance) £1,000.44

This was same price as previous year, but note had been received that next year's would be increased by 2%, which had been reflected in Precept tables.

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

Rudston Church (annual Graveyard maintenance)	£100.00
N. Watson (Website)	£ 10.79
P. Crossland (Clerk's expenses)	£ 10.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50
G.A. Chatterton (Parish Paths)	£ 75.00

The last had been handed over at the start of the meeting, and Clerk had been advised that Mr. Moore's would be same as last year, so a cheque would be raised for that shortly. There had also been a receipt for Recycling of £118.77. E.R.Y.C. had made an error as this was the same amount as last time and should have been for £1.06 more. To be corrected with next payment.

14. Correspondence

- (i) Register of Electors was dated to October this year, and the Clerk had already obtained copies for members, which were passed around at the meeting. The total of 338 was an increase of 4, but notice had also been received of a reduction by 2 with effect from 3rd December.
- (ii) Two issues of E.R. Parish News. Only item of note had been superseded by events.
- (iii) Latest issue of Playing Field. No interest.
- (iv) Police News and latest Anti-Social Behaviour statistics both showed no crime in

Rudston – the former for October, the latter for April to September.

There was also a reminder about Neighbourhood Watch, but this scheme was thought to have run its course in Rudston with little hope (or need?) of a revival.

- (v) An e-mail request had been received from a Sheffield University student who was researching recent government relaxation of regulations on household extensions. As this had not yet affected Rudston, it was agreed that the Clerk could gently answer in the negative.
- (vi) Letter and information regarding the “Twilight Bus Service” which enables pupils of Driffield School to stay after school hours for sporting activities. Request for consideration of funding to maintain the service. Passed to Mrs. Starkey for a possible response.
- (vii) The Clerk neglected to mention at the meeting that he had answered an E.R.Y.C. request by e-mail for War Memorial information after consultation in the village.
(Apologies for omission)

15. Any Other Business

- (i) Mr. Watson had received further news on Broadband coverage in the village which he passed on to members.
- (ii) Mr. Overfield reported that some tree removal would be necessary following national discovery of an Ash disease.
- (iii) Mr. Overfield also raised concern over the Playing Field when the adjacent field is sold (item 8 iv refers). Chairman to seek reassurances with Sir Ian MacDonald over the current 25 year lease.

16. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 23rd January, 2013.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.