

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2013 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor T Haward (TH) Chairman
Councillor C Valentine (CV)
Councillor R Lee (RL)
Councillor R Syms (RS)

Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)
Councillor K Clarke (KC)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS), 1 member of the public and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

018 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Councillor D Nevins (DN)

019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: 024 HB Wellgarth House Planning Application

020 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

AP proposed the minutes of 7 January 2013 as a true record, CV seconded this proposal and the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

021 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

The budget papers were published today for CYC. Council Tax is up by 1.9%. The budget is on the council website. CYC are still looking at proposals for green waste bins.

022 FUND RAISING GALA FOR THE CYCLE TRACK:

HB had done a lot of research over the last few weeks. There had been lots of offers of help from various people including Peter Warden. Inclement weather is a problem and it possibly would be better to have something in the village hall in the evening. There was also a lot of support for a sponsored cycle/horse/walk on the day of the opening of the track. These were thought to be good ideas.

Cycle track progress: there has been very little progress on the Sustrans section which is probably down to the weather. CYC have made good progress. There is now a need to find out Sustrans' plan for future progress.

Sustrans and Nick Squires are talking and Nick Squires with his sister on the section from Harewood Whin into Rufforth.

Jim Milner will explain the application form for funding for the track. Next Agenda: Application for funds to Natural England or other sources.

It is to be reported to Alison Newbould (CYC PROW officer) that the underpass under the A1237 is blocked by the farmer. The PROW was designated when New House Farm was developed, we need to ask Alison what the status of this path is.

023 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk will find out if CYC have picked up the notice board at the end of Bradley Crescent otherwise it has gone astray.

The pot holes on the first bad bend coming into Rufforth from York have been done.

024 PLANNING:

- Yorwaste: there were no objections to the hardstanding to create a skip storage area but it was stressed that the Parish Council want it removed in 12 months as stated in the planning application..

- There were no objections to the application at Wellgarth House but comments and safeguards regarding views through and the design having to accommodate any drainage requirements. It would also be preferable to have the new dwelling moved back and the height reduced to that of the annex of the present house. A resident has suggested that a S106 be put in place to improve the surface of Southfield Lane.

025 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 renewal of Norton Antivirus, £72 to HB for 6 stone tablets for the Natural Burial Ground (Stephensons Memorial Works) and £410 to Mr Bush for hedgecutting and pruning in and around the Burial Ground and Southfield Lane.

Receipts: £60 memorial stone fee and £1.59 bank interest.

Bank Balances - £12,675.40

Funds available - £4,326.29

The Clerk is looking into an invoice received from CYC stating we owe over £1000 for grass cutting in Rufforth, it has been raised in error.

There is £247.20 left in Knapton Village Design Statement funds. TH said that this should be put into council funds as plan money for Rufforth and Knapton as they would need to be looked at again and updated if necessary. This was agreed and RS will get a cheque made to the Parish Council.

026 YORWASTE:

Two letters have gone to CYC re. the S106 stating trucks should not be going through the village. The Parish Council is awaiting a reply and is in the process of getting some legal advice.

027 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – The memorial wall is half completed with a brick saying 2010 on the wall, the year of the first interment in the Natural Burial Ground. We need to look at the cost of and prices to charge for the memorial plaques. HB will set a date for a meeting on this.

Ward Committee: The contract between CYC and parish councils has caused some controversy. Another document has been tabled called a Partnership and TH, Peter Powell and others are going to have a meeting on this.

Archiving: Rae Mould is away for some time so RL and TH are working on it and hopefully getting towards the end.

YLCA : The next meeting is on 7th February. AP and TH are attending.

Rufforth Pond: There have been no volunteers, it is very overgrown. Hannam Lane to Rufforth Hall is also very overgrown. CV will get in touch with Alison Newbould/Richard Hoyland regarding this.

Crisis Management: CV will send TH a draft letter to those contacts asking their permission to go on the contact list.

Yorwaste liaison: The big planning application for the MRF plant has not gone in yet. TH suspects their restoration plan is not yet ready. Yorwaste really want attenuation ponds and that is fine if they are landscaped and look attractive. A woodland paradise with attenuation ponds etc. is what they are working on.

Next agenda: Jubilee Plantation and Jubilee Avenue of Trees

Jubilee Avenue of Trees: there has only been an audit from Yorkshire Water, there has been no response from the other services yet.

Winds have festooned trees on the end of Moor Lane. At present litter pickers could not get in as the farmer/drainage board have deposited mud on the road in cleaning out the dykes.

Richard Hoyland (CYC PROW officer) is going to look at it and RL has spoken to Andrew Sykes (Drainage Board).

028 CORRESPONDENCE:

Tracey Hurst is working with school, the belisha pole has been replaced. Jonathan Pickles has had no information on the road traffic accident Tracey has spoken about. Jonathan Pickles says that the white on the zebra crossing is to be refurbished and on the Bradley Lane approach from the south he will provide further slow markings after the 30mph signs. There will also be supplementary signs before the zebra crossing at both ends of the village.

029 COMMUNICATIONS:

There will not be another newsletter for a while. The web site is up to date.

030 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

Next agenda: cycle track opening event.

TH has sent an email to Rachel Stewart re. litter in the lay-bys.

The Secretary of State has not called in the Allerton Park application.

We are expecting double taxation claim money shortly.

The Burial Ground Group will look at Burial Ground charges to go on next agenda.

Dog fouling on the pavements in Rufforth, on footpaths and playing fields is again a problem.

If seen owners of dogs should be reported for fouling, they can be fined up to £1000.

031 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 4 March 2013 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

031 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob McLean reported the sign almost in the Buckles car park pointing the way to Askham Richard, Rufforth and York Gliding Centre had been knocked down over a year ago. CS will look into it.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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