

# Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday, 2nd May, 2012.

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(Meeting commenced 7.40 p.m. following Parish Meeting)

1. Present: Mr. A.S. Ezard (Chairman)  
Mr. N. Watson  
Mr. S. Rhodes  
Mr. R.D. Corner  
Mr. T. Smallwood  
Mr. B. Warcup  
Mr. R. Overfield  
Mrs. A. Starkey  
Mrs. F. Turner  
Mr. P. Wood  
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
2. Apologies: Mr. J. Moorfoot
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2012, were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Corner proposed Mr. Ezard as Chairman, seconded by Mr. Smallwood. All were in favour, there were no other nominations, and Mr. Ezard agreed to continue.  
Mr. Ezard proposed Mr. Watson as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mrs. Starkey. All were in favour, there were no other nominations, and Mr. Watson agreed to continue.
5. There were no Declarations of interest.
6. There were no Public representations.
7. Matters Arising:
  - (i) Parish Council Insurance (item 6 i)  
Renewal schedule from the Parish Council's present insurer had been received

showing an increase of approx. 3.5%

Initial moves had been made on the idea of joint insurance with neighbouring parishes, to which Boynton were open, and had suggested inclusion of Carnaby. (Nothing heard from Kilham and situation at Burton Fleming unclear following retirement of both clerk and chairman). Coincidentally, the Clerk reported that there had been discussion on insurance over the internet. It was questioned how receptive insurance companies would be to the idea, as they would normally "tailor" their cover to suit individual parishes' needs. It was agreed that this would be investigated further for next year. Meanwhile, the Clerk had also looked at obtaining quotes from elsewhere, but their request for copies of our present 10 page schedule made this no easy task. However, he had been advised that it might be best to stay with the Parish Council's present insurer for another year, particularly in view of last year's sizeable claim on the Sports Pavilion. Agreed to renew with present insurer, and to pay later in the month.

(ii) Wind Turbines (General) (item 6 v)

A Rural Strategy meeting, which some members hoped to attend, was being held in Kilham later in the month. Although this would be concerned with other matters, Mr. Watson related briefly the topics to be discussed there, by the East Riding Rural Partnership of which Sir Ian MacDonald is chairman. The Clerk had received a poster on that, which would be displayed in the village.

Mr. Watson then gave details of a meeting on Wind Turbines to be held in the village hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, which was advertised in the current newsletter. Wind Farm developers would be invited to give a 5 minute presentation each, along with E.R.Y.C. planning officer, Mr. Fraser. Questions from the audience would then be invited. Cllr. Owen may, or may not, be able to attend. Mr. Watson then read out correspondence between himself and Mr. Hunt of E.R.Y.C., whom it appeared, would not be attending.

Mr. Watson had prepared a Survey form to be given out after that meeting for completion by residents. This was agreed with minor alterations, and it was also agreed that members would distribute forms in their own areas of the village. A poster to advertise the meeting had been prepared by Mrs. Turner, and agreed to be excellent. After enquiry of members, Mr. Watson agreed to chair the meeting.

(iii) Noisy Business (item 10)

A resident of Donna Fields was undertaking car repairs from his home, resulting in a number of vehicles in a small area with associated noise causing a nuisance to others. After much effort, Mrs. Starkey had finally spoken to an E.R.Y.C. planning officer who understood the situation. He had arranged to speak to the resident in question, advise him of regulations, and of neighbours' concerns. Separately, Mr. Watson had received an anonymous e-mail plus one with the request to withhold a name, on the matter. He had considered presenting the

problem to the E.R.V.A.S. as this was the sort of thing they would involve themselves in. Mrs. Turner agreed, and she gave the date of their next meeting as being 1<sup>st</sup> June. It was therefore agreed that if no action was evident by then, the matter would be passed to them via Mrs. Turner.

(iv) Payroll Work (item 12 i)

After the Clerk's letter to Autela explaining the decision to switch payroll supplier, they had been quite amicable (though naturally disappointed), and had agreed to make contact with E.R.V.A.S. themselves. It was assumed that this had happened, but the Clerk had heard nothing from the new supplier. He had been informed that there would be a form to sign. Mrs. Turner to enquire.

(v) Police Surgeries (item 12 ii)

The Clerk had passed on the latest Police News to Mr. Moorfoot between meetings, but had noted that another "surgery" was being held at the Thursday "post office" morning in the village hall, and wondered whether this was to be a monthly event. The absent Mr. Moorfoot may have looked into that question.

8. Accounts/Audit

The Clerk advised that Audit timing had been a little more lenient this year, and the accounts had been completed, passed by "internal" auditor, and were currently available to view at the home of the Chairman. Copies of the Receipts & Payments account had been circulated with Agendas and minor queries were answered at the meeting. The accounts were approved, and signed by Chairman and Clerk along with the form for the Audit Office.

9. Neighbourhood Planning/Development Limits

Copies of a map showing the village's present development limits had been circulated with Agendas, and Mr. Watson explained that comments were being invited in relation to the National Planning Framework. There was discussion on apparent discrepancies with regard to boundaries, and it was agreed that the Chairman would head a sub-committee with three other members to formulate a Parish Council response.

10. Rural Strategy (see item 7 ii)

11. Travellers' Facilities

Mr. Watson had received a message from Mrs. Gatenby regarding a previous meeting which she had attended. Parish council views were being sought on the idea of E.R.Y.C. providing portable toilet facilities at unofficial encampments such as Burton Fleming Road. She had remarked on both sides of the question. Members gave an unequivocal "No". Mr. Watson to report back to Mrs. Gatenby.

12. Committee Reports

Mr. Overfield advised of a forthcoming Village Hall meeting and the requirement of two parish council representatives.

13. Members' Village Issues Reports

- (i) A problem with litter on Burton Fleming Road near the Recycling site and in the (then) dried up bed of the Gypsy Race was reported. This had already been reported to E.R.Y.C. by the Clerk, as it was expected to be included in a young offenders litter picking scheme. After discussion, it was agreed to ask about the possibility of another litter bin, as the nearest was at the bridge under the road.  
(Clerk's note: e-mail 3/5/12)
- (ii) The Chairman had been made aware of a quantity of foliage left after cutting back had taken place. To check.
- (iii) The Chairman also reported the on-going problem of dog mess. It was agreed that the Clerk should mention this once again in his next newsletter column, with a warning that photographic evidence would be considered.
- (iv) Mrs. Turner reported the poor state of the footpath on Church Lane, which besides being overgrown was now crumbling away and potentially dangerous, given the drop to the roadway. Mr. Watson advised that this would be a matter for "Streetscene". Clerk to report, emphasising the safety issue.  
(Clerk's note: e-mail 3/5/12)

14. Payment of Accounts

Both outstanding accounts mentioned at the last meeting had been received within the next few days and paid in the old accounts year:

East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Playground Inspection)	£78.00
Autela (Payroll services – final)	£12.00

Mr. Rhodes queried the paying of the Playground one from the Parish Council account when there were funds in the Amenities account. The Clerk confessed that it had not been considered, as it was one that the Parish Council had always met in the past. To be borne in mind for next year.

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

NPower (Street lighting)	£718.30
Clerk's Expenses	£ 20.00
Village Hall (hire)	£ 7.50

The Clerk advised a small increase of 0.3% on the street lighting. Also that his Expenses in general had risen and he had purchased extra postage stamps prior to a recent hefty price rise. Reported also, receipt of Precept money: £3,000.

15. Correspondence

- (i) H.S.B.C. advised impending closure of their Bridlington Westgate branch, but

- the Parish Council account would simply be transferred to King Street.
- (ii) Note from Rodger Bentley about service on mowing machine being due. Not known which one – passed to Mr. Watson.
  - (iii) Letter from Cllrs. Evison, Owen, and Chapman proposing a “cluster meeting” as had taken place some time previously. Two representatives of the Parish Council would be invited to a meeting at County Hall to ask questions of relevant E.R.Y.C. officers. Mr. Watson was able to expand on this and considered it a good idea. Two topics were indentified in ensuing discussion, and it was agreed that these plus any others should be conveyed to the Clerk before the 31<sup>st</sup> May deadline, in order for him to return a form which was attached to the letter.
  - (iv) Parish News contained details of the Olympic Torch visit to Bridlington.
  - (v) A film company was seeking a “large old house in a wood” location. Agreed to pass on to Sir Ian MacDonald for possible interest.
  - (vi) “Dogs prohibited” signs were being offered by E.R.Y.C. at £10 each.
  - (vii) The Chairman and Clerk had signed and returned a form between meetings to ensure Recycling funding would continue to be received. Reminder that the Parish Council would need to be able to identify a particular item or project on which Recycling money had been spent.
  - (viii) Latest edition of Playing Field. No interest.
  - (ix) Letter just received with news of a complete resurfacing of Burton Fleming Road sometime in the current financial year. An enclosed leaflet of explanation was passed on. (Clerk’s note: another two available if required).

16. Any Other Business

Mr. Smallwood asked what the Parish Council had considered for the Queen’s Jubilee, in the light of rather poor signs spotted elsewhere. Signs were thought to be a good idea though, and the idea to be looked into.

17. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2012, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

