

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor T Haward (TH) Chairman
Councillor C Valentine (CV)
Councillor K Clarke (KC)

Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)
Councillor R Syms (RS)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS), 3 members of the public, Paul Yoward and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

127 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: None

At this point in the meeting councillors were asked by TH if any councillors had any reason why Paul Yoward should not become a councillor. All agreed that Paul Yoward be co-opted onto the council for Rufforth Ward.

128 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: CV declared an interest in the Methodist Church payment as he is the Methodist Church Treasurer.

129 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

AP proposed the minutes of 1 July 2013, CV seconded this proposal and the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

130 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

There was nothing to report apart from items on the agenda.

131 CLERK'S REPORT:

The CYC Enforcement officers were satisfied that Low Field Farm is undertaking the business of agriculture.

132 PLANNING:

- There had been no objections to the proposed agricultural workers dwelling on the airfield but comments were made. (13/02447/OUT)
- Land between West View Close and Sports Ground 13/ 01561/OUT: the appeal has been upheld by the Planning Inspectorate
- 59 Back Lane for extensions 13/02083/FUL: this has been approved by CYC
- 13/02655/FUL for the erection of a hangar at York Gliding Centre – the Parish Council have objected to this application

133 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: £305 to David Bush for grass cutting, £120 to PKF Littlejohn for external audit, £80 to Rufforth Methodist Church for the rent of the schoolroom on 8 occasions by the Knapton and West Action Group for meetings, £80.40 to Mike Wood for weedkilling along the new cycle path, £245 to Councillor Steward to reimburse him printing costs, £352.50 to Rufforth Methodist Church for use of school room for the Post Office (£250 from the budget and £102.50 from funds set aside for the P.O.) and £80 to Tim Bilbrough for cutting the grass in the Natural Burial Ground.

It was agreed to award the Clerk the new NALC revised salary and to back date it to 1st April as advised.

It was agreed to add Councillors Elizabeth Anne Powell and Colin Valentine as signatories to the bank mandate and remove Roger Lee.

Receipts: £1.80 bank interest and £900 for a Natural Burial in a new plot.

Bank Balances - £15,043.55

Funds available - £2,785.72

134 LIFE FEST:

It was decided not to participate in this event in Harrogate this year.

135 KNAPTON RECREATIONAL FIELD:

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £100 + VAT to CYC for the rent of the field for this year 2013/14.

136 VACANCY RUFFORTH WARD:

There is now 1 vacancy for Rufforth Ward following the co-option of Paul Yoward onto the council.

137 "LOCAL COUNCILS EXPLAINED:

AP proposed that this be bought and that it should come from money for training, TH seconded and all agreed.

138 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – Tim Bilbrough had today cut the grass in the Natural Burial Ground and volunteers were needed to rake it up. HB proposed that the meadow should be cut twice, once in June/July and then again in September and this was agreed. HB was thanked for strimming the graves before the cut.

Ward Committee: CV and AP had been present at the last meeting. AP had reported grass growing over the gates at the entrance to Rufforth and trees overgrowing 30mph signs. Rachel Steward will sort these out. AP said that Rachel Steward should be contacted if signs are obliterated by shrubbery. The Clerk will email to find out if the Salt Bins in Rufforth (2), Knapton (1) and Trenchard Road will be filled.

The Residents' Forum is the new name for the Ward Committee and the next meeting is at Askham Bryan on 31 October. Someone will be coming to talk about high speed broadband. There is funding for youth clubs available.

YLCA : The next meeting is on the first Thursday in October. AP will attend.

Rufforth Pond: CV hopes that the Countryside and Game Keeper courses at Askham Bryan may take on the pond as a project.

Crisis Management: no progress to report

139 CORRESPONDENCE: There had been a letter proposing a new 40mph speed limit from the current 30mph limit to almost as far as the entrance to the Playing Fields.

140 COMMUNICATIONS:

The Clerk was experiencing problems changing the date of the next meeting on the home page but would hopefully sort it shortly.

141 LOCAL PLAN:

CV will pass on a copy of the Parish Council's response to the draft Local Plan to residents of Middlewood Close in response to their letter and petition against development on Plot H38

142 RUFFORTH AIRFIELD:

The Clerk will check that CVs email regarding rubble on the perimeter of the airfield went to J Parks, if not, she will send it.

143 HGVs THROUGH RUFFORTH:

A response from Matthew Parkinson (CYC Enforcement) says nothing more can be done by CYC to enforce the S106 agreement with Yorwaste and he will not be putting another S106 into new planning applications. TH proposed that he draft a letter to M Parkinson asking him to remind Yorwaste of their "Best Endeavours" and that if this doesn't work we may need to look at going to the Ombudsman. This was agreed.

144 CYCLE TRACK:

There will be no grand opening on 21 September as there is nothing to open. The bit over the tip has not been tarmacked. Yorwaste and CYC altered the specifications resulting in not enough money to tarmac over the top. There is a walk over scheduled for 12 October to discuss what can be done to complete it. HB asked CS to find out exactly what CYC's policy is that resulted in the altered specification.

145 SPEEDING THROUGH RUFFORTH:

Concerns regarding speeding motorists will be forwarded by the Clerk to the 95 Alive Partnership and a request made for the speed camera van to visit Rufforth on a number of occasions.

146 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

The Clerk is to write to Marion Wright thanking her and all those involved in the Knapton and West Action Group for all their hard work.

The Clerk will write to CYC asking them to trim back the vegetation on Southfield Lane as it is encroaching on the path.

The Clerk will write to CYC re. the flooding at the Bielby's house. Wetherby Raod from Bradley Lane to Victoria Farm Close has problems during heavy rainfall.

The Police Commissioner is attending the YLCA meeting on 1st Thursday in October.

147 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 7 October 2013 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm and gave his apologies for the next meeting.

148 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob McLean asked why the planning application had said the Ouse Gliding Club when it has been the York Gliding Centre for many years. TH said that it could only be due to the applicant putting the wrong name on the application form.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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