

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 3rd December, 2014

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. R. Van der Heijden
Mr. A.S. Ezard
Mr. B. Warcup
Mrs. A. Starkey (arrived later)
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
2. Apologies: Mr. J. Moorfoot
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th October, 2014, were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. There were no Declarations of Interest.
5. There were no Public Representations.
6. Lifeline
A guest speaker had been expected to give a presentation, but was unable to attend due to illness. The Clerk briefly explained that it was the scheme under which old people living alone could summon help in case of emergency at the press of a button.
7. Matters Arising:
 - (i) The Corner Garden (item 6i)
Mrs. Dawson of Rudston House had kindly donated two more trees, and had accompanied Mr. Overfield who had planted them precisely to her wishes.
It was also reported that Mrs. Ezard would have some daffodil bulbs for the area.
 - (ii) Solar Panels, Thwing Road (item 7 i)
Plans approved for installation of 230kw. Solar array and associated works and infrastructure. Nothing unusual in the few conditions.

(iii) Roadside Verges (item 8)

The Chairman had set out the parish council's observations as agreed. These had been conveyed by the Clerk, and response received that they would be considered at a Joint Local Access Forum meeting in December. The Parish Council would be informed of the outcome.

(iv) Tree Preservation Order (item 9)

The Clerk had submitted the parish council view that this Order was unnecessary after the last meeting, and a second letter after further observation from the Chairman. Both had been acknowledged with the comment that they would be passed to the "case officer".

(v) C.P.R.E. Conference (item 14 i)

The Chairman reported on a (what had turned out to be) disappointing meeting.

8. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:(i) Dog Fouling (item 6 iv, 3/9/14)

There had been further literature from E.R.Y.C. outlining various actions that could, or were, being taken to tackle dog fouling. There were two pages of "information for parish newsletters" with suggested wording, and it was agreed that the clerk could condense this for the next Rudston newsletter. The first page was then passed to Mr. Van der Heijden for possible action on other points, as it appeared that the newly appointed Dog Wardens had not received the information.

(ii) National Grid Pipeline (item 12 iv, 3/9/14)

The plan had now reached the Inspectorate with on-site inspections to take place in January. A Hearing was expected to be held after written representations received, and E.R.Y.C. had questions for National Grid prepared. Construction not expected to commence until 2018.

(iii) Low Caythorpe Gas Site (item 12 x, 3/9/14)

A meeting in Boynton had been arranged at short notice by Centrica. Most members had been informed, and the Clerk had posted a note on both notice boards. It was thought that no-one from the village had been able to attend. A subsequent report had been received from Centrica, and a project update had been given, but the meeting had been chiefly concerned with their Environmental Support Fund. Two years funding were being put together, and £10,000 would be available from 5th January, 2015, for any applications. Clerk to retain for possible future reference.

(iv) Speed Check (item 6 iii, last meeting)

This was added as an extra item as the results of a speed check undertaken in October had just been received. Over half the traffic through the village had been found to be "speeding", and that was above the criteria of 35 mph. The conclusion was that it does qualify for police speed enforcement measures, and they were being informed accordingly. The Chairman had accessed a graph of detailed figures obtained from the exercise, and it was noted that surprisingly there was much more speeding westbound than in the other direction.

9. Precept 2014/15

Usual 3-year tables had been included with Agendas. The Clerk had recommended an unchanged precept figure, and there was some discussion including a possibility of a reduction. Mr. Overfield asked about next year's election expenses, and an unchanged figure of £3.800 eventually agreed. (Clerk's note: 2011 election expenses were £148). An E.R.Y.C. meeting in the following week would determine any Council Tax Support Funding which may affect the final figure, so the Clerk would hold back the application form.

(Mrs. Starkey arrived at the conclusion of this item)

10. Local Bus Service

Copies of a letter from Kilham Parish Council had been included with Agendas. This was seeking support for a number of suggested improvements to the EYMS No. 124 bus service, and inviting further suggestions. A particular point for other villages before Rudston on the first Bridlington service of the day (Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday) was that it left those places before 9.30 a.m. before bus passes were valid. There was much discussion, as the current service was little used in Rudston.

A response supporting the improvements laid out in the letter would be formulated.

11. Telephone Box

B.T. were proposing to remove as many little-used rural telephone boxes as possible, and Rudston was one of a list produced, as there had been only four calls from the box in the last 12 months. There were three options for the Parish Council to consider: to agree to removal; to take over responsibility on token payment of £1 (and find another use); or to object, in which case evidence of local hardship would be required, such as poor mobile phone coverage, or accident black spot.

The Clerk had included this in the current newsletter, distribution of which unfortunately seemed to be late. After discussion, and show of hands for each option, there was a majority vote for removal. The Clerk would hold notification of decision until the following Monday in case of any strong reaction from the village on receipt of newsletter.

12. East Yorkshire Councils Network

A letter had been received from Goole Town Council with a request that it be brought to the attention of the Parish Council. This was read out by the Clerk. The Network presently consisted of Town and larger Parish councils, and the proposal was to include all town and parish councils to form a constituted group.

The Chairman had received separate notice of this. He had been in contact with Councillor Owen on the subject. The Parish Council did not believe that this forum would fairly represent their views, and a response would be sent to that effect.

13. Traveller/Gypsy Camps

A proposal from the local Police & Crime Commissioner that a string of transit sites for gypsies and travellers should be provided had prompted a letter with short questionnaire from E.R.Y.C. The questions were discussed and short answers agreed.

14. Members' Village Issues

Mr. Overfield had remarked earlier in the meeting about the overgrown state of Water Lane making passage difficult. The Clerk thought this had been reported to ERYC earlier in the year and would investigate.

(Clerk's note: it was a related matter – this one reported 4/12/14)

Mr. Warcup raised three Highways matters: the roadway outside Bosville Cottages had deteriorated to the extent that rain water collects; pot-holes along approximately the first 200 yards of Woldgate from the Rudston-Burton Agnes road junction had caused a motor cycle accident; rain water gulleys outside Church Farm were in need of digging out.

(Clerk's note: e-mail letter 4/12/14)

The Chairman had been advised that the footbridge to the playing field was in a slippery, dangerous state, and it was recalled that Mr. Wood had taken this in hand when raised previously. Mr. Smallwood suggested a chicken wire application, and Mr. Wood to take action as he deemed appropriate.

15. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

Driffield School (Twilight Bus Service)	£ 40.00
N. Watson (Website)	£ 10.79
Rudston Church (Graveyard Maintenance)	£100.00
P. Crossland (Clerk's Expenses)	£ 20.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50
G.A. Chatterton (Parish Paths)	£ 75.00
A. Moore (Parish Paths)	£ 40.00

16. Correspondence

- (i) Information leaflet on Adult Abuse.
- (ii) Notice of E.R.Y.C. Budget Event. (item 9 refers)
- (iii) E-mail notice regarding Playground Inspection Training had been passed to Mr. Rhodes. No action.
- (iv) E-mail information regarding East Riding Local Plan. Though not affecting Rudston, more housing than originally estimated would be required, and a further public consultation would be held in the new year.
- (v) Two editions of E.R. Parish News. Nothing extra to separate items to report.
- (vi) Notice of two forthcoming closures of Kilham Road for repairs had been received. The Clerk had queried dates and had since been informed that a 19th December closure would be for one day only, with main work commencing 5th January, 2015.
- (vii) Two editions of Police News. Nothing in Rudston.
- (viii) Anti Social Behaviour 6 monthly report showed one incident reported in Rudston, which had not apparently led to further action.
- (ix) E.R.Y.C. Chairman's Awards literature. No nominations.

- (x) Letter from Graham Stuart M.P., who was recommending a Defibrillator in every village. There was some discussion on this with local difficulties identified. The Chairman had separate information, which was passed to Mrs. Starkey for consideration. It was agreed that Mrs. Starkey would progress the matter, with the Chairman assisting with a Local Grant application.

17. Any Other Business

Mr. Rhodes suggested an item for discussion at the next meeting.

18. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 28th January, 2015, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

