

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2012 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Tim Haward (TH) Chairman
Councillor K Clarke (KC)
Councillor R Lee (RL)

Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)
Councillor D Nevins (DN)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS) and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

135 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Councillor R Syms (RS)

136 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

137 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 2 JULY 2012:

HB proposed the minutes of 2nd July 2012 as a true record, these were seconded by AP and agreed.

138 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

The “dragons teeth” have been repainted in Rufforth.

CS informed the council that as well as the possible charging for Green Bins CYC was looking into different day collections for bins to save money.

CYC have had to send a lorry out to Knapton about once a week to get rid of fly-tipping since the closure of Beckfield Lane tip.

139 CYCLE TRACK UPDATE:

The email suggesting that CYC have stopped progress due to objections from the Gun Club is an exaggeration. All are optimistic that the part of the track from the cattle crush over Yorwaste land should start in September. Mike Wood has spoken to Mr Squires regarding the possible route from Rufforth to the cattle crush and Mr Squires is in support but there is a need to engage with his sister.

140 CLERK’S REPORT:

The Clerk will email Ed Noble, sergeant of our policing area, to ask who the rest of the team are. We will then be able to include this in the next newsletter.

RL had contacted Guy Widdowson regarding Yorwaste Liaison minutes. Guy had sent through his notes but these held no more information than that in our last set of minutes.

141 PLANNING:

- Land between Sport’s Field and Westview Close – This was refused planning permission despite the developers changing the plans a week before the meeting.
- The Parish Council had not objected to the application for the Sewage Pumping Station on Bradley Lane but wished to see the box remain in the hedge rather than on the triangle of grass at the junction with Southfield Close.

142 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: £56 to advertise the Natural Burial Ground in the Parish Magazine, £162 to Mazars for the External Audit, £117.89 to HB expenses for weedkiller for the Burial Ground and stakes for the Natural Burial Ground and

£34.45 to DN expenses for “No Dogs Allowed” signs on Burial Ground gates and security screws.

Receipts: £164 Burial fees and £1.92 interest for July and August.

Bank Balances - £9972.67

Funds available - £3254.72

143 EXTERNAL AUDIT:

The Clerk had placed the notices of the end of External Audit in the notice boards as per regulations. The External Auditor, Mazars, had no concerns with the Annual return.

144 HAREWOOD WHIN:

TH will draft a response to Yorwaste regarding the junction on the B1224 and Tinker Lane as agreed by the council.

145 COMMUNITY CONTRACT:

Emails have gone to all Parish Council Chairmen from Peter Powell inviting them to a meeting on the Community Contract. Community Contract will go on the next agenda having discussed this at the meeting.

146 JUBILEE AVENUE OF TREES, BRADLEY LANE, RUFFORTH:

Wendy Taylor of CYC is supposed to be doing an audit of services under the road. As audits only last a matter of six weeks she is leaving doing it for a while as the trees are best planted in November.

147 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – The donated seat for the Natural Burial Ground is now in and looks very nice. The Clerk is to get Mr Bush to cut the hedges surrounding the Burial Grounds. HB will get Tim Bilborough to cut the meadow grass.

Ward Committee: There is a Team Meeting on 18th September.

YLCA : There is a meeting on 4th October at Acaster Malbis. There are spaces at the training weekend.

Rufforth Pond: CV was not present and so this is to go on the next agenda.

Crisis Management: Speed training is available should anyone wish to do it.

Yorwaste liaison: This had been discussed under the Item:- Harewood Whin.

148 CORRESPONDENCE: Noted

149 COMMUNICATIONS:

The next newsletter will come out late September/October, TH asked for news for inclusion. The Clerk is managing the Web site and this now includes Councillor's Interests under Information.

150 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

The Clerk is to write to the Village Hall committee supporting their application for a grant from Yorventure to reroof the shed.

AP and KC will get together to see what can be done regarding Knapton Recreational Field – to go on next agenda.

There is a meeting today on Electronic Planning and another in 2 weeks

151 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 1st October 2012 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

152 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no members of the public present

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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