

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2014 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs A Powell (Chairman)

Councillor K Clarke

Councillor C Valentine

Councillor Mrs H Pasquill

Councillor Mrs H Butterworth

IN ATTENDANCE: 8 members of the public, Ward Councillor Chris Steward and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

191 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Councillor P Leadley-Yoward and Councillor R Syms

192 VACANCY PARISH COUNCIL:

Cllr Mrs Powell welcomed Andrew Mate to the council and asked him to take a seat with the councillors following his signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office

193 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (not previously declared): None

194 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Cllr. Mrs Pasquill proposed the minutes of 3 November 2014 which were seconded by Cllr. Clarke. The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

195 YORK LOCAL PLAN:

There was a meeting of the alliance of action groups around the City at the Marriot Hotel on 19 November. Cllrs. Powell, Valentine and Steward were present as well as Dan Russell and 4 residents of Trenchard Road. They looked at housing and suggested that each area/village look at putting an extra 20% of housing rather than the Local Plan's proposal for very large housing projects and new villages in the Green Belt.

The stated huge number of extra houses needed should be questioned as well as the number of sites needed for travellers.

There will be another meeting at West Offices on 9 December.

It was suggested that each village do a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr. Mate suggested that the Keedwell and Pullman companies could be approached for funding.

196 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:

The Safety Car covers areas around schools that have problems with parking. It does not deal with speeding problems. If speed is an issue then the police should be asked to come out with cameras.

York has been given £37m for road improvements to make 7 roundabouts on the A1237 bigger. Concerns are that this may make the dualling of the ring-road less possible in the future.

Dafydd Williams has been elected as leader of the York Labour party following the resignation of James Alexander. He is going to refund all Lendal fines and will offer seats on the Authority's cabinet to Cllrs. Chris Steward and Keith Aspen if he is made leader of the council.

197 CLERK'S REPORT:

- S106 monies: David Meigh was going to remind the Legal department of his enquiry as they had not got back to him. The Clerk has not had an answer despite following this up.
- R Burniston has been instructed to cut Knapton Recreational Field. The Clerk will ring him again to remind him as it has not been cut.
- The Clerk had received letters from both Harrogate Borough Council and Selby District Council following her letter regarding their Dustbin wagons coming through Rufforth. Neither were aware of the S106 in place and so the Clerk will write to Steve Grieve, Yorwaste MD, with copies of the letters. She is also to ask what Yorwaste are doing about checking the CCTV at the entrance to Harewood Whin, who is checking it and how often.
- Mike Wood had discovered fly-tipping, mostly old bedding, on Southfield Lane between the entrances to the two Burial Grounds. It had occurred on the night of 30 November. He reported it to CYC but was told they could not log it unless they cleared it away which could take several days. Mike Wood cleared it himself and was thanked by the Parish Council.

198 PLANNING:

- 13/00041/FULM Land to the South of Yorwaste: a letter had been sent to the Secretary of State on the Parish Council's behalf asking for this approved application to be called-in. It was agreed retrospectively that it should be sent, it was also agreed to send the overview of the Yorwaste operation presented by Cllr. Valentine to the Secretary of State as an addendum to the original letter. Residents around the parish are being urged to write asking for the application to be called-in.
- 14/02411/FUL and 14/02412/LBC Pear Tree House: there were no objections to this as long as the extension and garage were commiserate with the existing dwelling.
- 14/02258/FUL Land to the East of Orchard Vale for the erection of a dwelling and garage: Rufforth Councillors will come back to the Clerk with their comments on this

199 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: The Clerk's monthly salary, £812 to D Bush for grass cutting and hedge cutting and pruning in the Village Garden and in and around the Burial Ground, £88 to SLCC for the Clerk's subscription for the 2015.

Receipts: £4.30 Bank interest and £424.72 VAT reclaim.

Bank Balances - £24,623.98

Funds available - £2,468.41

It was agreed to pay Cllr Mrs Powell £25 next meeting to reimburse her for the voucher she would buy, as agreed, for ex chairman Tim Haward under S111 LGA1972. This was as a thank you for his hard work as Councillor and Chairman.

Cllr. Mrs Butterworth said Mr Bush had done a fantastic job of cutting the hedges and pruning shrubs in and around the Burial Ground. The Clerk would thank him as agreed.

It was agreed that Cllrs. Powell, Butterfield, Clarke and the Clerk would meet at the Clerks on 10 December at 7.30pm to put the draft budget together for 2015/16

200 A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR RUFFORTH:

This was seen as a possibility as part of Crisis management for Rufforth. It was agreed that this would come off the agenda until such a time that the Ambulance Service got back to us offering advice or to come and talk to a meeting of the council.

201 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Residents' Forum/Team Meetings: Both meetings had talked mainly about Poppleton and Copmanthorpe Neighbourhood Plans and the A1237/B1224 roundabout. The roundabout is getting increasingly backed up with traffic partly because traffic flows better round the A59 roundabout and because drivers cannot see far enough round the B1224 roundabout to pull out.

YLCA : The next meeting is in February.

Rufforth Pond: next agenda

Crisis Management: There is now a new officer in charge of this at CYC – Katie Fisher, it may be possible to get her to come and talk to us about what exactly should be included.

Archiving: Nothing to report.

Yorwaste: Cllr. Mrs Powell will organise a liaison meeting after Christmas.

Action Group: This to go on agendas until further notice. The Action Group met last week to put a proposal together for calling in the Yorwaste application. There is a meeting tomorrow and they will find out what progress there has been.

202 COMMUNICATIONS:

Cllr Anne Powell asked for items for inclusion in the newsletter. She will include that Frank Di Lorenzo paid for bulbs to be planted around the village and a thank you to Tim Haward. Website: The Clerk will update this and the noticeboards with the change in councillors' names.

203 ARCHIVE FILING CABINET:

It was agreed that the Clerk should get a locksmith out and replace the lock.

204 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

Cllr. Valentine presented 3 invoices for photocopying to the Clerk for payment next month. Cllr. Pasquill asked for a bus shelter outside the pub on behalf of residents, the Clerk will look into this. Haulage traffic has been dreadful recently. Cllr. Steward would look into a weight restriction on the bridge between Rufforth and Moor Monkton as dustbin lorries are coming off the A59 and through the back way and into Rufforth via Mill Lane to Yorwaste.

205 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 5 January 2015 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Cllr Mrs Powell thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

206 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Members of the public present wanted to go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan but only if it was fronted by the Parish Council. The Parish Council would be responsible for the funds raised to put the Plan together and quite likely would have to fund some of it themselves. The Parish Council could therefore not approve to go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan but were quite happy to put it on the next agenda for approval. Members of the Action Group were sure that they could find people to do the work as long as it was fully backed by the Parish Council.

Next agenda: Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor A Mate introduced himself to the public.

_____ Chairman _____ Date