

**.MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public and The Clerk, S Warden

038 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

039 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: None

With agreement the Chairman moved Item 052 to before 040 on the agenda.

052 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR K. CLARKE:

Councillors accepted Keith Clarke's resignation from the council and thanked him for all his hard work. The Clerk would write to thank him on behalf of the parish council. Andrew Flecknor had been notified. Cllr Smitten had asked if she could move to Knapton Ward from Rufforth and the Clerk had enquired of Mr Flecknor how this could be done.

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

041 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of 6 February 2016 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Mate and seconded by Cllr Mrs Butterworth.

042 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS: None as Cllr Steward was not present.

043 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) It was assumed that the TPO put on the field by West Cottage, Rufforth was still temporary. The Clerk would follow up to see if it had been approved.
- b) Cllr. Mrs Powell had asked for a site meeting regarding the junction of the A1237 and Main Street, Knapton.
- c) Fly-tipping in the lay-bys, B1224 Wetherby Road: this was now clear but the caravan still remained. The Clerk would email Cllr. Steward. The verges either side of the Wetherby Road that were the responsibility of CYC were very badly littered and needed clearing. The Clerk would follow up.
- d) The drains near the Chestnut tree and in Middlewood Close, Rufforth had been cleared.
- e) The Clerk had reported the poor surface on Bradley Lane between the Slow signs and had been given the reference 103364906 but the work had not been done.

044 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Peter Rollings full report is in the minute file.

Further meetings have taken place with Yorwaste and Erik Matthews (CYC) on the planning application for Harewood Whin. The application is expected and broadly complies with Plan policies but there is more detail to work through on the site entrance.

Detailed and helpful comments have been received following a meeting with CYC to discuss the draft policies and the document is now being edited based on this advice. Later on in the week there is a meeting with Martin Grainger and Rachel Macefield who are responsible for the York Local Plan

to debate potential sites and identify any areas of conflict between the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan. This will include boundaries and the status of the Green Belt.

There has also been a meeting with traffic to debate long-term strategic solutions for both villages, the response has been slow.

Aecom have been engaged for the SEA. The Plan group have been assured verbally that they will get a grant from Locality

Councillors will be able to access the plan on the website by the weekend. It is not a formal consultation but comments and views are to be encouraged. Lots of actions have already been raised during the period of the plan.

The Government has asked for examples of LAs not following Neighbourhood Plans so there is evidence they are intending for these plans to carry some weight.

045 HAREWOOD WHIN:

Yorwaste have cut some trees down at the entrance to the site to improve site lines and Geoff Derham is trying to progress the entrance.

Access to Nature is to go on the next agenda once all have had a chance to read the report.

046 PLANNING:

- a) 16/01813/FULM Poultry Farm, Bradley Lane: There has been no progress on this and the Clerk will chase Erik Matthews to see where it is at.
- b) 16/02700/FUL 30 Southfield Close: The Planning Committee refused the application to stop the restriction of working hours. Environmental Health need to be contacted if neighbours are experiencing noise nuisance.
- c) 17/00344/FUL Erection of timber stables on the field East of Bland Lane: the applicant was at the meeting to answer any queries. Councillors were concerned that there were no measurements to say how close the stables were to people's gardens and that there should be a metalled road in which should make sure that the water drained onto the road not into neighbouring properties. It was felt that the application should be amended to show these.
- d) British Sugar site revised plans and reports: there were no comments on this.
- e) The Scaffolding company operating from the Airfield: as yet there has been no retrospective planning application. The Clerk will chase CYC enforcement, Andy Blain.

047 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	£ 321.84 NET
Clerk's expenses Website	£ 87.11

- b) Payments received: Bank Interest £ 0.00
Invoice 154 NBG plot reservation £ 788.00
VAT reclaim £ 1189.34
- c) Funds available: £48,802.57

Burial Grounds:

- a. There was a burial in the Formal Burial Ground on 22 February. The plot and interment fee had already been paid for.
- b. The skip had been taken away and replaced thanks to Yorwaste. A piece would be put into the next newsletter asking for volunteer gardeners in the Burial Ground. 2 signs were needed for both gates to say "No scattering of ashes is permitted"
- c. An email had come from the ANBG re. rateable values on cemeteries. Cllr Mrs Butterworth had contacted Michael Jarvis who said we should not be concerned as any cemetery with below 40 burials per year they would not be bothered with. We are well under that figure.

Projects on Parish Council Land:

Sand Dykes and Rufforth Pond: Nothing new to report

Parish Garden: An email had been sent by Peter Williams to say that the Oak in the garden was interfering with telephone lines and needed cutting back. Also the bushes at the back of the garden had been allowed to grow against fence posts and through the netting resulting in blocked access to the rear of the garages. The Clerk would ask Sleightholm to look at the bushes and find someone to do the work to the tree.

Knapton Recreational Field: Cllr Deborah Smitten would report on this in the future.

048 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH:

- a) Peter Williams had volunteered for community speed watch. Cllr Mrs Wright said there needed to be at least 6 in each village. She and the Clerk will get together to leaflet the village.
- b) The Clerk had received a reply from Philip Irwin regarding extending the 40mph limit to beyond Keedwells on the B1224. He does not propose to extend the speed limit at this time. We would leave it for now but it may well come up again during discussions on the Harewood Whin site entrance.

049 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR KNAPTON:

The Clerk had applied for a Ward Grant to provide a defibrillator for Knapton. Cllr Flynn had asked the landlady of The Red Lion if she would be happy to house it on the wall of her pub. She was happy as long as we paid any ongoing costs.

The Rufforth Defibrillator had been taken away to Askham Richard and was gone for 4 hours. Cllr Mrs Powell will let Askham Richard chairman know and suggest they look to get one.

050 CYCLE PATH:

The Parish Council had now employed Burn and Co to do the lease. The draft lease had now gone from a peppercorn rent to £550 p.a. and to be reassessed after 10 years. We would be trying to get the lease for longer and for much less cost. Cllr Mrs Beeley was disappointed that the path was not for horses as well. This had been impossible as the path was not wide enough and we had not been allowed to have it any wider.

Cllrs John Flynn, Anne Powell and Deborah Smitten and Barry Otley have met to look at completing the path to Knapton, costs have to be obtained and then grants applied for. Barry Otley wants to plant trees all over the place but councillors have explained that the parish council will not be liable for any work needed to them in the future and he agreed we wouldn't. This needs to be discussed by the neighbourhood Plan group. The next Yorventure Grant applications will go to the board July/August.

051 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT THROUGH RUFFORTH: to go on next agenda

053 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

- a. No report
- b. YLCA: the next meeting will be in June
- c. Nothing to report.

054 POLICE REPORT:

The Clerk had not received any reports

055 COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) The next newsletter would come out late Spring/early Summer. Any items should go to Cllrs Mrs Wright and Mrs Butterworth
- b) The website was up to date

056 CORRESPONDENCE:

In the file for noting only

057 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

The wooden edge around the B1224/A1237 roundabout is damaged again.

058 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday 3 April 2017 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm to be followed by an ordinary meeting of the council.

Cllr Mrs Powell thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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