

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 1st OCTOBER 2012 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Tim Haward (TH) Chairman
Councillor C Valentine (CV)
Councillor R Lee (RL)
Councillor R Syms (RS)

Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)
Councillor D Nevins (DN)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Councillor Paul Healey (PH), 3 members of the public and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

154 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Councillor K Clarke (KC), Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS)

155 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

156 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 3 SEPTEMBER 2012:

AP proposed the minutes of 3 September 2012 as a true record, these were seconded by RL and agreed and signed.

157 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

Cycle Track: Unconfirmed information received says that the speed limit at the York end of Rufforth will not be changed.

Community Contracts: Rural West York will have a Community Contract broadly based around youth and older people. PH was struggling to see how it would improve residents' lives. There is nothing in the document guaranteeing any services, it is more like a statement of intent.

LDF (Local Development Framework): The Inspector was not happy with York's plan for the future planning for York and so it was pulled and is being started again. It will take 2 years. Meanwhile planning policies in place will be used to judge new applications.

Parliamentary Review: The Boundary Commission is basically balancing up seats as some areas were overly small or too big. Legislation is unlikely as both Labour and the Liberal Democrats are against any changes.

Local Government Boundary Review: Wards may end up with 1 or 2 members rather than 3. PH will ask Ian Gillies to update on the cycle track if there is anything new to update.

158 CYCLE TRACK UPDATE:

There was nothing further to update

159 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Local Police Team consists of Sgt. Ed Noble, PC Sarah-Jayne Elliott and PCOs Nigel Colley and Laura Smith.

Kate Bowers CYC Neighbourhood Planning is coming to 5th November meeting.

160 PLANNING:

- The Parish Council had not objected to the application for the Sewage Pumping Station on Bradley Lane but wished to see the box remain in the hedge rather than on the triangle of grass at the junction with Southfield Close. However this was approved as the application stood.

- There had been no objections to the extensions at 8 Victoria Farm Close from Parish Councillors.
- An application had just come to the council for a car port to the front of Calmartha, Rufforth.

E-Planning: little progress has been made so far. Peter Powell will keep the Parish Council updated. There is a meeting on Wednesday.

161 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: £90.87 to the Clerk for 2nd ¼ expenses, £80 to Tim Bilbrough for cutting the Wildflower Meadow and £475 to David Bush for grass cutting.

Receipts: £207, £634 and £898 in Burial fees, the last 2 being in the Natural Burial Ground £3375 for the 2nd half of the precept and £1.02 bank interest.

Bank Balances - £13,290.70

Funds available - £5775.72

HB had received three quotes for the Memorial Wall in the Burial Ground and was waiting for a further quote. As HB wanted to wait for that quote it was decided to put it on the next agenda. It was agreed that the siting of the wall should be to the right of the double gates as one enters the Natural Burial Ground from the Formal one, taking out part of the hedge to make way for the wall with flagging front and back.

162 COMMUNITY CONTRACTS:

This had been dealt with under Item 157. TH said that the Neighbourhood Unit had been reduced from 17 to 7.

163 KNAPTON RECREATIONAL FIELD:

KC and AP had met to discuss the field. KC had gone to talk to the Chair and Treasurer of the Knapton recreational Field Committee and will report back. This item is to go on the next agenda.

164 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS:

It was agreed that as Rufforth and Knapton had completed Parish Plans, and done a Village Design Statement, Neighbourhood Plans could wait, especially as CV had been informed at a meeting that Neighbourhood Plans were likely to cost £20,000.

165 PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW:

This had been discussed under Item 157.

166 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – David Bush will cut the hedges shortly. The Wildflower Meadow had been cut and needed raking off. Mrs Posnett had already started to rake it off and was willing to help in any way possible in the Natural Burial Ground. A working party is needed to complete the job.

Ward Committee: Community Contracts had been discussed at the last meeting.

Archiving: RL and Rae Mould will be continuing this on Wednesday filing away planning applications.

YLCA : There is a meeting on 4th October at Acaster Malbis. AP will attend.

Rufforth Pond: CV has sent a list of things that need doing to TCV and has had no quote as yet.

Crisis Management: There are 3 RVP (Rendezvous Points) for the emergency services on the airfield, 1 at the Microlight club, one at the Gliding Club and 1 on the Playing Fields.

Emergency Services have these RVP on GPS and so if there is an emergency people can ring to say whether it is RVP 1,2 or 3.

Yorwaste liaison: TH had received 2 emails from Guy Widdowson and he suggests that he and the Parish Council get together and write to CYC re. improving the junction with the B1224. TH will meet up with him after 9th October. It was agreed that another liaison meeting was due.

Yorwaste are still waiting for service audits on the field next to Tinker Lane for the proposed Woodland.

The audit request has gone in according to Wendy Taylor for the Jubilee Avenue of trees on Bradley Lane.

The Methodist Church have received the grant for the Post Office.

167 CORRESPONDENCE: Noted

168 COMMUNICATIONS:

The next newsletter will come out late October/November, TH asked for news for inclusion. The Clerk is managing the Web site and is up to date.

169 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

AP said that arrangements needed to be made for a precept/budget meeting. The budget needs to be agreed at the January meeting.

S Broadley had said there was quite a bit of fly tipping on Bradley Lane since Beckfield Lane had closed.

170 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 5th November 2012 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

171 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Halford had been asked to speak on behalf of Knapton residents about the inadequate bus service through Knapton. There are two timetables with the same date, one states that there is a bus at 8.07am and the other doesn't. Those going for the 8.07am bus have been disappointed. RS will ring and see if he can get some answers.

RS would also follow up Mr Halford's complaint about the state of the roads in Knapton.

Bob McLean asked about the large building that had sprung up near the control tower on the airfield. The Clerk informed him that there had been approve planning permission for a building at Todds to enclose the waste operation. TH will look at the building and the planning approval will be looked out to ensure it is the right size.

TH apologised for absence at the next meeting, AP has agreed to chair it.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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