

# Rufforth with Knapton Parish Council

Minutes of the Rufforth with Knapton Annual Parish Meeting  
held in Rufforth Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs A Powell (Chairman)  
Councillor R Syms  
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth  
Councillor C Valentine (CV)  
Councillor K Clarke  
Councillor Ms H Pasquill

**In Attendance:** 5 members of the public, Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS)  
and the Clerk

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Councillor A Mate

**3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th April 2014**

As there were copies of the minutes for the public to read and no members of the public were present at the last Annual Parish Meeting the minutes were taken as read. These minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Mrs Butterworth and seconded by Cllr Valentine, agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising: none

**4. Chairman Report**

The Chairman reported:

- Many changes to the council, in July Councillor Ms Pasquill joined us, in October Tim Haward resigned as chairman and in November Cllr Anne Powell was elected chairman. In December Andrew Mate was co-opted onto the council and in March Paul Leadley- Yoward resigned leaving a vacancy on the council.
- We have had various presentations during the year on Neighbourhood Plans, from the Ambulance Service on defibrillators and on Crisis Management.
- Issues discussed through the year have included, speeding HGVs through the village, the pond, the burial grounds, a dog bin for Hannam Lane, The York Local Plan, dog fouling and crisis management.
- 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. Councillors have looked at and commented on about 30 planning applications including the very contentious Harewood Whin application. This was called in by the Secretary of State and the Parish Council worked with the Action Group to ensure the Inspector was fully aware of our objections. The application has recently been withdrawn by Yorwaste.

- Our thanks go to members of the Action Group who have worked hard on the objections to Harewood Whin.
- Councillors are working with nearby residents in objecting to the application for 160 houses alongside Trenchard Road and Boroughbridge Road.
- The cycle path was eventually opened in October by the Lord Mayor, Ian Gillies. Many thanks go to Helen Butterworth and Mike Wood for working so hard on this project over the years.
- The Parish Council continue to represent the parish on outside committees, the Yorkshire Local Council's Association, Ward Team and Committee meetings and the Liaison meetings with Yorwaste.
- 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. The RFO said that these were the full and final figures for the year and that they should be agreed at the meeting following on from the Annual Parish meeting in readiness for taking to the internal auditor.

Cash at the bank as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 was £23,552.55.

**6. John Hawkins Trust**

This would come to the May meeting of the council.

**7. Public Comments and Questions**

None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.43 p.m. and thanked all for attending.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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