

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2014 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)
Councillor K Clarke (KC)

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 members of the public, Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS) and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

018 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Councillor P Leadley-Yoward (PL-Y)

019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: HB: Item 023 Planning - Amendment to planning approval Wellgarth House as owner of the property.

020 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

AP proposed the minutes of 6 January 2014, TH seconded this proposal and the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record after amending Item 012 to say the Folk Hall was in New Earswick.

021 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

The CYC budget has put up Council Tax by 1.9%. They are looking to abolish residents parking charges and replace the free residents permits with frequent user passes at a cost of £20 a year, details will be forthcoming.

A consultation leaflet has been sent round York residents regarding changes to York City centre, not all living in Rufforth have received them.

CYC do not at present contribute to our bus service, Julian Sturdy MP is following this up.

022 CLERK'S REPORT:

- PL-Y was thanked for putting up the two newly refurbished notice boards, there will be a bill for the two new posts in Knapton.
- Rufforth road markings and signage – the Clerk will remind Jonathan Pickles again.
- Shrubs in Southfield Lane – the problem with overgrown shrubs has now been passed to the relevant CYC office but has not yet been done.
- The Clerk made a FOI request to find out what S106 monies have come into CYC from building developments in Rufforth. Jonathan Carr is looking into this and will get back to us.
- The pothole on Wetherby Road opposite the chevron has been filled.
- Gulleys and Gutters: The Clerk will thank Jim Cavanagh for his prompt action in getting the gutters cleaned but will ask if the gulleys have been sucked clean.
- The traffic calming gates need cleaning/repainting – CS will follow this up.

023 PLANNING:

- The Clerk will send comments back to CYC re: 13/03872/FUL Wellgarth House, there were no objections
- 13/00041/FULM It was clear from Erik Matthew's email (CYC Planning Officer) and the Yorwaste liaison meeting that Yorwaste have still not met CYC's requirements for their planning application to go to Committee. Erik Matthews will keep us informed.

024 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: £64.99 to the Clerk for Norton Anti-Virus that would be taken from her card account automatically on the 7th February, £23 to North Ainsty Team Area for newsletter printing and £75 ANBG (Association of Natural Burial Grounds) membership.

Receipts: None

Bank Balances - £20,710.23

Funds available - £4,113.89

025 GRASS CUTTING KNAPTON RECREATIONAL FIELD:

It was agreed that the Clerk ask Tim Bilbrough to cut the grass in March at a time when he thought it was right i.e. when dry enough.

026 BANK ACCOUNTS:

The Clerk will look at the Unity Trust Bank to see if there rates are better especially for savings but will also check how secure our money would be.

027 VACANCY RUFFORTH WARD:

There still had been no one coming forward for this vacancy. Some councillors may be looking to stand down at the next elections next year. We need to look for replacements beforehand.

028 CYCLE TRACK:

Ian Gillies is to set up a meeting with Sustrans, Yorwaste, the Parish Council and CYC to take this forward. Yorwaste is going to keep the pressure on as well.

029 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – CV will have a look at straightening the crooked memorial plaque.

Snowdrops are out and in Southfield Lane.

HB has a list of jobs for volunteers in the Burial Ground once the weather improves.

Ward Committee: AP and TH attended the last meeting, notes from the meeting have been circulated but need amending as incorrect.

YLCA : The next meeting is 6 February at the Folk Hall in New Earswick. TH and AP will attend. The Police Commissioner is due to attend.

Rufforth Pond: No progress to report

Crisis Management: No progress to report

Yorwaste: Minutes of the liaison meeting had been circulated to councillors. The current planning application runs until 2017 and Yorwaste will be seeking extensions. Yorwaste think Allerton Park will go ahead. Odours had improved with odd occasions where they were bad. The unsightly netting is to come down as is not doing anything to stop the windblown litter. There is now another sign up telling drivers not to leave the site via Rufforth Village.

030 CORRESPONDENCE:

There had been an email from Matthew Parkinson and CS had met with him regarding the S106 and HGVs travelling through Rufforth from Harewood Whin. Advice given to Matthew Parkinson had said that the S106 was unenforceable but he would be following up with Yorwaste that they had written to companies saying that drivers should not be using the B1224 through Rufforth. Yorwaste should be using their “Best Endeavours” to stop HGVs through Rufforth. TH will draft a letter to Matthew Parkinson.

031 COMMUNICATIONS:

The next newsletter would probably not go out before the Summer. Apparently certain households are putting face wipes, baby wipes and or nappies down the toilet, this is causing a headache for Yorkshire Water as they are blocking drains. This information needs to go in the next newsletter.

The website was up to date bar the last newsletter. This will be done by TH or the Clerk. CV did do a plan of all the houses in Rufforth – he expects to be able to get a better plan done in time to go in the next newsletter.

032 HESSAY FOOTPATH EXTENSION:

Hessay Parish Council are wanting to extend the tarmac footpath from the allotments to the beginning of Hessay Footpath for safety reasons and have asked the Parish Council for support. The Clerk had been told it was not financial support that they were looking for. Parish Councillors were happy to support the idea.

033 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

CS suggested that the Tour de France with its downsides and opportunities went on the next agenda. This was agreed and CS was thanked for bringing it up.

034 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 3 March 2014 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

035 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no members of the public present.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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