

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3 JUNE 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), 2 members of the public and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

093 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: None

094 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

095 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

AP proposed the minutes of 13 May 2013 as a true record, KC seconded this proposal and the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record after making two amendments.

096 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

Electoral Review: It is proposed that Rufforth with Knapton, Nether Poppleton, Upper Poppleton, Askham Richard, Askham Bryan and Skelton become a 2 member Ward. The Ward Councillors feel it would be more sensible if Copmanthorpe was within the Ward rather than Skelton which is across the river.

CS reported that Gary Frost was taking the missing sign from by The Buckles Inn forward. CYC are no longer monitoring street lights so if bulbs are out they need to be reported.

It is proposed that Portal Road and Trenchard Road become a 20mph zone. 90% of residents do not support this as it is pointless as they are two cul-de-sacs and nobody speeds.

HGVs through Rufforth from Yorwaste (S106): CS has not yet had anything back from Andy Blain and will follow this up with him. CS will also find out whether Julian Sturdy MP has written yet to CYC supporting the Parish Council's stance on this.

TH closed the meeting to allow Alison Hodgson to speak.

Alison was concerned that a speeding car had driven into the Post Office lady's car and ended up on its roof. This had happened very soon after children were walking to school and thankfully there were not any pedestrians hurt. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to CYC to see if anything could be done and copy it to the police. CS said it may also be worth writing to the Police Commissioner.

TH then reconvened the meeting.

CS will remind IG that he was going to talk to the Manager of the A59 Park and Ride scheme to see if anything could be done to stop vehicles turning right into Knapton from the A1237 during the road works.

097 CLERK'S REPORT:

The new farmstead on Wetherby Road near the A1237 roundabout is to go on the next agenda. The Clerk will check to see if we are owed any S106 money on that development. The litter on the Rufforth to Hessay footpath had been reported to Rachel Stewart.

098 PLANNING:

- Yorwaste: TH asked if CS could ask Erik Matthews (CYC Planning Officer) where the Planning Application stood at present.

- The Parish Council are objecting to two planning applications for hangers on the airfield.13/01300/FUL and 13/00258/FUL
- 18 Southfield Close 13/01051/FUL: we had no objections to this but made comments upon the application.
- 6 Portal Road 13/01328/FUL: no objections

099 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: £84 to the Clerk for renewal of the website sitebuilder and the website fix, £58.62 to AP for the gift for Roger Lee as a thank you for 30 years as a councillor allowed under S111 LGA 1972 and £34 to TH for refreshments for the celebration of Roger's long service (S111), £135 to David Bush for grass cutting and £47 to North Ainsty Team Area for newsletter printing.

Receipts: £1.60 bank interest.

Bank Balances - £16,322.39

Funds available - £4,301.95

Internal Audit: James Mackman had made some suggestions one of which was that the Asset Register should show insured assets at the insurance valuation and not at cost. The Clerk will do this. He also said that it would be useful if Planning Application reference numbers were recorded in the minutes. It was agreed this should be done.

100 RUFFORTH TO KNAPTON CYCLE PATH:

CS will give details of the press officer for Yorwaste re. the official opening of the cycle path. He will also relay back information that the Parish Council and villagers are unhappy that there has been no consultation on the opening ceremony.

101 RISK ASSESSMENTS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PUBLICATION SCHEME:

The Clerk had updated both these documents and circulated to councillors in readiness for the meeting. All agreed the changes to the documents and they are in the minute file.

102 VACANCY RUFFORTH WARD:

TH asked councillors to put the word out to see who could be persuaded to take on the role.

103 THE LOCAL PLAN:

There is to be a special Ward meeting on 20 June in Copmanthorpe Methodist Church at 7.30pm to discuss the Local Plan.

Wednesday 5 June the consultation goes live.

More information is required from CYC on rejected sites and other reports in order to understand the proposals in the draft plan. Lots of documentation is being held back by CYC. There were 20 people at the last meeting in Knapton. A leaflet has gone out to all parishioners with the last newsletter to let everyone know of the Action Group.

The Parish Council want to focus on protecting the Green Belt not just objecting to the Showman's Site.

There is a need to get as many people as possible writing objection letters to CYC but they need to be furnished with credible planning reasons for objecting. The group are looking to fund solicitors to help with this.

2 solicitors are funding their own report but this will be against the Showman's Site not against development in the Green Belt.

114 people turned up to the meeting on Knapton Recreational Field.

Julian Sturdy MP is challenging the number of Traveller Sites in the Local Plan.

Rufforth with Knapton Parish Council will be putting in a response as a consultee on the Draft Plan.

The Local Plan is to go on the next agenda.

All residents of the parish need to look at the Local Plan and feed back comments to the Parish Council and CYC. It would be useful if objections to CYC could be copied to the Parish Council and Ward Councillors.

104 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – Nothing to report

Ward Committee: The next meeting is 20th June and will be a special meeting on the Local Plan.

YLCA : The next meeting is on 6th June.

Rufforth Pond: no progress to report

Crisis Management: no progress to report

Yorwaste liaison: TH will endeavour to get a liaison meeting shortly.

E-Planning: CV attended the meeting at West Offices and said we would need to change the way we look at Planning Applications and may need to view plans together with the aid of a projector. This could be done at Acomb Explore Library. E- Planning is to start from August. Larger applications will still be paper based. TH thanked CV for attending. The Clerk is attending the meeting on 10 June.

105 CORRESPONDENCE:

North Yorkshire Waste and Minerals Plan: TH and CV will get together to make a response to the draft consultation.

106 COMMUNICATIONS:

The newsletter has gone out together with the flier on the Local Plan and a new contact sheet. The website is now up and running after being hacked and has a link to the Action Group.

107 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: None

108 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 1st July 2013 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

109 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Abbott had gone on the trip to Osbaldwick and found it interesting. It is a very large village and only those residents near the Travellers' Site are affected by it. Knapton would be completely dominated by the Showman's Site.

KC and RS both gave their apologies for not being able to attend 1st July meeting.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

Mrs SFE Warden, Parish Clerk Tel: 738751 Email: rufforth.pariah.council@hotmail.co.uk