

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Rufforth with Knapton Parish Council
held in Rufforth Village Hall
On Monday 13th May 2013 starting at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors Present

Councillor R Lee (RL)	Councillor T Haward (TH)
Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)	Councillor C Valentine (CV)
Councillor R Syms (RS)	Councillor K Clarke (KC)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)	

In Attendance

The Clerk - Stephanie Warden, Julian Sturdy MP (JS), Ward Councillors Ian Gillies (IG) and Chris Steward (CS), Andrew Waller (AW) and 50+ members of the public

TH welcomed all to the meeting. RL then informed the meeting that he would be resigning as a parish councillor after some 30 years serving the parish. TH said that he would be much missed and asked for applause to show everyone's appreciation of his commitment to the parish. All showed their appreciation.

070 Election of Chairman

Cllr Tim Haward was proposed as Chairman by AP, seconded by HB and all were in agreement.

Cllr Tim Haward then took the Chair.

071 Apologies and reason for absence: none

072 Declarations of Interest: None

073 Election of Vice-Chairman:

Cllr Mrs A Powell was proposed by TH and seconded by RL.
All were in agreement

As most of the public were present for Item 079 it was agreed that it should be taken next.

079 The Local Plan – Showmans' Yard, Wetherby Road:

CS gave a brief summary of the Draft Local Plan as it stands at present. The consultation period starts 5th June and finishes 31st July. The results of the consultation should then be fed back into the Local Plan over the rest of the year. TH then closed the meeting to allow members of the public to put forward their comments and concerns, these included the following:

- The owner of the land is not happy about the proposed use
- The residential area of Knapton village covers 14/15 acres, the Showman's Yard site will cover 16 acres
- Inappropriate development in the Green Belt
- A Show people's yard will be far more industrial
- Contamination of Green Belt land

TH reopened the meeting and said that we should agree responses and how to work together with other groups involved. The parish council will have to work closely with the Ward Councillors and Julian Sturdy MP.

AW said that this should be approached in a similar way to those objecting to Union Terrace Car Park with an opportunity for everyone to get involved.

It was noted that there was a need for a steering/action group which should be broad based and not party political. Andrew Waller offered to help the action group. Knapton residents were thinking about buying the land themselves but were told that in the end it could be subject to a CPO, what was more important was to get it out of the Local Plan at this first stage.

It was noted that individual letters carried more weight than petitions or a letter sent out for individuals to sign.

A facebook site has been put up: www.facebook.com/KnaptonCommunity

North Yorkshire have 54 pitches, York has 21, Harrogate have not put any sites into their Local Plan saying there is no need and if the need arises they will look at it again. JS said the need for allocation of sites can be argued and wants to meet with Harrogate Councillors to see how they have arrived at their decision.

The aim should be to keep this land in the Green Belt.

The Government says that a Showman's Yard should be in an area that is suitable for residential and business use therefore it should be on a brownfield site.

It was also noted that sites managed by gipsies/showmen themselves were much better managed than Local Authority managed sites.

AP proposed that the action group should be made up of the three Knapton councillors, CS, AW and some Knapton residents. AP is working on an action group and compiling a list of people interested with email addresses.

This does not just impact on the Green Belt but on the local communities. CYC have to be challenged, is there really a need for this, have they looked at other sites. The impact on the local infrastructure is unsustainable with what CYC are proposing for the Local Plan.

TH proposed that Item 084 be taken next while JS was present.

084 HGVs coming from Yorwaste through Rufforth:

JS had a meeting with Yorwaste on site. They had looked at the work done with pin wells and talked about future management of the site. The Environment Agency (EA) had put enforcement action on Yorwaste to stop odour from the site. The positive news is that Yorwaste think the odour problem will be better. HGVs and the current application – JS said that he would write to Yorwaste and CYC supporting the Parish Council's position.

TH said that council appreciated the support from JS and that we needed to make sure the EA were on top of Yorwaste all the time. The EA do not volunteer much information to the Parish Council and JS said he would try to ensure that they did communicate better with the parish council. JS will copy the parish council in with anything on Yorwaste and vice versa.

074 Vacancy Rufforth Ward:

The Parish council were now in a position to co-opt someone onto the council and there now was a second vacancy that needed to be advertised. One person had been identified and hopefully could be persuaded onto the council.

075 Election of Representatives:

John Hawkins Trust	Roger Lee and <i>Celia Galloway</i>
Harewood Whin Liaison Meetings	Cllrs Haward, Valentine, Butterworth and Powell
Burial Ground	Cllrs Butterworth and Powell
Communications	Cllr Haward and The Clerk
Archiving/History	This work was now complete, TH thanked Rae Mould and RL
YLCA	Cllr Powell, and Cllr Haward
Cycle Track	Cllr Butterworth, Cllr Haward and Mike Wood
Neighbourhood Watch:- Rufforth – Malcolm Coward	

Ward Committee
Rufforth Pond –
Crisis Management –
These representatives were all agreed.

Cllrs Haward and Mrs Powell.
Cllr Valentine
Cllrs Haward and Valentine

- 076 Risk Assessments:**
These will be agreed at the next meeting.
- 077 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 8 April 2013:**
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 April were proposed as a true record by AP and seconded by RL and agreed.
- 078 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8 April 2013** were noted.
- 080 Ward Councillors Comments and reports:**
There would be a Ward Committee meeting during the third week in June on the Local Plan.
There is to be a cycle track meeting imminently. Mike Wood reported that the track was completed and the official opening needed to be sorted.
- 081 Clerk's Report:**
Greenbarnes had proposed they replace damaged back boards on two of the notice boards as they were substandard, but the broken door at Knapton would be replaced at a cost as it was due to misuse. TH proposed that council accept Greenbarnes proposal, AP seconded and it was agreed.
The new farmstead on Wetherby Road is to go on the next agenda.
- 082 Planning Matters:**
Yorwaste: CYC had gone back to Yorwaste asking them to look again at other sites to prove the need for new development in the Green Belt.
28 Southfield Close 13/00921/FUL: council had no objections to this application
- 083 Finance:**
The Monthly finance update was handed round and a copy is in the minute file.
It was agreed to pay the following invoices:-
Grass Cutting £305, Insurance £625.14, Trenchard Rd Notice board refurbishment £14.95, Expenses HB for Natural Burial Conference £70.00 and £80 to J Mackman for Internal Audit
Payments Received:
Precept £3775, Memeorial Stone fee £75, VAT repayment £259.24
- 085 Correspondence:** None
- 086 Communications:** to receive updates on the following
(a) Web Site – this has been hacked with the front page replaced. The Clerk will endeavour to fix this.
(b) Newsletter – this will need to include something on the Local Plan and TH would need something from the Action Group.
- 087 Rufforth to Hessay Footpath:**
RL had walked the footpath and discovered that the ditch by the Car Boot was full of polystyrene cups, take-away dishes etc. The Clerk will email Rachel Steward once she has received a draft from RL.
- 088 Jubilee Avenue of Trees, Bradley Lane:**

Money has been set aside by CYC to purchase trees for planting in November. An audit of services has been carried out. TH will put this in the newsletter asking if there are any objections to this.

089 Representative Reports:

HB went to the Natural Burial Ground Conference in Lincoln and visited other sites. This had been very worthwhile and HB will call a meeting of Burial ground representatives to discuss this.

Ward Committee: this meeting had almost wholly been about the Local Plan.

YLCA: the next meeting is on the first Thursday in June.

Yorwaste: another liaison meeting is needed

Archiving: can now come off the agenda

TCV will look at the pond in the Autumn.

090 Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda: None

091 Date of next meeting:

Monday 3rd June 2013 at Rufforth Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m

092 Public Comments:

Knapton residents are concerned that roadworks to the A59 roundabout will result in Knapton being used as a rat run. IG will talk to the manager of works to see what can be done.

CS will raise again with CYC the missing signpost at the Buckles.

The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is looking at the Local Plan and will be putting in a submission.

A Framer had excavated ditches and spread the arisings along Moor Lane Bridleway which renders it useless in wet weather. CS and IG will raise it with Public Rights of Way Officers.

Bill Halford reported that the bus service in Knapton was very poor with buses often not turning up when they were supposed to. Both IG and JS had tried to turn this around. JS would talk to the cabinet member for transport at North Yorkshire County Council.

It was reported that the Local Plan also included 20 houses behind Middlewood Close.

Following the meeting TH spoke of Councillor Roger Lee's 30 years of unbroken service to the parish and 20 of those as chairman. He would be severely missed. TH asked Janet Hopton, who had worked closely with Cllr Lee as a Ward Councillor, to make a small presentation. Janet Hopton said councillors and Ward Councillors owed Roger Lee a great debt in supporting and encouraging them. He showed great commitment to the community.

Signed

Date