

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2011
IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)

IN ATTENDANCE

Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS), Mrs S Warden (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

128 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Councillor T Haward (TH) Councillor P Williams (PW)
Ward Councillor Ian Gillies (IG)

129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

130 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2011 were proposed as a true record by AP seconded by RS, agreed and signed.

Cllr. Lee asked to take item 132 next and all agreed.

132 RUFFORTH VILLAGE SHOP:

Frank Di Lorenzo said that planning for change of use of the Old School would be decided on Tuesday. He had overwhelming support from the village and just one objection from the neighbouring property but he had helped to overcome their objections. The planning officer has assured Mr Di Lorenzo that there are no major planning problems. It is a much needed amenity and Frank hoped to be up and running within 3-4 weeks once planning was approved and the premises available.

RL asked if Frank could include something in the newsletter and Frank agreed to this.

131 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:

CS would try to get updates on the cycle path from IG in future in time for parish council meetings, he had nothing to report at the meeting. CS would follow up weed killing the field in Knapton as it had not been done. The sign stub on Wetherby Road had finally gone. CS will contact Rachel Stewart regarding the sign at the bottom of Bland Lane. CS will also follow up on getting the shrubs cut back on the roundabout at the B1224/A1237 junction. There had been an accident there recently. Seeing far enough around the roundabout was difficult as the shrubs are too tall.

133 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk would contact David Bush to check the weeding around the shrubs on Southfield Lane hadn't been forgotten and the sign for the Gliding Club would be followed up with Rachel Stewart. The Gliding Club had originally paid for the signs and for the upgrading of them as necessary, they should now say "York Gliding Club".

134 PLANNING:

The Old School had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Church Farm had not yet been decided.

The Telecommunications mast for Wetherby Road had been withdrawn.

135 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: Clerk's expenses £172.34 for 1st April to 31st August, £25 to Cllr Lee, expenses for paying P Lampitt's invoice for weed killing Knapton Pinfold, £162 to Mazars for the External Audit, £25 to Perception Art for the new header on the web site, £35 to YLCA for councillor training (CV) and £85 for RS to attend the Joint Regional Conference as a day delegate

Receipts: £2.06 bank interest, £668 single burial (non-parishioner), £500 for the Post Office from the Ward Committee and £613 for a parishioner's burial.

Bank Balances - £14,445.19 Funds Available - £2,980.06

Parish News Advert: AP proposed that the Natural Burial ground be advertised in the Parish Magazine for the next year for £56 but that the Parish Council web address be added to it. She asked that this price also included a discount as the council cut the Church grass. It was agreed that £56 should be paid for the advert for the year once the Clerk had found out if it was the discounted price.

136 CYCLE ROUTE:

There was no more to report.

137 CO-OPTIONS:

There is still a vacancy for Knapton Ward.

138 KNAPTON PROJECTS:

The allotments have been pegged out. 10 have been let. RL thanked AP for the hard work she had done in moving it along so quickly.

IG is onto the fact that the underpass is inaccessible at the moment.

139 CORRESPONDENCE:

There is an informal meeting in Fulford on the Green Belt. AP will attend and RL thanked her for doing so.

140 YORWASTE:

It was agreed to put this on the next agenda.

141 RUFFORTH POND:

CV has emailed BTCV for quotes as the pond is very overgrown. As yet he has had no reply and this is to go on the next agenda.

142 TPOs (Tree Preservation Orders):

David Hildreth had given CV a web address from the CYC web site that gives a map of all TPOs. CV will send this to AP. TPOs are to go on the next agenda.

143 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – Community Pay Back have been painting schools during the summer break and so the paving has not yet been done in the Burial Ground. The flags will be laid on Sundays 2nd and 9th October. It was agreed that HB would get the sand and be reimbursed. The Clerk will find out who cut the Meadow last and get a quote for the next meeting.

Ward Committee – There was an interesting talk about gliding at the airfield and nice burgers were had by all.

Archiving: this is ongoing, rubbish is being slung.

YLCA : The next meeting is the first Thursday in October. Ian Strong has retired and his retiring do is this Saturday. Sheena has taken over.

144 COMMUNICATIONS:

Tim is pulling together items for the Autumn newsletter and will update the contact list. Web Site – The Clerk has taken over updating the web site and has renewed the header to show photographs of Rufforth as well as Knapton.

145 DOG BINS:

The Clerk explained that the dog bins for Hannam Lane and Lowfield Lane had been taken off the list for Ward Funding this year as CYC were not taking on emptying any more bins.

146 THE QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 FIELDS CHALLENGE:

This is being financed by the PFA (Playing Fields Association). Dave Preston of Rufforth PFA has all the information. AP will meet the chairman and secretary of the Friends of Knapton Recreational Field and will bring this to their attention. AP will also send the information to the Trenchard Road committee as there is a large green area on Trenchard Road.

147 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

Next agenda – Parish Planning form under RS.

The Clerk will update the councillor contact list for councillors.

There had been an email from Mike Wood regarding the untidiness of Algarth and the apparently abandoned car by the shop. RL had contacted IG who had replied that as the car was taxed there was little enforcement could do. The enforcement officer will have a look at Algarth as each empty property is dealt with on an individual basis.

RS stated that Back Lane was in a very poor state and the drainage was bad too.

HB asked that expenses for Ian Russell Jarvie go on the next agenda for driving to Stillington to see the Community Shop.

148 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd October 2011 at 7.30pm in Rufforth Village Hall.

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

149 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Halford made the following comments:

- a. The roads in Knapton were generally bad. CS will follow this up
- b. He would like to see village signs in Knapton similar to those in Rufforth. It was agreed to ask Knapton residents for their comments in the newsletter after the one about to come out.
- c. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the bus service in Knapton.
- d. He and others were also having problems with Cold Calling and asked if Knapton could be a No Cold Calling Zone. CS said that these could be set up if 50% of residents had no objections but were usually one street rather than a village.

AP said she would ask the police to bring No Cold Calling stickers the next time they came in their van to Knapton and CS will look into a No Cold Calling Zone.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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