

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 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)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS), 2 members of the public and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

033 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Councillor D Nevins (DN), Councillor K Clarke (KC)

034 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

035 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

AP proposed the minutes of 4 February 2013 as a true record, RL seconded this proposal and the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

036 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

Council Tax is up by 1.9%. CYC are possibly going to charge £40 for green waste bins, the consultation is on the CYC website.

CS had reported the missing sign at the Buckles.

Cycle Track: Sustrans and CYC are meeting on the 5th March. IG and CS will keep up the pressure.

TH has reported asbestos cement tipped on Moor Lane, other fly tipping has been removed but the asbestos remains. The lay-by is very bad – CS will follow up. Moor Lane has had muck from the drainage ditches put on it by the farmer. The farmer has said he will compact the mud and sow grass seed – this is not considered good enough as in wet weather it will not be passable.

Letters and emails to Andy Blain regarding trucks through Rufforth from Harewood Whin in breach of the S106 have not yet had a reply. It is over a month since the first complaint. CS will follow this up.

037 APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO NATURAL ENGLAND OR OTHER SOURCES:

Natural England cannot be a source of funding for the cycle track as it will not be on the definitive map but a permissible route.

038 CLERK'S REPORT:

The notice board from Bradley Crescent is being repaired in CYC workshops.

The A1237 underpass is not yet a Public Right of Way and so the farmer is within his rights to store under there.

Jon Pickles has not come back to the council on Bradley Lane – ACTION TH

039 PLANNING:

- Yorwaste: the PC is objecting to the proposed MRF and Waste transfer station. TH has drafted the objection letter and all agreed it was a good letter. The Clerk is to tidy it up and send to CYC.
- There were no objections to the application at Forge House

- An application for an agricultural building at Wooley Edge Farm is being studied by councillors.

040 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: £74.64 to the Clerk for renewal of the website, and £130 to Mr Bush for hedgecutting and pruning in the Parish Garden.

Receipts: £774 pre-purchase of double burial plot, £307.81 double taxation claim and £1.70 bank interest.

Bank Balances - £12,191.76

Funds available - £4,142.01

The Clerk has received a credit note against the invoice from CYC stating we owe over £1000 for grass cutting in Rufforth, it had been raised in error.

The Clerk is to ask Tim Bilbrough to cut Knapton Recreational Field before the end March.

041 JUBILEE PLANTATION:

This seems unlikely to happen but will be raised at the next liaison meeting.

042 JUBILEE AVENUE OF TREES:

Barry Otley, Harvey Lowson and Stuart Broadley are looking at this but there have still been no service audits. RL will speak to Stuart to see if there is anything to be done to move this on.

043 BURIAL GROUND FEES:

The burial ground sub-committee had met to look at the fees and the Clerk had given the proposed increased fees to councillors for approval. All agreed the increase as of 1st April 2013. The charge for a memorial wall plaque is to be £250. It was also agreed that the Clerk would get 10% of any fees generated as her fee.

044 PORTAL ROAD NOTICE BOARD:

It was agreed that the Portal Road community be asked to do a self- help job as they had suggested and we would pay any invoices for varnish, brushes etc.

RL and TH will look at the Village Hall and Knapton Green boards to see what work needs to be done to them – to go on the next agenda.

045 LOCAL COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP MEETING WITH CYC CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT REVIEW TASK GROUP ON 13 MARCH:

This meeting is between CYC, Parish Councils and Residents Associations to look at how well engaged the resident is with the City Council. Our council was confident that the chair and committee at YLCA would put forward local councils' views well.

046 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – This was covered under Item 43.

Ward Committee: The date of the next planning meeting had not yet been agreed.

Archiving: TH has been helping RL with this and it is now well underway.

YLCA: The minutes from the last meeting will soon be available..

Rufforth Pond: CV had a meeting arranged with TCV but they had cancelled, it has not yet been rearranged.

Crisis Management: This is in hand.

Yorwaste liaison: Smells from the tip have again been a big problem. Steve Grieve has replied to emails from TH with assurances that they are working to solve this. Julian Sturdy MP has also been following up on smells and he should be copied into future correspondence.

047 CORRESPONDENCE:

13 Bradley Crescent: the residents had been in contact with the Council by letter complaining about the wall at the end of their garden that had partially collapsed and asking for our help in getting CYC to do something about it. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Antony Smith (CYC) saying it needed to be refurbished for health and safety reasons.

Police Commissioner’s Consultation: Councillors will get comments back to the clerk for her to complete.

048 COMMUNICATIONS:

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

049 GRASS CUTTING 2013 SEASON:

AP proposed David Bush as he had kept his price the same for the last three years and did a very good job. RL seconded this proposal and all agreed.

050 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: None

051 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 8 April 2013 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.15pm. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by an ordinary meeting of the council.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

052 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Malcolm Coward felt that the probable levy on green bins would give rise to more expense elsewhere. Mr Coward also felt that the 30mph zone needed to be moved back to before the first bend coming into Rufforth from York as cars speeded coming into the village. He had witnessed a particularly bad incident and was concerned there would be a fatality in the future. The parish council had already requested this to make cyclists safer on the approach to the new cycle track but CYC will not do it. TH asked Mr Coward to write personally to CYC, this he will do.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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