

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2011**

IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL STARTING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Clarke (in his role as Treasurer) for payment re purchase of lawn mower and strimmer for Knapton Allotments. Or similar wording.

AT 7.30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)	Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)
Councillor C Valentine (CV)	Councillor Tim Haward (TH)
Councillor P Williams (PW)	Councillor K Clarke (KC)

IN ATTENDANCE

Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS), Jeremy Howat (Milestones), Mrs S Warden (Clerk) and 1 member of the public
As Councillor Lee had sent his apologies Cllr. Anne Powell (Vice Chair) took the Chair.

192 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:

Councillor R Syms (RS) Councillor RA Lee (RL)

193 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Clarke (in his role as Treasurer) for payment re purchase of lawn mower and strimmer for Knapton Allotments.

It was agreed to take Ward Councillor Comments next as CS had to leave early.

196 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

CS would raise PW's concerns regarding no Green Waste collections between 2nd December and February.

TH said that it was important that Ward Councillors kept chasing the Cycle Path project.

194 MILESTONES:

The subject of Milestones came up at the last History weekend. CV introduced Jeremy Howat who then spoke about Milestones. The backing stone to what was once the Rufforth milestone is in the Parish Garden. The appropriate place for it is opposite Milestone House and it needs a new front plate. In 1771 The Collingham to York Turnpike Trust erected turnpikes and made the road all weather. The trust ended in 1875. There should be milestones from Acomb to Collingham and there is one just about every mile to Wetherby and one further on.

Since 2001 the Milestone Society have been charting the surviving milestones and would support the restoration of the Rufforth Milestone.

It would cost £1500 for a cast iron front plate and £1000 approximately for a fibreglass one. CV will chase up on funding and he felt fibreglass could be done cheaper than that quoted.

195 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th November 2011 were proposed as a true record by PW seconded by TH, agreed and signed.

197 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk is to chase up the flooding problem outside West Cottage and Rachel Stewart regarding the shrubs on the B1224/A1237 roundabout and both are to go on the next agenda. As the Chairman of the Gliding Club says the signs are visible at the junction of Bradley Lane and Wetherby Road it was decided to drop the subject.

198 PLANNING:

A retrospective planning application for external ducting and screen fencing at the Red Lion is being looked at by Knapton Councillors.

One Knapton Councillor had objected to the Telecommunications Installation on Wetherby Road, Acomb .

There had been no objections to Little Garth for a first floor side extension.

The Parish Council had supported the application at Risem for a boundary wall and alterations to the driveway.

199 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: £290 to Mr Bush for hedge cutting and pruning in and around the Burial Ground, £83 to SLCC for the Clerk's membership subscription and £293.86 to Cllr. K Clarke for the purchase of a lawn mower and strimmer.

Receipts: £3.31 bank interest, £15 balance payment for a memorial stone, £1,863.98 VAT reclaim.

Bank Balances - £9,071.98

200 CYCLE ROUTE:

Mike Wood is keeping the pressure on for the cycle path and Alison Newbould (PROW officer) is prioritising it.

201 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2012:

Having looked at all the quotes, (copies are in the Minute File) TH proposed Mr Bush for the contract and all agreed.

202 IDEAS FOR BUDGET 2012/2013:

Post Office – £250 + Ward grant, Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Rufforth Pond, £1000 for the Milestone and money for a time capsule.

203 CORRESPONDENCE:

North Yorkshire Transport Survey – the Clerk will complete this following discussion at the meeting.

204 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE:

The Parish Council support the idea for a street party type celebration. Rae Mould had thought a time capsule would be a good idea.

205 RUFFORTH POND:

CV had been talking to someone regarding the pond who will come back to him about February time. It will require a grant to take up the BTCV quote.

206 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – The relatives of the recent natural burial have left a stone and flowers which are contrary to the rules. The Clerk is to look and contact the undertaker.

Ward Committee – PCSO Nigel reported that crime was down but there had been metal thefts on the airfield. Should anyone see an open back truck with metal on it they should take the number of the vehicle and contact PCSO Nigel or Rachel Stewart (CYC officer). Contact numbers are on the contact sheet that was inside the last newsletter.

All applications applied for by Rufforth and Knapton are on the list.

Archiving: This is making steady progress. The CYC archivist would be interested in keeping any old parish documents of importance in the York archives.

Before the Parish Council came into being in 1894 there were Constable Accounts between 1780 and 1884. It is difficult to find all records as Rufforth has come under so many different district councils in the past.

YLCA : The next meeting is in February.

Speed Training meeting: This was all about Crisis management and TH felt we should develop a basic incident plan that is written down. This is to go on the next agenda.

207 COMMUNICATIONS:

The services the Emergency Services offer to householders needs to go in the next newsletter in the Spring.

Any news items anyone may have for the web site should be sent through to TH.

208 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

KC had heard nothing from Barry Otley regarding trees at the allotments.

The Clerk will email Yorwaste regarding our last two letters asking for a meeting. Our letters have not been answered regarding our concerns over probable increased traffic due to their development plans.

CV questioned the need for Allerton Park if Drax is being refitted.

209 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.30pm in Rufforth Village Hall.

AP thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

210 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rae Mould asked if councillors had come back to the clerk with suggestions for tree planting for "Treemendous York". TH had got back to Mr Otley with Harewood Whin and KC with Knapton Allotments.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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