

Rufforth with Knapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Rufforth with Knapton Annual Parish Meeting
held in Rufforth Village Hall on 7th April 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor T Haward (TH) (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP) Councillor R Syms (RS)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)
Councillor C Valentine (CV)

In Attendance: 1 member of the public from Item 5, Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS) and the Clerk

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Councillor K Clarke (KC) and Councillor P Leadley-Yoward (PLY)

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th April 2013

As there were no members of the public present at the time and the Clerk had given copies of the minutes to councillors to read beforehand, the minutes were taken as read. These minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Mrs Powell and seconded by Cllr Syms and agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising: none

4. Chairman Report

The Chairman reported:

- That Roger Lee had resigned in May last year after c30 years serving on the Parish Council and that there still remained a vacancy on the council. Concerns were raised that come the May 2015 elections several of the older councillors had indicated they would not stand again. If residents are concerned about their villages it is important that new councillors are found and quickly.
- Councillors had dealt with some 24 planning applications, and commented on CYC's Local Plan and will comment on North Yorkshire and York's Waste and Mineral Plan shortly. Councillors continue to have twice yearly liaison meetings with Yorwaste.
- Councillors continue to work hard with support from Julian Sturdy MP to get Yorwaste to meet its obligations regarding HGVs through Rufforth and councillors continue to tackle speeding traffic through Rufforth.
- The precept has remained at last year's level and finances are sound being supplemented by income from the Burial Grounds.
- The Parish Council has been badly let down by CYC who changed the specification of the cycle track without consultation. This has resulted in no money to do the tarmac over the tip. We are working hard to get a useable connection from Rufforth to Knapton and the new Park and Ride.

- The Parish Council has issued a Freedom of Information request to establish what S106 money has been collected from Rufforth and Knapton, and if so where it is.
- Thanks to hard work from Cllr. Butterworth and the Clerk the burial ground has become a popular final resting place.
- The Boundary Commission has altered Rural West Ward to include Skelton and not Copmanthorpe reducing the number of Ward Councillors from 3 to 2.
- Revised Standing Orders have been adopted in the last year.
- The Parish Council strives to make information available to residents, there are four notice boards through the parish which have been refurbished this year. Newsletters go out twice yearly and the website is kept up to date with all sorts of useful information.
- The Chairman thanked all councillors, the Clerk and Ward Councillors for their hard work.

A copy of the Chairman's report is in the minute file.

5. **Responsible Financial Officers Report**

A copy of the Financial Officer's Report is in the minute file. She also presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014. The RFO said that these were the full and final figures for the year and that they should be agreed at the next meeting in readiness for taking to the internal auditor.

Cash at the bank as at 31st March 2014 was £19,846.45 with one unrepresented cheque of £411.00.

6. **John Hawkins Trust**

Roger Lee, a Trustee, sent through a brief report on the running of the Charity and the Balance sheet, the current balance being £358.22.

(A copy of the Balance sheet is attached to these minutes.)

TH thanked the trustees, Roger Lee and Celia Galloway, for continuing this trust.

7. **Public Comments and Questions**

Bill Halford asked that all buses from Wetherby and York go through Knapton. TH explained that the Parish Council and Julian Sturdy had worked hard to stop it, but, bus services through Rufforth were going to be curtailed to the service Knapton currently experienced.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.52 p.m. and thanked all for attending.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date