

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2013 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor T Haward (TH) Chair

Councillor C Valentine (CV)

Councillor R Syms (RS)

Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)

Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 2 members of the public, Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS) and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

**183 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:** Councillor K Clarke (KC) and Councillor P Leadley -Yoward (PY)

**184 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**185 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

AP proposed the minutes of 4 November 2013, RS seconded this proposal and the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

**186 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:**

CYC's policy to use their own in house team for the cycle track is as usual and in order to follow all their Health & Safety and Risk Assessments etc.

Ward Committee meeting: Broadband had been discussed and TH had been given a plan showing that Rufforth and Knapton would be coming on stream in 2014 for superfast broadband.

Snow Wardens: Whilst there are volunteers for the west end of Rufforth there are currently none for the east end of Rufforth or for Knapton. The next training session is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm at Hazel Court. Snow Wardens get unlimited salt and text messages to say when the weather is going to be bad.

**187 CLERK'S REPORT:**

- The 2 notice boards are now with Greenbarnes for refurbishment. The Clerk will ask PY to put new posts in for the Knapton board.
- Rufforth road markings and signage – the Clerk will follow this up with Jonathan Pickles of CYC if she does not get an update shortly.
- At the junction of Mill Lane and the B1224 there is no sign for Rufforth if you are coming from Hessay – the Clerk will follow this up.
- Shrubs and Potholes in Southfield Lane – Highways have come and filled the potholes and will come again in a couple of months. The shrubs have not been cut back – the Clerk will follow this up.
- The Clerk will make a FOI request to find out what S106 monies have come into CYC from building developments in Rufforth.
- Peter Powell will email the Standing Orders that he has changed to the Clerk for her to adapt for Rufforth with Knapton. The draft can then be agreed at the next meeting.

**188 PLANNING:**

- Huntsham Farm for the erection of an agricultural building 13/ 03551/FUL: there were no objections to this application

- Field lying at the junction of the B1224 and Moor Lane for the erection of an agricultural building 13/03569/FUL: there were objections to this application due to size and location
- Todd Waste Management for shredding and composting of green waste 13/02786/FUL: this application had been withdrawn
- The hangar being erected on the airfield was being clad in dark brown not green as stipulated in the planning application. Erik Matthews, CYC Planning Officer, has reported that the owner has been put to a rigid timescale to paint it the right colour

**189 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: £515 to David Bush for hedge cutting and pruning in and around the burial ground and tidying and hedge cutting in the Parish Garden, £63 for a year's advertising in the Parish and Village news and £87 to SLCC for next year's subscription.

Receipts: £2.44 bank interest, £1,300 for the pre-purchase of a double burial plot and £1,800 pre-purchase of 2 single natural burial plots.

Bank Balances - £21,880.05

Funds available - £4,543.70

**190 HGVs THROUGH RUFFORTH:**

Matthew Parkinson from CYC had emailed to say that he would get back to the council once he had received more advice on the S106 served on Yorwaste.

**191 BANK ACCOUNTS:**

It was decided to look at bank accounts at the budget meeting on 3 January 2014 at 2pm and come back to council at the January meeting.

The Burial Ground sub-committee will look at a business/maintenance plan mid January.

**192 VACANCY RUFFORTH WARD:**

There still had been no one coming forward for this vacancy.

**193 CYCLE TRACK:**

There was no new information to report.

**194 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:**

Burial Ground – It was agreed that HB will get another 500 leaflets printed after getting quotes.

Ward Committee: The A59 roundabout is 1 month behind programme but they hope to catch this time up.

YLCA : The next meeting is in February.

Rufforth Pond: CV had not heard back from Brian Sweeney of Askham Bryan College. Paul Appleton of TCV had got back to CV and CV has let him know what needs to be done to the pond.

Crisis Management: there was nothing to report on this.

Yorwaste: The next liaison meeting is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**195 CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was a copy letter from Stuart Broadley to The Playing Field's Association in which he complained about the very anti-social behaviour of some footballers on the playing fields.

The Clerk will write supporting Mr Broadley's comments.

**196 COMMUNICATIONS:**

CS would write a paragraph on the work of the Knapton and West Action Group for the newsletter.

The website was up to date.

**197 IDEAS FOR BUDGET 2014/2015:**

CV asked for some money for Rufforth Pond.

**198 BUS SERVICE RUFFORTH:**

North Yorkshire CC are looking to reduce the service to a two hourly rather than hourly service. This could cause some residents difficulty. Julian Sturdy MP is campaigning to stop this happening.

**199 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

The proposed Jubilee Avenue of trees that was supposed to be planted in November has been halted by work down Bradley Lane. The service audit would not now be correct and this may mean the project does not go ahead.

**200 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Monday 6 January 2014 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.

**201 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Deborah Swan wished to look into the possibility of a by-pass for Rufforth. Those present felt it was very unlikely to happen but if she wished to pursue it the council would not object. CV would help her to find the work done on it some ten years ago when he had looked into the same.

Bob McLean reported one of the belisha beacons on the zebra crossing was out. CV would speak to the crossing patrol lady about it to ensure it had been reported.

The hangar on the airfield has now got bottle green (almost black) walls.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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