

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5th MARCH 2012 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor RA Lee (RL) Chairman
Councillor C Valentine (CV)
Councillor R Syms (RS)
Councillor K Clarke (KC)

Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor Tim Haward (TH)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

033 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:

Councillor Peter Williams had resigned from the council. The Clerk is to write thanking Mr Williams for his hard work especially for completing the Village Sign project and archiving. The Clerk will let CYC Electoral Services know that we have a vacancy in the Rufforth Ward.

034 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

035 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

AP proposed the minutes of 6th February 2012 as a true record, this was seconded by KC. All agreed and they were signed as a true record.

036 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

CS explained that Ward funding had been cut significantly and all grant applications would have to meet exact criteria. Discretionary Rate Relief will be gone by April 2013. For Charities this means they will lose the 20% relief from CYC.

There is an e-petition running against Beckfield Lane recycling centre closure. If CYC receive 750 signatures the closure would have to be debated in full council. (Google: York Council petitions to sign up). The Clerk will write to D Williams at the Guildhall expressing the council's concerns about the likelihood of fly tipping in and around Rufforth & Knapton if Beckfield Lane closes and asking for assurances that there will be a rapid response to any fly tipping from CYC.

The Clerk will ask Julie Hood if the Post Office grant is secure for 2012/2013. Poppleton Park and Ride is going ahead.

037 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk had written to YLCA regarding the concerns over the CYC Planning website but had heard no more.

The Clerk had spoken to the owner of the grave in the Natural Burial Ground about the memorial vase. The owner was happy to be told it was not allowed and would remove it as soon as possible.

038 PLANNING:

HB raised her concerns regarding the strange anomalies in planning refusals/approvals. It was discussed at length but no decisions were made.

Any planning applications for Harewood Whin will go to Rufforth and Knapton Councillors.

039 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: £43.98 to the Clerk for Norton antivirus, £14.06 to CV for wood for the Milestone replica, £309 for YLCA subscription, £72.47 to the Clerk for website fees and £12 for Jubilee fliers. It was agreed that £496.79 be paid to the Noticeboard Company once the invoice came through.

Receipts: £1.47 interest

Bank Balances - £8,385.47

Funds available - £3,172.12

040 CYCLE ROUTE:

Steve Grieve MD of Yorwaste agreed to complete the stretch at the back of the site this year. Yorwaste will also take on some of the administration.

SUSTRANS will be coming back to the next meeting with the options available for £100,000

041 BURIAL GROUND:

It was agreed that burial ground fees should go on the website.

042 CORRESPONDENCE: None

043 RUFFORTH MILESTONE:

It was agreed that the £14.06 for the wood for the replica Milestone be paid to CV. CV needs to give specifications for a quote for a cast iron replica. Once he has the quote CV will look for available grants. Moving the Milestone will cost £150 and CV is looking to include the costs for moving it in the grant application. AP proposed that he come back to council with any costs or grants he can get. It was agreed that CV should get on with this project but must have council's agreement before any costs were involved.

044 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Ward Committee: Discussed under Item 36

Archiving: next agenda

YLCA : Nothing to report

Rufforth Pond: CV is hoping to make a grant application

Crisis Management: Nothing to report

Yorwaste liaison: HB, TH, RL and AP had attended the last meeting. Councillors were informed of the following:

- Yorwaste is in continuing dialogue with CYC and planning should be complete at the end of March.
- Confirmation of a firm plan for developing a Materials Recycling facility (MRF) and a waste transfer station (WTS) on land adjacent to the B1224
- It was the only development plan for the next 10-20 years
- The focus would be on operating a sophisticated recycling and processing system to produce high quality products for a demanding market
- The haulage depot and waste treatment plant were no longer to be on this site
- There would be a modified junction onto the B1224 so that HGVs would be unable physically to turn right out of the junction
- Steve Grieve did not deny that haulage traffic would be likely to double
- There will be another liaison meeting in early April and consultation with the village at the end of April before a planning application in May
- There has been a delay to the Biomass plant which in turn has delayed the compost pads
- The extension to the recovery building is complete

- Mr Grieve was very positive about the cycle track and asked if the parish council had any ideas for landscaping
- Everything Yorwaste is going to do is on their website

045 COMMUNICATIONS:

The next newsletter will go out after the Annual Parish meeting.
TH will put the Annual Parish Meeting onto the front page of the website.

046 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING:

There were no comments on this except to say that the Parish Plan almost certainly covered everything in a Neighbourhood Plan.

047 THE INTRODUCTION OF ELECTRONIC PLANNING TO PARISHES IN THE YORK AREA:

RL proposed that a formal letter be written to Michael Slater requesting (CYC Planning) requesting paper copies. This was agreed.

048 KNAPTON PROJECTS:

AP will look to setting up a wildflower area in the little bit of land by the Recreation ground and is looking for grants.

049 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

CV asked that a letter go to Ray Beadle thanking him for making the replica milestone. Bridget Hannigan had asked if she could plant up the trough with red, white and blue flowers for the Jubilee, it was agreed that she could and the cost of the plants would come out of the Jubilee funds.

KC would follow up the litter on the ring road with Rachel Stewart.

The Clerk will write to Tom James at York Pullman asking if the hedge can be reinstated where the bus went through it.

050 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 2nd April 2012 at 7.00pm in Rufforth Village Hall. This will be followed by an ordinary meeting of the council.

RL thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

051 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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