

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2015 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs A Powell (Chairman) Councillor J Flynn
Councillor C Valentine Councillor K Clarke
Councillor Mrs H Beeley

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Cllr Chris Steward, 7 members of the public and Mrs S Warden (Parish Clerk).

Councillor Helen Beeley announced to all at the start of the meeting that her neighbour in Victoria Farm Close had been burgled whilst she was upstairs. The back door was closed but not locked and it appeared that the burglar had waited for her to go upstairs before he entered. Car keys, a handbag, purse and mobile phone had been taken.

169 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Helen Clarke asked why speeding tractors were not on the agenda, it was explained that it would come up under Item 181.

170 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Councillors Ms H Pasquill, Mrs H Butterworth and A Mate

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

172 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Cllr Valentine asked for Item 155 a) and d) to be amended, a) to read “some of” the trees and d) to read “the proposed cuts to the 412 bus service”. The minutes of 5 October 2015 were proposed by Cllr Valentine with these amendments and seconded by Cllr Flynn. The minutes were agreed.

173 KNAPTON PLANNING APPLICATION:

Matthew Stocks (Indigo Planning Consultant), Colin Briggs (architect) and Adam Size were present to discuss the small site off Back Lane, Knapton. The general consensus was that 6 houses were too many and there were concerns around the access points. Back Lane is a narrow street and is busy with traffic and pedestrians. They are now going to go for a Full Application for 4 houses only and with one access point onto Back Lane. Colin Briggs showed the designs of the 4 houses. They had looked at the Knapton Village Design Statement to get the architecture right. There will be 4 5/6 bedroom houses. As yet there have been no pre-planning discussions with CYC officers. They are aware that planning has been refused on this site before as being outside the village envelope. The Neighbourhood Plan has shown a need for small scale development which should be in keeping with the architecture in the village. Councillor Clarke said he would prefer 4 bed houses and widening of Back Lane to be in the plan.

Adam Size asked that the council feel free to feed in any comments.

174 WARD COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS:

Ward Funding is going to be looked at in a slightly different way. Cllr. Powell had been given a list of the things CYC do in the Ward. Those items written in red are things CYC do now and those written in green are things they could do. The Ward Councillors are consulting on these and we need to get back to them. The decisions will be made by the Ward Councillors ultimately.

Local Plan: The Local Plan group are now looking at about 817 homes to be built each year. The draft should be ready in March.

There is much discussion on devolution.

White Gates: CYC have said they won't paint them. It was agreed that a formal complaint should go in as CYC put them in and are therefore their responsibility.

175 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) Flooding in Rufforth: this will now go on the December agenda as the report put together by Jim Cavanagh(CYC) and Michael Denny (Yorkshire Water) will not be complete until mid November.
- b) The Clerk would follow up the white lines on Bradley Lane with Dave Mercer has she had not had a reply from him.
- c) The school crossing lights were now working. The flashing 30mph signs: one appeared to have been replaced having disappeared for a while the other had now gone presumably to be fixed.

176 PLANNING:

a) 15/02324/FUL The Farriers Hose, Rufforth for a conservatory to the rear: the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

The poultry unit on Bradley Lane had been strongly objected to. The Clerk will let all those interested know when this is coming up before the Planning Committee and put a notice in the Rufforth boards.

177 FINANCE:

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

Invoices for payment: It was agreed to pay the following:

a)	Invoices for Payment: Clerk's salary	£257.49 NET
	Grass Cutting D Bush	£444.00

b)	Payments received:	£0.00
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c)	Funds available:	£29,337.39
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Work Place Pensions: Cllr Beeley will look into this on behalf of the council.

Planning Training: Cllr Pasquill was no longer able to attend this Cllr Valentine would check his diary to see if he could go in her stead.

Burial Grounds:

- a) There had been no burials.
- b) David Bush had cut back the weeds in the hedge bottoms around the Natural Burial Ground.

Projects on Parish Council Land:

- a) Sand Dykes: The Clerk would email Sam the Tree Fella again for a quote to cut down the dead tree.
- b) Rufforth Pond: There needs to be money put into the budget for maintenance

Knapton Recreational Field:

It is hoped to get this onto the CYC grass cutting contract

178 YORWASTE:

Cllrs. Valentine and Mate are meeting with Yorwaste on Tuesday 3rd November. Cllr Valentine had emailed bullet points to councillors regarding what was to be discussed.

Nick Murray had done work on the tonnages and amount of vehicle movements going in and out of Harewood Whin. It looks like a 20% increase. There had been a lot of good information from the Neighbourhood Plan meeting with Yorwaste. It is unlikely that we will be able to get rid of Yorwaste but current plans are to stay within the site. The Neighbourhood Plan group will be working together with Yorwaste's consultants on their plans. Given that it was unlikely that Yorwaste could be persuaded to leave the site the preferred option was now to work with Yorwaste to minimise the

effects on the community. This was agreed and confirmed the agreement made by the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group and the Parish Council on 28 October. Cllr Clarke felt that the B1224 roundabout needed to be looked at in light of much larger wagons coming into Harewood Whin. Larger vehicles need a larger roundabout and this should be included in any application. All were in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan Group, the Parish Council and Yorwaste working together at meetings in the future.

It was agreed to ratify the agreement made by the Parish Council at the closed meeting on 12 October 2015 that Cllrs. Valentine and Mate become the new Yorwaste Liaison Representatives for the Parish Council, that they could go to Yorwaste on the Parish Council's behalf with Cllr. Valentine's proposals but with a constructive and balanced approach. The representatives should keep the council fully informed of actions at Council meetings and work co-operatively with the Neighbourhood Planning Group, with both Groups sharing information. In addition, it was agreed, a draft agenda would be circulated to the council prior to any meeting with Yorwaste for comment and then sent to Yorwaste in sufficient time to allow them to prepare for the meeting.

179 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

a) Rural West Ward meeting 20 October: Items discussed included New Ward boundaries, CYC devolution of money to be spent in the wards, Ward Grants and a Police report showing crime to be low but sheds and garages being targeted.

b) Ward West Team Meeting 26 October: Grant applications are going ahead as per last year, the Post Office has applied and application forms are available for groups to submit. Each Parish is being asked to look at Ward ground maintenance budgets and come up with suggestions on savings. Cllr. Powell, Butterworth and the Clerk will look at these in detail and come up with suggestions. Cllr Powell has asked for Knapton Recreational Field to be included in the grass cutting programme.

Questionnaires handed out at the Ward meeting revealed that litter, speeding, road conditions and dog fouling topped the list of concerns. All villages suffer from these problems.

Kay Bailey is to investigate the installation of Carbon Dioxide detectors in pensioners and low income families' homes

c) Cycle Path: Cllr Clarke had a good meeting with the steering group. He brought to the attention of the group that, following improvements to the A59 roundabout, vehicles are now travelling much faster on the A1237. This makes the crossing at Knapton much more difficult and dangerous. There is now a real need for the tunnel under the A1237, Barry is putting this to CYC and there are ongoing discussions.

d) Yorwaste: this was discussed under Item 178

180 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

CYC's official consultation on the Waste and Mineral Joint Plan will be coming out 16 November to 11 December. This will not include the full details of Harewood Whin but it is suspected it will include the field in front of the bund currently in the Green Belt. A meeting was held with Yorwaste on 14 October at which details of their new business plan were given. A copy of the key elements of this plan are in the parish council records. As the plan is now for no development outside the current site boundary it was agreed to now work with Yorwaste to ensure the effects on the community were minimised. The Neighbourhood Plan Group will hold a public meeting some time in November.

Meetings have also been held with CYC Highways and Drainage and a meeting with Yorkshire Water is being arranged for November.

The group is now busy defining its policies for each of the key issues identified in last month's report.

181 TRAFFIC CONCERNS THROUGH RUFFORTH:

The Clerk reported on the meeting with Sgt Ed Simpson. If there is a speed complaint in a certain location Data Loggers can be put up (on a lamp post) for 2 weeks.

Rufforth is due to get these in three locations in the village, 2 on Wetherby Road and one on Bradley Lane.

When the data is looked at from the data loggers it will be put into one of 4 categories.

Category 1: High accident rate, high speed and high fatalities

Category 2: High fatality rate, high accident rate but low speeds

Category 3: No accidents, no fatalities but high speed

Category 4: Low speed, low accident rate, no fatalities

Camera vans go out to high priority areas. If an area is deemed category 4 you wouldn't get anything.

Those areas could now be in line for Community Speed Watch cameras. There are no incidents in North Yorkshire of volunteers using speed guns being hit or harassed by drivers.

Community speed watch training would entail someone coming out with the equipment and showing how to use it.

Cllr. Powell had noted that more signs had gone up in the village alerting drivers to horses and cyclists using the road.

New legislation states tractors cannot go faster than 25 mph. There was concern that they were travelling much faster than that through the village and with heavily laden trailers.

Jane Wright also reported the incident of mud on the road from tractors exiting Gable Park and Milestone Avenue causing a lad to come off his scooter. Police were in the village slowing traffic.

The Clerk will ask for the report on the incident.

There had been suggestions to widen the footpath around the church and to make the road one way using traffic lights or to put barriers around the church bend footpath to protect pedestrians following concerns from parishioners. It was felt that traffic lights would probably not happen, the Clerk will investigate what could be possible.

182 COMMUNICATIONS:

a) The next newsletter will hopefully go out before Christmas, Cllr Powell had already started work on this.

b) The website has been updated.

183 CORRESPONDENCE: None

184 SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BUDGET 2016/2017:

Cllr. Valentine felt there should be something put aside for maintenance on the pond and Sand Dykes. The cycle track fund also needed topping up to £5000. There would be a budget meeting in the second week of December, Cllrs. Butterworth, Powell, Clarke and Flynn and the Clerk would bring the draft budget to the January meeting for setting the Precept.

185 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

Cllr Valentine had looked at the Emergency Plan and felt that all that was needed was a list of names with contact details of key holders in the villages.

186 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 7 December 2015 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Cllr Mrs Powell thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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