

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2 MARCH 2015 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs A Powell (Chairman)	Councillor K Clarke
Councillor R Syms	Councillor Mrs H Pasquill
Councillor C Valentine	Councillor Mrs H Butterworth
Councillor A Mate	

IN ATTENDANCE: 7 members of the public, Ward Councillor Chris Steward and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

036 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: None

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

038 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Cllr. Mate proposed the minutes of 2 February 2015 which were seconded by Cllr. Mrs Butterworth. The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

039 AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Tom from the Ambulance Service came to talk to the meeting about Community Access Defibrillators. He said that the service would love to have defibrillators everywhere, they save lives. With CPR there is a 5% survival rate but with a defibrillator chances of survival go up to 85%. For every minute of delay the survival rate goes down 10%. Tom felt it was important that we had one in the village. There are numerous models on the market but the ambulance service have narrowed them down to two. Once the pads have been used they need replacing and it is easier to get replacements from Wel Medical. The defibrillators do a check on themselves at 3 am each day and a guardian is needed to check each week that the green light is on.

The cabinet has a combination lock on it and when someone rings the emergency number the computer will show the nearest emergency responder or ambulance and whether there is a defibrillator nearby. If a C-pack is too far away the emergency call centre will direct you to the cabinet and tell you the combination. Apart from the machine telling you exactly what to do the 999 operator will be on the phone also. The cabinets claim to be vandal proof and if the phone box is still wired for electricity BT will pay for the cabinet's electricity. The cabinet needs a trickle charge to keep it frost free to protect the defibrillator.

DefibSafe Cabinets cost £520 + VAT and Green Urban Cabinets cost £745 + VAT. A DefibSafe would be fine if in the phone box but if the cabinet were to be fixed to an outside wall a Green Urban would be better. The defibrillator costs £950 and is guaranteed for 7 years or if registered on line 10 years. Pads cost £24.95 per set and batteries cost £110 +VAT and need to be changed every 5 years.

041 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

The formal application has gone into CYC. The consultation period can't start until after the elections due to Purdah. Peter Rollings' report is in the minute file. A planning consultant will have to be used and quotes are being obtained from 2 planning consultants. The grant situation is also being investigated by the committee.

040 YORK LOCAL PLAN:

DCLG figures have shown that CYC's housing figures are 10% too high. This will not move on until after the elections.

042 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:

The Planning Approval at Harewood Whin has been "called in" by the Secretary of State.

043 CLERK'S REPORT:

- S106 monies: The Clerk had chased David Meigh and would do so again
- Linda Goodyear had replied re. The Community Hall Charge of £35 and was not going to reduce that fee. The Clerk will write back as it was understood there were two charges, one much smaller charge for community bookings.

044 PLANNING:

There had been no objections from the Parish Council to the following planning applications:

- 15/00210/FUL West Cottages, Rufforth for erection of garage to side
- 15/00199/FUL Pear Tree Farm, Rufforth for single storey rear extension and erection of garage to rear (amended scheme)
- 15/00206/TPO The Vicarage, Rufforth to crown reduce horse chestnut (T3)

Yorwaste: as the planning application has been called in by the Secretary of State there will be an inspector appointed – Cllr Steward doubted anything would happen until after the election.

045 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 and £10.30 burial fee and expenses to Cllr Mrs Butterworth of £46.99 for pink marker spray.

Receipts: £3.37 Bank interest and £103 Burial fee.

Funds available: £1,540.05

046 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Residents' Forum/Team Meetings: The next Ward Team meeting is on 30 March and on 23 March Councillors and the Clerk have been invited by the Lord Mayor for drinks in the Mansion House

YLCA : At the last meeting the new audit arrangements had been looked at. Cllr Mrs Powell and the Clerk will meet to check all is being done as it should be.

Rufforth Pond: Cllr. Valentine has given all his notes to an environmentalist who will look for quotes for what needs to be done to the pond. There are trees leaning well over the road at Sandykes – this is to be discussed next agenda.

Crisis Management: Cllrs. Valentine and Syms have started to fill in the gaps in the Community Emergency Plan. A leader and deputy need to be named in the plan and it is recommended that an emergency kit needs to be kept most likely in the archive room at the Village Hall. This kit is supposed to include a first aid kit and high vis vests and would probably cost £100 - £200. This is an on-line document and Cllr Syms will email it to all for comment once it is drafted.

Archiving: Nothing to report.

Yorwaste: Steve Grieve had written to Neil Ferris advising him that CCTV was looked at weekly and customers were contacted if they had been seen going/coming through Rufforth. The majority of customers are not bound by contract but for those that are Yorwaste can insist they travel via the ring-road. TECKAL regulations about to come into force may make it easier for North Yorkshire and CYC to insist Yorwaste ensure HGVs do not travel through Rufforth.

Cllr Mate had been surveying HGVs coming through Rufforth to the tip. He is hoping to get people doing 2 hour stints for 3 to 4 days to record HGVs going through Rufforth. It was noted that many Leeds dustbin wagons were going through Rufforth, some via Bradley Lane. Yorwaste is looking into trucks from Leeds travelling through Rufforth.

Action Group: It was noted that the reasons the Inspector had focused on in calling in the planning application should be the reasons for objecting that we should focus on – goes against Government National Strategies. We should not be finding alternative sites but focus on reasons that it should not take place at Harewood Whin.

047 DOG BIN FOR HANNAM LANE:

Cllr Mate had offered to empty a dog bin on Hannam Lane if one could be financed. The Clerk had looked at prices ranging from £84 + VAT to £175.01 + VAT depending on size. A ground lock fixing tool would also be needed costing £30.37. The Clerk wasn't sure if that included the metal post. The Clerk will put full costs together for a small bin for a decision on the next agenda.

048 COMMUNICATIONS:

The newsletter had been posted through parishioners' doors, the next will be after the elections. The website is up to date.

049 CORRESPONDENCE: For noting only.

The Clerk passed on correspondence to councillors.

050 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

A Defibrillator for Rufforth is to go on the next agenda.

Community Speed Watch – residents can now be furnished with radar guns to control speed particularly in 30mph and 40mph residential areas. Cllr Mrs Butterworth will look into it.

051 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 13 April 2015 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by an ordinary meeting of the council.

Cllr Mrs Powell thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

052 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jane Wright stated that the white gates at the Wetherby end of Rufforth were filthy. Cllr. Steward will ask that they are cleaned and the 30mph sign outside West Cottage.

Re. Yorwaste's planning - Cllr Steward will pass advice on to the Action Group about an Inquiry prior to their next meeting after talking to those who have just been through an Inquiry. We are likely to need a planning expert to help put forward a good case and employ an advocate to speak to the Inquiry on our behalf.

Next agenda under finance – how to finance planning experts for the Inquiry.

David Hildreth felt that as it was a relatively small community the Emergency Plan needed to be a minimal document with minimum costs. Cllrs. Valentine and Syms agreed with this.

David also felt the Website could be more user friendly.

Mr Kelly said that the road was covered in mud outside West Cottage. The Clerk will contact CYC to sweep the road and clean out the drains.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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