

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2016 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Mrs A Powell (Chairman)	Councillor Mrs J Wright
Councillor Mrs H Beeley	Councillor A Mate
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth	Councillor K Clarke
Councillor J Flynn	Councillor Deborah Smitten

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 16 members of the public, Ward Councillor Chris Steward, Stephen Courcier (Carter Jonas) and Edward Barker (Poultry Farmer) and The Clerk, S Warden

**127 PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**128 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:** None

**129 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (not previously declared):** None

**130 PLANNING APPLICATION 16/01813/FULM Poultry Farm, Bradley Lane, Rufforth:** Stephen Courcier of Carter Jonas and his client Edward Barker came to talk about the planning application and answer questions. There had been a detailed lighting assessment which showed there would be no light pollution. Once the landscaping had grown the farm would not be visible from Bradley Lane. Cllr. Smitten was concerned that it may be seen from the Burial Ground. They said there would be no impact on the aerodrome. Disposal of used litter would be taken from the site on sheeted trailers. Environmental logs had shown no complaints on their seven sites. There would be 115 HGV movements every 8 weeks. They will be building an attenuation pond to alleviate flooding. They promised to come back to council with decibel levels from the ventilation system. Female birds would be taken out at 5 weeks and male ones at 8 weeks. There would be a maximum of 10 vehicles at a time over 3 days. They would be in control of vehicles delivering feed and chips but not for those taking out the birds. It was felt that a condition of planning if it was to be approved should be a routing plan.. Cllr Powell thanked them for attending.

**131 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of 4 July 2016 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Mate and seconded by Cllr Mrs Beeley.

**132 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:**

Cllr Steward said there was a change in the way the streets are cleaned and left behind plans showing the schedule. CYC should guarantee that they would be cleaned manually and mechanically quarterly.

There is a report going into the Executive re. gulley/drain cleaning.

**133 CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk had little to report that was not already on the agenda. She had already applied to Parish On-line to enable the parish council to produce maps from OS.

**134 PLANNING:**

- a) 16/00357/FULM Yorwaste application: there is to be a meeting tomorrow
- b) 16/01262/FUL Pump House, Milestone Avenue, Rufforth for construction of a cycle track: this had been approved
- c) 16/01303/REM Agricultural Workers Dwelling on Rufforth Airfield: this had been approved.

- d) 16/01462/FUL Algarth, Rufforth for the erection of 2 dwellings and associated works including vehicular access: this was approved by CYC. It had been noted that work had started before planning approval and that they were not supposed to start on site before submitting plans for drainage and site access to CYC. Cllr. Steward would look into this with Heather Fairy.
- e) 16/01813/FULM Poultry Farm, Bradley Lane: Council would object to this as it was a factory in the green belt, the site location was a problem, access roads were not big enough and it would cause significant harm to the countryside.
- f) 16/01818/FUL Land lying to the north of Wetherby Road: councillors were unhappy as these were not agricultural sheds being brick built.
- g) 16/01635/FUL 30 Southfield Close: Mr Herbert objected to the scale and size of the proposed extensions next to bungalows. They would not be in keeping with the street scene. Next door neighbours do not want to be overlooked. The owner, Alex Kirby, said it was a dormer bungalow and would be raising the roof by 1 ½ - 2 metres with the majority of the building being on the back of the house. The footings had been dug by permission of the Planning Officer, Elizabeth Potter. They would be water harvesting to reduce the risk of flooding. It was agreed that Southfield Lane was appreciated by the community as an amenity. The Parish Council had applied for grants to clear the lane and plant with shrubs and bulbs. There was concern that the lane surface would be destroyed over time with vehicles accessing the property over it. There was also a safety issue with pedestrians using the lane to access the footpath, playing fields and Burial Ground. The property would no longer be a 2 bed bungalow but a 4 bed house with gym and detached garage.
- h) 16/01920/FUL The Granary Huntsham Farm: There were no objections to this application.

### 135 FINANCE:

The Clerk produced a monthly financial report, a copy of which is in the minute file.

- a) Invoices for payment: It was agreed to pay the following:

Clerk's salary & Burial Ground fees	£440.84 NET
D Bush for grass cutting	£747.00
Margaret Lee Neighborhood Plan expenses	£ 44.00
Nick Murray Neighbourhood Plan expenses	£ 39.58
NATA Neighbourhood Plan printing	£ 18.08
CYC Knapton Rec. rent	£ 13.38

- b) Payments received:
 

Bank Interest	£ 1.73
Invoice 141 2x pre-paid plots NBG	£1,576.00
Invoice142 Crem. Interment NBG	£ 700.00
Neighbourhood Plan Grant	£4,027.00
- c) Funds available: £42,103.05

### Burial Grounds:

- a) There had been one cremated remains burial in the Natural Burial Ground
- b) It was agreed that the Natural Burial Ground should be cut soon

### Projects on Parish Council Land:

**Sand Dykes and Rufforth Pond:** It was agreed that Cllr Wright could get in a consultant to do a risk assessment on the trees so that we would know what needed to come down.

One tree needs to be removed from the pond.

**Parish Garden:** There were moles in the front part of the grass. It was agreed to leave them for now.

**Knapton Recreational Field:** Cllr Clarke will look to see what % the Allotments should pay towards the Field Rent as originally agreed. The council is now cutting the grass 10x over the season. It is now looking much more like grass and is being used by children.

**136 SOUTHFIELD LANE:**

The Clerk will follow up on the ownership/classification of the lane. The Neighbourhood Plan Committee are looking to get it designated as an area of calmness and tranquillity with the 2 burial grounds. Cllr Butterworth had contacted Community Pay Back about cutting back the shrubs and weeds and Nick Smith at Yorwaste would provide a skip. There were concerns re. the Community Pay Back scheme and it was decided that the Clerk would email the village for volunteers through Frank DiLorenzo's email list. Cllr Wright would also write to Askham Bryan.

**137 TREES IN HEDGES:** to go on the November agenda

**138 CYCLE TRACK:**

The application has gone in for a grant to Yorventure. The final details of the lease have not yet been agreed. The terms so far are for a £5000 up front payment and £600 rent annually. We hope to find a solicitor locally that won't charge fees.

**139 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:**

- a) Rural West Ward meeting: Cllr Mrs Powell had attended the meeting at Manor School in August. The next meeting will be at the end of September in Poppleton.
- b) YLCA: The Annual meeting was mainly about the Local Plan, the next meeting will be the first Thursday in October.
- c) Yorwaste: the next meeting is on Tuesday 6 September

**140 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

A copy of Peter Rollings' report is in the minute file. There was a drop in meeting in the village hall on 31 August on the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan where people were encouraged to respond to the Local Plan consultation. There has been lots of support for building onto the end of Middlewood Close but there have been a few objections. The pre-submission consultation should come out at the beginning of October.

There had been great concern over planning conditions and enforcement over the summer. The Clerk would write to Mike Slater, Head of Planning re. conditions and enforcement.

**141 THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN:**

Cllr Clarke felt that Northminster Business Park should not extend right up to the rural path, Moor Lane and the cycle path round the back of the tip. There also needs to be a mind to light pollution etc. Cllrs. Powell and Flynn would draft a response for the Clerk to send.

**142 COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a) Items for the next newsletter should be forwarded to Cllr. Mrs Powell. A dog fouling letter would be included. It would hopefully go out in the Autumn.
- b) The website has been updated.

**143 CORRESPONDENCE:** None for noting

**144 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

Behind the lay-by between the allotments and the roundabout on the A1237 the grass needs cutting, because there are old and broken bollards there it never gets cut. As the bollards can't be seen they are a Health and Safety hazard and need to be removed. Cllr Clarke would email Cllr Steward with the details and he would take it to CYC.

**126 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Monday 3 October 2016 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm. Cllr Clarke gave his apologies for the next two meetings. Cllr Mrs Powell thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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