

Rudston Parish Council

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

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

2. Apologies: Mr. T. Smallwood

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Clerk had omitted his own name from those present. With that addition, the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th June, 2014, 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) Old School Garden (item 5i)
Mr. Warcup reported on recent progress, chiefly by Mr. Smallwood.
 - (ii) Grant Funding (re: above)
(Mr. Van der Heijden and Mrs. Starkey both arrived during this item).
The Chairman explained the nature and conditions of the Grant, which had necessitated an application for change. One of those was a requirement for the Parish Council to formally agree Health & Safety and Equality policies. That had not been Minuted when originally discussed. This entry to meet that requirement. Among other things had been the need for an actual signature (rather than electronic), and it was not yet known whether the changed application was accepted. Regardless of the outcome, the Chairman asked that a date be agreed for an

- “opening” of the site, explaining that villagers would be encouraged to do a little physical work as well as observing. As this would need to be advertised in the newsletter, a date of Saturday, 11th. October (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) was finally agreed. It was hoped that a name for the site could also be agreed, and following a comment by the Clerk in the current newsletter, a resident had suggested it could be incorporated in memory of long-serving member, Duncan Corner. “The Corner Garden” would thus be put forward for consideration alongside any other suggestions.
- (iii) Speed Check (item 9 iii)
 The Clerk had discovered that all traffic speeding matters were now to be directed to the County Council rather than Police. On enquiry it was learned that under E.R.Y.C. “Speed Management” procedure a traffic survey (speed check) would be expected to be valid for 5 years. Rudston’s last on the main road was just over a year ago (note: actually December, 2012), and if another was required within the 5 year period then the parish council would have to meet the expense, which was given as £70 - £100. There was much discussion about this and a resident’s more recent failed one in the village (item 16 i, 8/5/14, refers), but it was agreed to go ahead and ask for another. Particular attention to be paid to positioning.
 (Clerk’s note: e-mail 4/9/14 to set in motion)
- (iv) Dog Wardens (item 11 ii)
 Latest E.R.Y.C. thinking on this matter was to train a number of parish councillors in implementing their policies on dog fouling. For villages this was to be done in “clusters”, and those with Rudston would be Kilham, Langtoft, Thwing, Wold Newton and Burton Fleming. Mr. Van Der Heijden had already expressed an interest in the matter, and Mr. Shanks volunteered to join him. Clerk to inform E.R.Y.C. accordingly. (Note: e-mail to “Animal Warden” 4/9/14)
- (v) Lightening Conductor (item 9 v)
 Additional item to agenda, as it was noted that the church lightening conductor had now been fixed.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (i) Bus Service (item 6 i, 19/3/14)
 A return to this subject had been prompted by an East Yorkshire Motor Services newsletter and subsequent comment by Chairman and Clerk about Rudston’s poor service. This had resulted in an offer from a lady in the “Rural Policy and Partnership Team” of E.R.Y.C. to come and talk to the Parish Council, in particular about the Transport Toolkit. However, it was this which had led to the launch of the Nafferton Mibus scheme (item 6 i, 19/3/14 refers) which seems so far to be unsuccessful. It was agreed to take no further action at present.

8. Planning Applications(i) North of Westcroft (Revised)

Revised plans for Erection of Dwelling had been received in July and seen by all members. There was again unanimous recommendation for refusal, which had been conveyed to E.R.Y.C. listing numerous points of objection. The Chairman had also taken up the matter with Mr. Ashcroft and individual councillors, especially as the applicant, Mr. Slasor, had apparently received guidance from the Planning Officer in what would be acceptable.

County councillors had supported the Parish Council's stance however, and it was reported that no decision had been reached, and the Planning Committee was to make a site visit prior to a decision being made.

From discussions the Chairman had held with the Planning Department, it was confirmed in writing that if a parish council strongly differed in its views with planning officers, the application would be sent to Planning Committee. This appeared to differ from advice given by the planning department in 2013, when it was stated that planning officers could decide not to refer even if the Parish Council's view was strongly held.

(ii) East of Merils (2 Plans)

Two sets of plans had been received and seen by most members for Erection of Detached Dwelling. These were the same plan, being Outline followed a few days later by actual. It was noted that access had to be decided, but there were no objections. "Approval with no observations" submitted in both cases.

As these plans had failed to get around all members, the Chairman asked for greater effort and that future plans should come to him as a final destination.

9. Committee Reports

Mr. Rhodes reported latest Village Hall news. Also replacement of fence posts at the children's playground to go ahead following survey on 6th September. (item 6 iv, 19/3/14, refers).

10. Members' Village Issues

(i) Mr. Van Der Heijden had been informed that original plans for properties adjacent to his own on Eastgate had included provision of funds to E.R.Y.C. for pathways and drainage. Although excessive water on the road was usually short-lived, it was evident that better drainage was required. It was thought that these plans could be about 10 years ago, and the Chairman advised on finding them via County Council website.

(ii) The Clerk had received a telephone call from Mrs. Frudd of "Olcote" who wished the Parish Council to be aware of the Sale by Auction of the site with planning permission next to them. The Clerk had found the details, and that an option to rent the neighbouring paddock was included. Mr. Warcup feared this could be an invitation for further building plans there, but the Chairman reminded members that it was outside the village development limit and would be unlikely.

- (iii) The Clerk had also received a telephone call from Mr. Dowson of Langtoft (British Legion) regarding the village Remembrance Wreath. It turned out that Mr. Robinson who had taken charge of this in the last few years no longer wished to continue. Mr. Dowson asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to take it on again. The Clerk had made further enquiries, and the Vicar thought that the church P.C.C. should take responsibility. The P.C.C. meeting was to take place the following evening, and was expected to agree. In the event of them not doing so, members agreed that the Parish Council would be prepared to step in, up to a maximum expenditure of £30. (The last time in 2010 had been £25).

11. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

P. Crossland (Clerk's Expenses)	£20.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50

There had been receipts of £40.68 for Bowls Club Insurance, and £238.52 for Recycling. The large increase in this, with Bosville Arms' usage, was noted.

Also, cheque handed over at start of meeting for Field Rent - £50.00

12. Correspondence

- (i) Two issues of Parish News. It was noted that E.R.Y.C. were seeking county-wide support in an issue affecting their parishes bordering the city of Hull, which was seeking to extend its boundaries. It was agreed that this was of an "individual opinion" nature and there would be no joint response. Also, a Cancer Care Programme, for which the Clerk had received separate communication, and had put up a poster and mentioned in the newsletter.
- (ii) Two issues of Police News, both containing reference to theft in Rudston.
- (iii) H.P.F.A. newsletter – "first for some time" – passed on for interest.
- (iv) Latest news from National Grid on their cross-country pipeline project.
- (v) Correspondence from a new organisation "Healthwatch" about N.H.S. services. Poster on village notice board.
- (vi) Report on Joint Local Access Forum – passed on for interest.
- (vii) New procedures for parish councils regarding filming, photographing and recording at meetings by members of the public. To be retained.
- (viii) Lissett Wind Farm Funding – report of annual meeting.
- (ix) Dogger Bank project review – satisfactory progress (for the company).
- (x) The Chairman had received a message regarding a meeting to be arranged to discuss Low Caythorpe Gas site environmental matters. He had expressed a willingness to attend, but nothing more heard to date.
- (xi) The Chairman had also received notice of a C.P.R.E. Yorkshire Wolds meeting in October. He hoped to attend and invited any other member to join him.

13. Any Other Business

- (i) Mr. Rhodes expressed concern over some trees in the village, in view of a national "Ash Die-back" disease. The Chairman suggested a website which would give more information.
- (ii) The seat opposite Caravan Site entrance had been so successfully repaired that it was asked if it were new. (Item 9 vii, last meeting, refers). It was not known who had done the work.

14. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 15th. October, 2014, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

