

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Rufforth with Knapton Parish Council
held in Rufforth Village Hall
On Monday 9th May 2011 starting at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors Present

Councillor R Lee (RL)
Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP) Vice-Chairman
Councillor R Syms (RS)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)

In Attendance

City of York Councillors I Gillies (IG) and C Steward (CS), 11 members of the public and The Clerk, Stephanie Warden

Due to the absence of Cllr. Tim Haward AP took the chair briefly as Vice Chairman

067 Election of Chairman

Cllr Roger Lee was proposed as Chairman by RS and seconded AP. All were in agreement.

Cllr Roger Lee then took the Chair.

068 Apologies and reason for absence:

Apologies were received from Councillor T Haward (TH) and Cllr P Williams (PW). All reasons for absence were accepted.

069 Election of Vice-Chairman:

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

070 Declarations of Interest: None

As Cllrs Ian Gillies and Chris Steward had also to attend another Parish Council meeting it was decided to take Item 74 next.

074 Ward Councillors Comments and Reports:

IG introduced CS. CS will be looking after Rufforth and Knapton matters from now on. IG will still be involved and will continue to chair cycle track meetings. The only difference to the bus service is that the 18.25 departure from Wetherby has been cut.

Cycle Track: Steve Grieve had sent a letter to IG and had a copy letter from Sustrans with costings. There is to be a meeting next week to pull the whole thing together with all parties present. IG suggested that the meeting should be at Harewood Whin.

HB wanted it known that the Parish Council preferred and had fought for a route alongside the B1224 to keep people safe but recognised that the leisure route was better than nothing. Availability for the meeting had been requested by Andy Vose today.

Colin Valentine asked if cycle lanes could be marked on the road to where the cycle lane starts and within the village. IG was not sure that a cycle lane could be put in a derestricted area.

071 Election of Representatives:

John Hawkins Trust

Cllr Lee and Celia Galloway

Harewood Whin Liaison Meeting	Cllrs Haward, Lee, Butterworth and Powell
Burial Ground	Cllrs Butterworth and Powell
Communications	Cllr Haward and The Clerk
Archiving/History	Cllr Williams and Rae Mould
YLCA	Cllr Powell, Lee and Haward
Cycle Track	Cllr Mrs Butterworth and Mike Wood
Neighbourhood Watch:-	
Rufforth - Malcolm Coward	Knapton - ? (to go in next newsletter)
Ward Committee	Cllrs Haward, Lee and Mrs Powell

Rufforth Community Hall VMC: It was decided that as AP was on the board of Governors there was no need for a formal representative.
These representatives were all agreed.

072 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 4 April 2011:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 April were proposed as a true record by AP and seconded by RS after amending "Members Present" and Item 059. All agreed.

073 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4 April 2011:

These were noted and amendments made to the date and Item 7. These will be approved at the Annual Parish Meeting next year.

075 Clerk's Report:

To go on the next agenda – the procedure for asking YLCA/NALC to abandon Annual meetings.
The Clerk will follow up on TRANSCO and request sweepings for Southfield Lane.

076 Planning Matters:

There were no objections to 1 New House Covert or 9 Maythorpe but safeguards will be asked for i.e. for development rights to be taken away.

077 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	£435
Insurance	£615.08
Wood for Village Pump	£35
RAY subscription	£35
Newsletter printing	£90
Expenses HB for Natural Burial Markers	£72

RL thanked Mike Wood for turning and fitting the new top to the village pump.

Payments Received:

Precept	£3125
Memorial Stone fee	£55
Bank Interest	£4.42

The Clerk would follow up with Peter Plews a new padlock and key to the Burial Ground.

078 Accounts for Audit: Year ending 31st March 2011:

The accounts were presented for approval and were agreed.
The Annual Return was agreed including the Annual Governance Statement.
It was also agreed that James Mackman be the Internal Auditor.

079 Correspondence: TH had circulated a letter from Steve Grieve, MD of Yorwaste, concerning the last newsletter. TH had suggested a holding letter which was

circulated. It was agreed to take out the last paragraph and for the Clerk to type for TH to sign and send.

080 Communications: to receive updates on the following

- (a) Web Site – TH will be handing the updating of the site to the Clerk shortly.
- (b) Newsletter – Next agenda: to discuss the item on Yorwaste.

081 Cycle Path: This had been dealt with under Item 074.

082 B1224 Rufforth - Wetherby:

Iain Russell-Jarvie was concerned that the ever increasing weights of vehicles were causing poor road conditions. It was explained that the Parish Council had tried to get a weight restriction put on the road several times but had not been successful.

Fly-tipping on Mill Lane and Marston Lane is bad – if it is reported to CYC they are good at clearing it.

The Clerk is to write to Hessay and Long Marston Parish Councils asking that we work together to endeavour to keep our country lanes tidy.

083 Archiving and Security:

Rae Mould is as yet unsure if there is room in the cabinets for all that needs to be kept as they are not yet all sorted through. Colin Valentine will communicate with Rae and PW and think about the possibility of a more secure room.

084 Representative Reports:

HB said that she had obtained enough flags to provide a wheelchair access in the Cemetery but they were at present in her drive and a working party was needed to get them into the cemetery. TH will plan where they are laid and the Community Pay Back people will lay them.

The next Ward meeting is at the Gliding Club.

The next YLCA meeting is on 2nd June.

TH and RL had met the chairman of the Gliding Club. They agreed that the Parish Council would support their objection to the wind turbines at Copmanthorpe.

085 Village Shop:

There is concern regarding the closure of the village shop and Colin Valentine had written to TH. For the village to take on the village shop would mean raising a lot of money. The Old School was mid village and had parking and might make a good community shop. Colin also suggested that the Methodist Chapel could possibly sell more alongside the Post Office.

RL supported RS's proposal to have a steering group to look at the financial implications. RS, Colin Valentine and Iain Russell-Jarvie would be happy to look into it. RL reminded all that the Village Shop was up for sale and Malcolm Coward reminded all that the Village Hall was dependant on the income from renting the Old School.

086 Knapton Projects:

AP will ask the mole catcher if he can weed kill the weeds in the Pinfold.

There are six ladies interested in Allotments and it is hoped they will be up and running by October. A schedule of works has been drawn up to go for quotes.

087 Yorwaste:

Litter picking is being done on a regular basis.

088 Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda:

Co-options are to go on the next agenda and should perhaps be an item for the next newsletter.

089 Date of next meeting:

Monday 6th June 2011 at Rufforth Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.29 p.m

099 Public Comments:

- (a) Colin Valentine asked if anyone on the Parish Council would be on a steering committee for a shop and DS said that he would.

Signed

Date