

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2014 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor T Haward (TH) Chair
Councillor C Valentine (CV)
Councillor R Syms (RS)
Councillor P Leadley-Yoward (PL-Y)

Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)
Councillor K Clarke (KC)

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 members of the public, Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS) and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

001 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: None

002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

003 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

AP proposed the minutes of 2 December 2013, HB seconded this proposal and the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

004 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

The Boundary changes take effect from 2015. Rural West York will lose Copmanthorpe and gain Skelton.

005 CLERK'S REPORT:

- PL-Y will replace the posts for the Knapton Notice Board and put the refurbished boards back up once they are delivered back. This should happen shortly.
- Rufforth road markings and signage – Jonathan Pickles has been reminded about this by the Clerk.
- Shrubs and Potholes in Southfield Lane – Highways have come and filled the potholes and will come again in a couple of months. The shrubs have not been cut back – it would probably now be impossible for a hearse or emergency vehicles up the lane. The Clerk will remind Highways.
- The Clerk made a FOI request to find out what S106 monies have come into CYC from building developments in Rufforth. The reply did not include a number of properties built in recent years, the Clerk will make another request.

006 PLANNING:

- Field lying at the junction of the B1224 and Moor Lane for the erection of an agricultural building 13/03569/FUL: there were objections to this application due to size and location but it has been approved by CYC.
- There were no objections from the Parish Council to amendments to the approve planning permission at 59 Back Lane. 13/02083/FUL.
- Land to the west of Redwood House, Northminster Business Park for the erection of a 2 storey building, 13/03170/FULM, has been approved.

007 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: £80.23 to the Clerk for the last quarter's expenses.

Receipts: £302 double taxation reclaim and £5.15 bank interest for December and January.

Bank Balances - £21,091.33

Funds available - £4,502.75

008 BUDGET/PRECEPT 2014/2015:

The draft budget was agreed after it was agreed to take £150 from the pond in order to keep the Precept the same as last year. It was also agreed to take £500 from Burial Ground and Natural Burial Ground funds to give £1000 to cycle track funds.

The precept was therefore set at £7550.

Next agenda: Grass Cutting Knapton Recreational Field.

009 BANK ACCOUNTS:

It was decided to look at the options for keeping £10,000 in another account. The Unity Bank, Nat West, Lloyds, TSB and Barclays will all be considered.

010 VACANCY RUFFORTH WARD:

There still had been no one coming forward for this vacancy. TH said all councillors should lobby residents to try to get the vacancy filled.

011 CYCLE TRACK:

There was no new information to report. TH will send an email through to Andy Vose to find out what is happening and CS will follow this up.

012 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – PL-Y will look at the crooked memorial plaque and sort it out. PL-Y was thanked

Ward Committee: The next planning meeting is on 16th January in Askham Richard at 10am.

YLCA : The next meeting is 6 February at the Folk Hall in Poppleton.

Rufforth Pond: CV had not heard back from Brian Sweeney of Askham Bryan College. Paul Appleton of TCV had not replied either. CV will follow this up.

Crisis Management: there was nothing to report on this.

Yorwaste: The liaison meeting before Christmas had been postponed, TH will try to get a new date for as soon as possible.

CS would follow up the S106 and HGVs travelling through Rufforth to and from the tip with Matthew Parkinson.

013 CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none for noting.

014 COMMUNICATIONS:

The newsletter had gone out to parishioners before Christmas. It was requested that they be printed on better quality paper next time as they were hard to get through letter boxes. This was taken on board.

The website was up to date.

015 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

PL-Y reported that Little Garth was not getting bins emptied. After ringing the council they still weren't picked up, then they were advised to wheel them across the road to the tip where Yorwaste would not accept them. PL-Y would give the residents the phone number of CYC to ring and advise them that they should log the call and ask for the name of the person they speak to. If the bins are still not collected CS would follow up the matter.

PL-Y had received complaints from residents regarding parking outside the shop. Delivery vans were parking on the pavement making it impossible for people with children and pushchairs to pass without walking on the road. TH will have a word with Mr De-Lorenzo. PL-Y gave apologies for the next meeting.

RS was concerned with changes to the bus service but was told it would not affect Knapton, only Rufforth.

The Clerk is to report a huge pothole on the side of the B1224 opposite the first chevron as you enter Rufforth from York. This could be hazardous to cyclists.

The Clerk would report the bad state of the gutters and gulleys in Rufforth and for Portal Road and Trenchard Road to be included.

HB expressed concern regarding the bricks on the pavement from the collapsed wall at Victoria Farm. HB would have a word with the residents.

016 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 3 February 2014 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

017 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no members of the public present.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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