

**.MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2016 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Mrs A Powell (Chairman)	Councillor Mrs J Wright
Councillor K Clarke	Councillor A Mate
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth	
Councillor J Flynn	Councillor Deborah Smitten

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 2 members of the public and The Clerk, S Warden

**181 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kevin Herbert spoke about the planning application for 30 Southfield Close which included further modifications to the property and to enable work all day on Saturdays and Sundays. Mr Herbert did not have concerns regarding the siting of the garage but was concerned about another double window protruding out of the roof. There were huge concerns about allowing work all weekends especially for neighbours at number 32 as most of the work would be on their side. Southfield Lane is also getting carved up. The cemeteries are visited by relatives at weekends and with work going on they will not be peaceful visits. The applicant had said at an earlier meeting that he would use Southfield Close as his works access but is now using Southfield Lane. The works are disrupting residents' quiet enjoyment and are finding it stressful that they don't know where they stand.

**182 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:** Cllr Mrs H Beeley and Ward Cllr C Steward

**183 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (not previously declared):** None

**184 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of 7 November 2016 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Mate and seconded by Cllr Smitten.

**185 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:** None

**186 CLERK'S REPORT:**

- a) The PROW Officer Alison Newbould said there was nothing that could be done unless the Parish Council were willing to spend a lot of money to change the status of Southfield Lane
- b) The Clerk had not managed to get to a person responsible for Community Speed Watch hand held cameras but would keep trying.

**187 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

Peter Rollings full report is in the minute file.

The group are still waiting for CYC to send their comments back on the Plan and their advice on whether or not they will have to do a full Strategic Environmental Assessment. Until these are received consultation with relevant bodies and preparing the Plan for printing cannot start.

Meanwhile the group have incorporated comments from the consultation meeting with the Parish Council and are doing further work on the appendices.

Final drawings are still awaited on the site entrance to Harewood Whin. The Operating Agreement should be signed at the next liaison meeting on 12 January. Barry Otley has ideas for nature reserves on the reclaimed land but we don't want anything that may become the responsibility of the Parish Council and there are opportunities for biomass crops and grazing. There will be a site walk on 19 January with Barry Otley.

There has been talk in the Press about delays to the Local Plan and the group will be seeking clarification on this. Cllr Mrs Powell said that at the Ward meeting it was stated that the Local Plan would not be delayed and that the barracks would be tagged onto the end of it.

## 188 PLANNING:

- a) 16/01813/FULM Poultry Farm, Bradley Lane: This is now going to the 25 January planning meeting. Askham Richard are objecting. The Parish Council will send another letter saying the landscaping will harm the environment and airfield safeguarding.
- b) 16/01635/FUL 30 Southfield Close: The Parish Council will support residents by objecting to this application.
- c) 16/02402/FUL Land lying north of Wetherby Road for a balancing pond (retrospective): The Parish Council would object to this application as he had applied for an elliptical pond and built a larger rectangular pond. The council could see no reason for such a large pond as the field did not flood.
- d) Hessay Industrial Estate: there is a proposal to build a new asphalt plant by Tynedale Roadstone: It was agreed that the Parish Council would support Hessay Parish Council in objecting to this.
- e) Change from National Speed Limit on Wetherby Road and Bland Lane to 40mph: the parish council were unhappy about this because it is in open countryside and how would it be enforced. It would be better if we understood the reasoning behind the proposed change.

## 189 FINANCE:

The Clerk produced a monthly financial report, a copy of which is in the minute file.

- a) Invoices for payment: It was agreed to pay the following:

Clerk's salary & Burial Ground fees	£305.24 NET
SLCC and ALCC Subs (Clerk)	£ 88.00
Newsletter printing	£ 31.00
Neighbourhood Plan Consultant	£840.00

- b) Payments received: Bank Interest £ 5.08  
Invoice 146 Memorial stone fee £100.00  
Invoice 149 Double interment (ashes) £482.00
- c) Funds available: £45,204.54

## Burial Grounds:

- a) There had been a burial in the Natural Burial Ground last Friday
- b) Sleightholm would be asked when they were coming to cut the shrubs etc. in the Burial Ground as Cllr. Mrs Butterworth had managed to get a skip from Yorwaste for cuttings

## Projects on Parish Council Land:

**Sand Dykes and Rufforth Pond:** Cllr Mrs Wright had so far only received one quote for work to the trees. The next round of grants from Yorventure would be in February/March 2017, once quotes were received the application for a grant could go ahead.

**Parish Garden:** None to report.

**Knapton Recreational Field:** We need to invoice the allotments for rent.

## 190 CYCLE PATH:

Nick Squire had been to his lawyer to look at the draft lease. Cllr Mrs Butterworth has asked him to email the draft lease to the Clerk, she had already asked for a 25 year lease. Cllr Mrs Butterworth had spoken to 3 solicitors and was favouring Graeme Burn as he had done lots of work with parish councils.

Cllr Clarke talked about the other end of the cycle path and said he had met with Barry Otley. It is proposed to enlarge the B1224/A1237 roundabout and this is likely to increase speed making the Knapton Crossing more dangerous – the underpass should be made part of the scope of works therefore. Before anything else is done quotes and a plan of works are needed for the Knapton end of the cycle track.

## 191 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

- a) Rural West Ward meeting: Cllr Mrs Powell produced a report, a copy of which is in the minute file. The police reported some thefts from barns and some ASB in areas of the Ward. The Rural Task force is now in operation and is visiting the Ward to encourage residents to join Neighbour Hood Watch groups and give information on Farm Watch. Askham Richard reported some thefts from Barns and their concerns for the proposed Poultry Farm. Askham Bryan is awaiting results from a speed survey. Nether Poppleton hoped their newsletter would be out in the New Year and a defibrillator would soon be in place outside the shops. Upper Poppleton reported a good attendance at Remembrance Sunday and they had sold their telephone box for a profit of £299.

Mrs Powell reported on Drainage work done, newsletter printed and out to residents, continued liaison with Yorwaste, a defibrillator installed and our objection to the Poultry Farm.

Upper and Nether Poppleton and Rufforth reported on progress to their Neighbourhood Plans. There is £3000 available from the city for each Parish Plan. Ian Gillies also reported that the closing of the Army Barracks would have no effect on the expected date of the finished report.

Janina Riley, City Conservation Architect would like to see remaining red phone boxes listed.

b) YLCA: the next meeting will be in early February.

c) Yorwaste: the next liaison meeting would be in January and at the January Parish Council meeting council would need to decide the Yorwaste Operational Plan

### **192 COMMUNICATIONS:**

a) The newsletter had been posted through residents letter boxes. The next newsletter would have the parish council website on it.

b) The website has been updated.

### **193 CORRESPONDENCE:**

Cllr Mrs Beeley had sent pictures of work done to drainage at the back of Bradley Crescent. There was concern that the pond was very deep and children may fall in. The Clerk would ask if CYC (Jim Cavanagh) could either fence the pond or put up a notice stating "Danger, deep pond". There are lots of children in Bradley Crescent and houses that back onto that land.

### **194 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

Next agenda: Yorwaste Operating agreement

The 2 containers are still in the field by Moor Lane: the Clerk will chase this up.

**195 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Monday 9 January 2017 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Cllr Mrs Powell thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.31 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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