

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2012 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor RA Lee (RL) Chairman	Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor C Valentine (CV)	Councillor Tim Haward (TH)
Councillor R Syms (RS)	Councillor P Williams (PW)
Councillor K Clarke (KC)	

IN ATTENDANCE

Ward Councillor Ian Gillies (IG), Mrs S Warden (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

017 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:

Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB) and Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS)

018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

019 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

After amending Item 12 to read that the next Ward Meeting would take place in Howarth Hall, Copmanthorpe AP proposed the minutes of 9th January 2012 as a true record, this was seconded by RS. All agreed and they were signed as a true record.

020 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

The meeting with Steve Grieve of Yorwaste has been arranged.
£100.000 funding for the cycle track has been identified and Sustrans has agreed to do the project management. IG was very confident at the end of the last meeting that everyone knew what their responsibilities were to drive this forward. There is a desire to complete the cycle track and Steve Grieve is very keen to move things along.
Budget proposals for CYC have been published for the coming year putting up Council tax by 2.9%. Under these proposals it is going to be much harder to get funding for Ward projects and the Parish Councils are unlikely to be able to claim double taxation. Beckfield Lane tip will close with no replacement and discretionary rate relief will be withdrawn. It will be more expensive to park in the city. Gulleys in 30mph zones will not be routinely serviced.
KC was concerned that there was now no street lighting at all from Beckfield Lane to Knapton. He was concerned that teenagers were vulnerable walking from Knapton to access public transport. IG said that the street lights were unlikely to be replaced until the new financial year.
RL thanked IG who left the meeting at 7.55pm.

021 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk had spoken to Highway Drainage again regarding the poor road drainage by West Cottage, Rufforth. The new reference number for this is 101651225.
The Parish Council had put forward their concerns regarding the new Planning website. According to Moira Scaife of YLCA this was being investigated. The Clerk will follow this up asking what is being done about it.

022 PLANNING:

Summerfield Nursery had been approved.
The Parish Council had no objections to the increase in hours at the Old School Shop.
Knapton councillors voiced some concern over the proximity of lasers to the footpath in the reserved matters application on land by Northminster Business Park.

HB had concerns regarding the approval/refusal of planning applications in the recent past. The Parish Council had no objections to the two bungalows on land at Algarth but it had been refused. Nothing was now happening regarding affordable housing in our two villages since Carolyn Vaughan-Downes was no longer the officer responsible. It was agreed that this should go on the next agenda as HB was not present.

023 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: £75 to renew the ANGB (Association of Natural Burial Grounds) membership as long as HB agreed.

Receipts: £725 for a pre-purchased double burial plot + 2x interment fees, £250 Grant for Knapton recreational Field notice board, £307.81 Double Taxation claim and 85p interest.

Bank Balances - £8,733.67

Funds available - £3,959.85

It was decided not to cover the Laptop computer for a further year with PC World.

It was decided to purchase a further year Norton Antivirus for £34.99.

The Clerk had proposed an extra 3% onto the Burial Ground fees and an extra £5 to memorial stone fees as of 1st April 2012. The increase in fees was proposed as per the draft the Clerk had provided to councillors by AP, seconded by CV and agreed.

It was agreed to put the possibility of putting the Burial Ground fees on the website as an item for the next agenda.

024 CYCLE ROUTE:

This had been covered under Item 20

025 DIAMOND JUBILEE UPDATE:

RL reported that there had been a good attendance at the first meeting. Jane Wright was now the chairman of the committee. The celebrations would be very traditional aimed mainly at children. Food would be provided by families attending as a picnic.

026 CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk had emailed councillors the New Standards Framework consultation. Councillors will look at it and email any comments on it to the clerk for her to return to CYC.

027 BRIAL GROUND ADVERTISEMENT:

RL proposed that the advertisement possibility in the York District Hospital Bereavement Service's information wallet was too expensive and therefore was against it, CV was also against and it was agreed not to go ahead with the advertisement.

The Clerk will send the appropriate literature to the Co-op funeral directors in Acomb and will let RL know when this has been done so he can follow it up.

028 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – The Clerk will let Fielder's know that we are removing the stone flower vase from the Natural Burial grave.

Ward Committee: Nothing to report

Archiving: Nothing to report as PW and Rae Mould had been away.

YLCA : The Parish Charter has now been produced having been agreed.

Rufforth Pond: Nothing to report

Crisis Management: Nothing to report

Yorwaste liaison: Next meeting 10am at the beginning of March

RS had attended "Tell me More" and reported that Trading Standards were issuing a home services list of traders, this free directory would be available by the end of February. They would also tackle any complaints. There is now an emphasis on helpful taxis in the York Taxi scheme. Dog Fouling – If someone is caught leaving bags on verges/in bushes it is counted as littering and has a much heavier penalty. York archiving will be in the main library building and CYC wants to link up with parish councils. They are applying for a lottery grant to enable them to get more staff to come out to the parishes. Broadband and the Community Pay Back scheme were also discussed. If you send any concerns/complaints/queries to CYC and receive no answer it is Pauline Stutchfield's job to ensure you get an answer: Telephone 551127. TH attended the transport meeting and out of 31 parish councils only 4 were represented.

029 COMMUNICATIONS:

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

030 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

CV asked that a letter go to John Stacey thanking him for refurbishing the pump down The Avenue. It was agreed that the clerk should do this.
Ray is making a wooden replacement for the milestone and the cost of the wood is £14. 06.
Next agenda: to pay CV £14.06 for cost of wood.
CV has approached CYC to move the milestone back to its original place opposite Milestone House.

031 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 5th March 2012 at 7.30pm in Rufforth Village Hall.

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

032 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Malcolm Coward expressed concern that discretionary rate relief may be gone soon. This would affect the village hall, the two churches and the playing field pavilion.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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