

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011  
IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.30pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor RA Lee (RL) Chairman                      Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)  
Councillor T Haward (TH)  
Councillor P Williams (PW)  
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ward Councillors Ian Gillies (IG) and Chris Steward (CS), Mrs S Warden (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

**091 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:** Councillor R Syms (RS)

**092 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**093 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were proposed as a true record by AP seconded by TH, agreed and signed.

**094 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:**

A cycle path meeting had been held with all interested parties about two weeks ago. All had agreed the preferred route, north of Harewood Whin. IG asked if Yorwaste was going to put money in and facilitate the cycle path on their land. All at the meeting went away with questions to answer.

Nick Squiers is happy with the planned route across his land from Milestone Avenue to Harewood Whin. Alison Newbald, PROW officer has concerns that the planned route cuts corners on the original bridleway and is not sure if it can be done without legally changing the route.

Yorwaste Liaison meetings: Steve Grieve of Yorwaste is awaiting a response on the piece on Yorwaste in the last letter that he was unhappy with. This is to go on the next agenda.

TH will draft a letter to Yorwaste asking very specific questions about increased tonnage and asking them to confirm that a new entrance by the lay-by is being considered.

AP asked CS if CYC could weedkill the field by the Recreational Field.

**095 CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk had a reply from the national Grid on getting gas to Rufforth. The amount of money it would require residents to sign up to was very high, over £5000 per resident and so Mr Park had said there was no point in following it up.

The next time there are road works in the area sweepings will be put on Southfield Lane. There had been responses from both Hessay and Long Marston Parish clerks saying they would happily work with us to keep the B1224 and lanes litter free around Rufforth.

**096 PLANNING:**

9 Maythorpe had been approved as had 1 New House Covert.

Harewood Whin: The extension of working hours for the Materials Handling building from 6am – 10pm seven days a week was approved but there should be a condition that the hours worked are from 7am – 9pm.

**097 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: £300 to Mr Bush for grass cutting, £21.98 for paint for the pump to Colin Valentine. Colin was thanked for painting the pump.

Receipts: £520.43 VAT reclaim

Bank Balances - £16,879.71 Funds Available - £3,873.54

It was agreed not to subscribe to CPRE this year.

The Clerk had not as yet been paid for May.

The money left for Access to Healthcare would go in the next newsletter.

Deborah Smitten had still not cashed the cheque for the web site – AP would follow up.

**098 CYCLE ROUTE:**

This had already been discussed earlier in the meeting. PW asked if he could see the plan and TH will bring it to the next meeting.

**099 CO-OPTIONS:**

AP proposed Colin Valentine as Councillor for Rufforth Ward, TH seconded and all agreed.

AP will be going to the next meeting of the Trenchard Road association and is hoping to get someone to put their name forward as a Knapton Councillor.

**100 KNAPTON PROJECTS:**

A schedule of works for the allotments has gone out to 5 contractors for tender. There should be 3 quotes within the fortnight. RL thanked AP for this. Interested parties are also looking at the constitution and rules and regulations for the allotments.

2 residents are co-ordinating Neighbourhood Watch in Knapton.

**101 CORRESPONDENCE:**

There had been an email from Stuart Broadley on the need for weeding around shrubs on Southfield Lane. Unfortunately the email had come too late to put it on the agenda and so it will go on the next meeting agenda. Meanwhile the Clerk will seek permission from Highways to weed out the nettles and ivy from the shrubs.

**102 ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS:**

RL had raised this issue at the last YLCA meeting. Smaller parishes were suffering from falling numbers at these meetings and as there was an opportunity for members of the public to speak at each meeting RL had asked for the procedure for stopping them. They are a legal requirement and will not be scrapped.

**103 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:**

Burial Ground – HB reported that a meeting had been arranged for Monday for the person responsible for the Pay Back people to see what was required to make the wheelchair access. It was agreed that she could get 4 bags of sand to lay the slabs. TH had drawn up a plan and the Community Pay Back will lay them under supervision.

Ward Committee – there will be a meeting with a BBQ at the airfield on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Archiving: Next agenda. The Clerk will give Rae a copy of a document that shows how long documents have to be kept for.

Land Registry: Colin Valentine will ring David Hildreth to ask about the pond.

YLCA : This had been discussed earlier.

**104 COMMUNICATIONS:**

There will probably not be another newsletter until the Autumn and TH will try to update the contact list.

TH will contact the Clerk after next week with a view to handing over the web site.

**105 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

RL will get some “Danger Deep Water” signs for the pond as the others have gone.

AP will do a bank reconciliation with another councillor once every six months.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Village sign should be completed by Friday, RL thanked PW.

Colin will speak to David Hildreth about TPOs and TPOs are to go on the next agenda.

The Village Garden is slowly being covered in Ground Elder – the Clerk will speak to Mr Bush.

Iain Russell Jarvie is going to see Stillington Community Shop to see how it works.

Colin is going to send out letters regarding the shop.

HB raised the bent information sign on the B1224 with CS.

The Clerk is to ring Julie Hood as it would appear that the dog bin for Southfield Lane Playing Fields entrance has been placed at the main entrance to the Playing Fields.

**106 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.45pm in Rufforth Village Hall.

RL thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.42 pm.

**107 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Rae Mould reported huge problems with the 142 and 143 buses last Tuesday. The Clerk will write to CYC Highways asking them to advise the two bus companies in future if roadworks are going to divert the buses. The letter is to be copied to North Yorkshire CC. Due to diversions put in place residents of Rufforth and Knapton were stranded in Acomb.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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