

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2017 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs A Powell (Chairman) Councillor Ms D Smitten
Councillor J Flynn Councillor Mrs H Beeley
Councillor P Rollings

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 members of the public and The Clerk, Mrs S Warden

169 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

170 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Cllr Helen Butterworth, Cllr Jane Wright, Cllr Andrew Mate, Ward Cllr Ian Gillies and Ward Councillor Chris Steward

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

172 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the 4 September 2017 meeting were proposed as a true record by Cllr Rollings and seconded by Cllr D Smitten, all were agreed and the minutes were signed.

173 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS: None as apologies from both Ward Councillors

174 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) Brian Williams (CYC Officer in charge of grass cutting) has said that the verge outside the two new houses at Algarth will be cut this week. It had been noted that Knapton Green looked really good as someone had cut back the grass from the footpath across, it was a very neat job.
- b) 412 Bus service: Speedwatch haven't picked up any speeding through Knapton by buses. Cllr Rollings said that the bus was regularly 15 – 20 minutes late in Rufforth having probably been held up in Harrogate. It did nothing for encouraging people to use the service when they couldn't rely on it getting to appointments. Council will ask regular users to keep note of incidents with dates and times.

175 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Peter Rollings' full report is in the minute file.

A constructive meeting was held with Martin Grainger and Rebecca Harrison of CYC on 19 September. Their view was that there had been a good level of response to the consultation and accepted the Plan represented the views of the community. The major issue is coming out of the Examiner's report on the Poppleton Plan. He stated that the Local Plan and not the Neighbourhood Plan was the vehicle for establishing Green Belt boundaries. Applying this principle would mean 2 key points (protection of the Green Belt and all our housing allocations) would have to be taken out. All housing allocations are in what is the current Green Belt. The draft Local Plan follows our Green Belt boundaries and includes 2 of our 3 housing allocations. CYC have no issue with our proposals but there is a technical debate around timing. There is now more information on the Local Plan available to the examiner than at the time of the Poppleton Plan but it is uncertain how much weight the examiner would give it. It has been made clear that there is no intention of submitting the Plan without firm Green Belt policies, housing allocations and reference to Harewood Whin. Martin has agreed to come back with more detailed advice on timing.

Meanwhile work on revisions to the Plan based on responses received is continuing. Rebecca's help has been enlisted in setting up a meeting with traffic as there's been no response from David Ramsden. Given the Local Plan proposes a much larger extension to Northminster business park and the response from Poppleton Parish Council we will be changing position on not objecting to the

proposed expansion. All other policies will remain unchanged, apart from firming up on some policies and correcting a few technical points raised by official bodies, and revisions will be circulated once the task is complete.

Cllr Flynn felt that seeing as housing and traffic were high priority there had been very little advice from CYC.

LOCAL PLAN: Cllr Mrs Powell had attended a meeting last Wednesday, they talked about all the people they had to consult and about garden villages, they held up New Earswick as an example. Responses have to be in by 30 October. There is a drop in at Acomb Explore on 16 October 3pm – 7.30pm. It seems to be in line with the Neighbourhood Plan rather than the 2014 Draft. The reuse of buildings is very good in the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan may use criteria in the Local Plan as they are better worded. There are 3 large housing sites in the Local Plan.

If there is huge opposition from elsewhere in York then there is always the possibility it may come here which is why it is so important for all to respond and support the Local Plan. Also there are a number of developers who will say there is not enough housing in the Local Plan.

176 PLANNING:

- a. 17/01251/FUL Planning Application for variation of condition 2 of permitted application 16/01635/FUL to alter height and orientation of garage, front garage extension in order to connect to house and alteration of front windows to hardwood casements. The Parish Council objected to this application. The roof height of the garage has been altered to remain the same as present but does not alter the objections by the Parish Council.
- b. 17/01633/FUL York Microlight Centre for erection of 2 hangers has been approved.
- c. 17/00670/FUL Land adjacent to Sewage Works at Hessay Industrial Estate for erection of asphalt plant: additional information received by the council with changes to the junction into the site and onto the A59. The council still objected to this application: Officers are aware it is in the Green Belt but say there are special circumstances as there is no asphalt site in York. It is felt there are sufficient within the area.
- d. 17/01835/CLU Ash Cottage, Bradley Lane, Rufforth for Certificate of Lawfulness for use of land for storage: this has been withdrawn. Council will be writing to Enforcement as they are operating illegally at present.

177 FINANCE:

The Clerk produced a monthly financial report, a copy of which is in the minute file.

a.	Invoices agreed be paid: Clerk's salary + burial fees	£ 271.58
	PAYE ¼ to HMRC	£ 211.80
	Clerk's expenses last ¼	£ 115.35
	Sleightholm Landscapes for Grass Cutting	£ 576.00
	Signs Express for Knapton Rec signs	£ 36.00
	Getmapping PLC for Parish Online subs	£ 67.20
	Cllr Flynn exp for Fitting Defibrillator	£ 100.00
b.	Payments received: Invoice 162 BG admin fee	£ 35.00
	2 nd half precept from CYC	£ 5000.00
	Double taxation claim from CYC	£ 331.34
	From RPFA for pink spray	£ 6.14
c)	Funds available:	£52,471.50

Burial Grounds:

- a. There had been one burial during September.
- b. Maintenance: Sports Turf Ltd have been set on to flail the Natural Burial Ground as their quote was as for last year.

Projects on Parish Council Land:

Sand Dykes and Rufforth Pond: Funding for the work needed to these areas has been granted and work will start as soon as the leaves are off the trees. It may involve some traffic control at Sand Dykes.

Parish Garden: None

Knapton Recreational Field: The signs are now up saying there should be no dogs on the Recreational Field.

178 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR KNAPTON:

Cllr Flynn reported that a defibrillator has been purchased for the village of Knapton and with the kind permission of Annie Prescott (landlady) is to be positioned on the outside of The Red Lion. A training course on how to use the machine will be held at the Red Lion for all Parish residents on Saturday 28th October at 10.30am and everyone in Knapton has been sent a leaflet with details. The external box has been fitted and the actual defibrillator will be installed soon after the training course.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for teas and coffees at the training event. The Parish Council wish to thank Annie for both agreeing to allow the box to be fitted to the Pub wall and for hosting the training course.

179 CYCLE PATH:

The cycle track lease has been signed by the Parish Council, we now await the signed document from the Squires' solicitors, Hethertons. Hetherton's have asked for a further £500 for the work on the lease. The PC agreed to pay up to £1000 of the landowner's solicitor's fees. Our lawyer has written that they should stay within the agreed amount. We will not pay unless it is going to completely stall the process in which case it was agreed we could pay the £500, 4 votes for paying the £500 and 1 against.

Andy Vose has to justify why Sustrans should do the work at the Knapton end rather than it being done by CYC. Cllr Flynn would chase him for an answer.

180 VERGES:

The Clerk is to email CYC regarding the litter in the verges on the B1224 beyond Tinker Bridge to the A1237. It is their responsibility to clear the litter which is bad especially after the grass has been cut. She will copy to Cllr Steward.

The Clerk will email Brian Williams regarding the uncut verge on the left-hand side as you come from the playing fields entrance to Southfield Lane.

181 QUOTE FOR SWINGS FOR THE PLAY AREA, RUFFORTH PLAYING FIELDS:

It was agreed that we would pay for the two swing seats and chains for the play area from the S106 moneys, David Meigh had said the rest could be spent on the cycle track. The Clerk will let the Playing Fields Association know.

182 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

- a. Rural West Ward Team: Cllr Mrs Powell is unable to attend the next meeting but will send in a report.
- b. YLCA: The Joint meeting is on 5 October, Cllrs Anne Powell & Deborah Smitten will attend.
- c. Yorwaste: The Operating Agreement appears to be working as when a major incident occurred on the A1 Yorwaste did email to say there may have to be some HGV traffic coming through Rufforth.

Cllr Rollings was frustrated at the lack of progress on the site entrance. He will email Cllr Steward to chase it up. The Waste Transfer Station is now operational.

183 POLICE REPORT: Nothing to report

184 COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) Cllr Mrs Wright asked councillors to read through the draft newsletter and let her have any amendments. Cllr Mrs Powell will suggest the fly-tipping number goes on the contact list. The Chairman thanked Cllr Jane Wright for doing such an excellent newsletter
- b) The website was up to date and included all councillors Declarations of Interest.

185 CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Andrew Moorcroft had emailed with a concern regarding the overgrown hedge at the junction of Back Lane and Main Street, Knapton. The Clerk will write to the Landowner, Evans of Leeds, and ask them to cut the hedge back as it was a matter of health and Safety as drivers exiting Back Lane could not see oncoming traffic on Main Street. She will also respond to Andrew Moorcroft.
- b) The Clerk would also ask for quotes for cutting the hedge at the back of Knapton Green.

186 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

The budget meeting is to go on the next agenda.

187 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 6 November 2017 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Cllr Mrs Powell thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.07 pm.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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