# MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6 JUNE 2016 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

#### PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (Chairman) Councillor Deborah Smitten Councillor K Clarke Councillor Mrs H Beeley

Councillor A Mate

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 1 member of the public

**090 PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**091 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:** Councillors Anne Powell, John Flynn and Jane Wright and the Clerk, Stephanie Warden. In the absence of the Clerk, Councillor Deborah Smitten took the minutes.

# 092 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (not previously

declared): None

#### 093 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of 9 May 2016 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Mate and seconded by Cllr Clarke and were agreed and signed as a true record.

**094 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:** There were none present.

#### 095 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) The stump at Sand Dykes could be removed if/when projects go ahead to clear leaning trees. The dead tree in the pond could be cleared at the same time.
- b) Knapton Recreational Field has been cut by CYC twice but grass has not been collected. Someone from the Allotment Association has agreed to cut back the hedge.
- c) Mr Wrigley said that it was not his responsibility to remove soil from the Public Right of Way. He is happy for the parish council to do it if we want to. Cllr. Mate said there had been a path cut through suitable for walkers but not for wheelchair access. Cllrs. Mate and Mrs Butterworth will take a look at the situation and report back.

#### 096 PLANNING:

- a) 16/00357/FULM Yorwaste application: Peter Rollings had spoken to Erik Matthews (CYC Planning officer). He is expecting an update this week. If there is still an issue with the site entrance safety then the council will put the application back. Erik promised us site of any drafts. If Yorwaste don't comply with Section 106 then this is a legal matter. They will have to stop their operations. Yorwaste have indicated that they have every intention of complying. There is a liaison meeting tomorrow, members of the council and neighbourhood Plan group will attend.
- b) The planning application for the cycle path has gone in and the council fully support the application.

#### 097 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	£664.66 NET
Clerk's expenses (Website)	£ 54.00
D Bush for grass cutting	£404.00

b) Payments received: Bank Interest £ 4.21
Invoice 134 Reservation fee NBG burial plot £387.00
Invoice 135 2x interments NBG £1806.00

Invoice 136 2x pre-paid plots NBG	£1548.00
Invoice 137 2 <sup>nd</sup> inscription memorial stone	£50.00
Invoice 138 2x pre-paid plots NBG	£1548.00
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c) Funds available: £37,888.69

Cllr Mate asked what the £86 was for Sand Dykes. This was not an invoice but the amount of VAT still to be reclaimed from HMRC.

#### **Burial Grounds:**

a) There was nothing to report other than the pre-purchase of 4 plots, and 2 interments side by side, husband and wife, in the NBG that had gone very well.

# **Projects on Parish Council Land:**

Sand Dykes and Rufforth Pond: Cllr Mrs Wright had spoken to both John Hall and Tony Beckett about any work to be done to both the pond and Sand Dykes. Both had responded positively. Mrs Wright also contacted Derek Dunstan to ecologically survey these two waters. If the council is willing to finance this it would cost approximately £150. We would then know if there was anything precious in either area. If the council approve she will then get quotes for major removal of all leaning trees from the front edge of Sand Dykes and the dead tree from the pond. This will go on the next agenda so that Cllr Mrs Wright can answer councillors' questions on this.

Parish Garden: No outstanding Issues

**Knapton Recreational Field:** This had been covered earlier under Item 95

#### **098 ROAD REPAIRS:**

Patch repairs have been done around Rufforth. There are still 2 small craters between the 2 SLOW signs on Bradley Lane but they have been marked.

Cllr Clarke had a complaint from a parishioner saying when they did road repairs could they put the road markings back on. It was also asked why the cats eyes had not been put back on the road. The Clerk had already written to the council about this.

#### 099 DOG WALKERS:

Cllr Clarke didn't think it was feasible budget wise to put a dog walk around Knapton. Councillors discussed the problem of dog mess in both villages. The owners of Church Farm were a concern re. dog behaviour and mess on the bridlepath to Hutton Wandersley.

Next agenda: to agree to signage at Knapton Recreational Field as per Cllr Clarke's suggestion.

#### 100 TREES IN HEDGES:

Cllr. Beeley is to get more information from Barry Otley and Defra regarding how this might affect hedgerow grants and is to go on the next agenda.

# 101 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

- a) Rural West Ward meeting: the next meeting is scheduled for 23 May in Skelton: Cllr Mrs Powell to report
- b) YLCA: nothing to report
- c) Yorwaste: there is a liaison meeting tomorrow at 3pm. There will be a report next meeting.

# 102 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

A copy of Peter Rollings' report is in the minute file. Andrew Towlerton is confirmed as consultant on the Neighbourhood Plan and a grant application for £5000 has been submitted to cover consultancy fees and plan printing.

It is anticipated that CYC will be launching their housing plans later this month. The intention is to circulate Neighbourhood Plan proposals via the email circulation list prior to this to show the proposals are the Neighbourhood Plan proposals not CYC's. At the same time a cycle path update will be included.

Peter and Jane Wright will be meeting with the Headmaster tomorrow to discuss housing proposals. There was discussion on putting the Knapton end of the cycle path into the plan.

There is no requirement to plan for added development to Knapton Recreational Field i.e. no swings etc. needed.

#### 103 CYCLE TRACK UPDATE:

Cllr Mrs Butterworth had a meeting with Nick Squire, Mike Wood, Peter Rollings and Rupert Douglas from Sustrans. There was agreement to have no fence between track and field, agreement to have 3m wide but no more. Cllr. Mrs Butterworth has put the Planning Application in and we should have a decision by 28 July. She asked for support for the planning application which was agreed. Today "The Press" wanted to do an article about the extension to the cycle path. Cllr. Mrs Butterworth has left a message for Nick Squires asking for his permission.

# **104 COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a) Any items for the next newsletter should be forwarded to Cllr. Mrs Powell.
- b) The website has been updated.

**105 CORRESPONDENCE:** None for noting

#### 106 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

- 1. VETS can print labels with volunteers phone numbers
- 2. Someone will contact the Head of Rufforth School to get the hedge cut before the holidays

**107 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Monday 4 July 2016 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Cllr Mrs Butterworth thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

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