

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2011
IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Tim Haward (TH)	Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor RA Lee (RL)	Councillor M Comber-Evans (MCE)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)	Councillor P Williams (PW)
Councillor R Syms (RS)	Councillor D Hildreth

IN ATTENDANCE

Ward Councillor Ben Hudson (BH), Mrs S Warden (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

001 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: None

002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: HB Item 006 Wellgarth House

003 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th December 2010 were proposed as a true record by MCE, seconded by RS, agreed and signed.

004 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:

BH informed the council that Arriva had no longer got the bus service contract for the 412 and 413, it was now with Eddie Brown. BH understood that it would be the same service and would commence 1st April.

BH said there was surplus in the Ward Budget for this year and agreed that £2000 for a Village Sign on Bradley Lane could come forward to this year. PW will take on the project.

Harewood Whin: TH updated BH on the meeting with Julian Sturdy on 7.01.11. Julian has a meeting with Yorwaste on 28.01.11 with Ian Gillies and Julian will then get back to the Parish Council to brief us.

The Parish Council wants no further planning applications from Yorwaste until they have submitted a master plan to CYC showing what they intend to do in the future. Julian Sturdy is going to look into the status of the compost pad and, if it's not too late, will put in a letter objecting to it in the Green Belt.

Julian will also put in a letter to Harrogate and Leeds Councils re. lorries going through Rufforth contrary to planning conditions.

Julian had received approximately 20 letters from parishioners.

The response from Michael Slater was:

- The odour management plan had now been received
- He mentioned the planning application for extension to the material recycling building
- It was intended to revisit the S106 cycle path shortly.
- A master planning brief for the future of Harewood Whin had not happened yet.

BH said of the Farmers' Market type idea that there was a local by-law in place that meant local markets could not run from so many miles from York without permission from CYC. BH said that events could be held for 14 days of the year without planning permission.

005 CLERK'S REPORT:

Repairs were in hand for Knapton notice board. RS said that they were waiting for a dry frost free day. The Clerk had notified the insurance company.

006 PLANNING:

Wellgarth House had been refused by CYC

There had been no objections to the application for an extension to Oakfield.

Harewood Whin: Extension to the material recovery plant. TH proposed that the Parish Council object to this as it comes before the master plan and there are inconsistencies but not all councillors had seen the application at the time of the meeting. It has to be back to CYC by 19.01.11.

The Parish Council had been asked to comment on proposals for the British Sugar and Old Manor School sites and for comments to be back to CYC by 26 January, the Clerk requested they be back to her by 20 January.

The British Sugar site could be used for waste recycling as part of it is contaminated and it is straight off the ring road.

PW pointed out that we should have objected to the application for a bungalow at Wellgarth House as it went against the VDS as backland infill.

007 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: £385 to Mr Bush for hedge cutting and pruning in and around the Burial Ground and Southfield Lane and £113.20 expenses to the Clerk for the last quarter, plus £60 for two burial fees and £79.11 back pay.

Mr Bush had supplied a quote for cutting the hedge and planting in front to provide a better screen in the Parish Garden for £195, RL proposed he should go ahead, DH seconded and all agreed that the Clerk should tell Mr Bush to do the work as quoted.

It was also agreed that we should pay the membership fee of £75 to join the Association of Natural Burial Grounds.

It was agreed that the Clerk could get a lap top computer as soon as possible up to the value of £500.

Receipts: £2.00 Bank Interest, £49 memorial stone fee.

Bank Balances - £17,761.73 Funds Available - £2,590.68

008 GRASS CUTTING QUOTES:

The Clerk produced a spread sheet to show all quotes to enable councillors to compare them. MCE proposed David Bush for the contract for the following season, RL seconded this and all agreed.

009 YORWASTE:

The strength of feeling amongst parishioners is not to take the line of least resistance when dealing with Yorwaste. It was agreed to defer strategy until after Julian Sturdy's meeting with Yorwaste – to go on next agenda.

010 BUDGET/PRECEPT 2011/2012:

RL proposed the draft budget as it stood (a copy is in the minute file), AP seconded it and all agreed.

MCE proposed a precept of £6250, which was seconded by AP and all agreed.

011 KNAPTON PROJECTS:

AP still has to contact the allotments officer.

RS proposed 2/3benches for the field from S106 monies. RS hopes to see the Friends of Knapton Recreational Field to discuss any needs they may have. AP will speak to Rachel Stewart (CYC Street Environment Officer) regarding a sign for Knapton Recreational Field.

012 CORRESPONDENCE:

The YLCA meeting is on 3rd February at 7.30pm.

An email from Mr Park had requested that we look into getting gas into Rufforth. The Clerk will write to TRANSCO to find out what the situation is regarding supplying gas to Rufforth.

013 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – Mr Backhouse is coming tomorrow to do the gate. HB said Mr Bush had done a brilliant job of the hedges etc around the Burial Ground.

HB and the Clerk will have a meeting regarding the rules as to what can and can't be placed on a plot.

A rugby ball on a plinth had appeared on one plot. The Clerk will ring the undertakers regarding this and plastic flowers to see if they are prepared to approach the bereaved. The Clerk is to get quotes for a paved path for wheelchairs.

Archiving: This is being done

Ward Committee: The next meeting is in February

Land Registry: DH has sent off the forms etc. to Durham for the Parish Garden and is waiting to hear from them.

014 COMMUNICATIONS: Next agenda

015 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

RL had contacted Tom James, the buses were being kept at Lowfield Farm for wet weather storage and will be back at home when the weather improves. Councillors made a note to check whether they were still there by the March meeting.

016 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 7th February 2011 at 7.30pm in Rufforth Village Hall. RS gave his apologies for that meeting.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.

017 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rae Mould had placed a notice in the Post Office and asked people to write to Julian Sturdy re. Yorwaste. This had worked and Rae was thanked.

The Methodist Church is doing a History resume of Rufforth and Colin Valentine asked if we could look into the history of the Parish Council.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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