

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 APRIL 2014 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor T Haward (TH) Chair
Councillor C Valentine (CV)
Councillor R Syms (RS)

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public, Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS) and Mrs S Warden (Clerk)

056 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Councillor K Clarke (KC) and Councillor P Leadley-Yoward

057 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

058 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

AP proposed the minutes of 3 March 2014, RS seconded this proposal and the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

059 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

There would be a meeting of the Local Plan Working Group in April and the next formal consultation would take place in May/June.
Lendal Bridge was the main topic of discussion.

060 CLERK'S REPORT:

- CYC came and put some arisings down on Southfield Lane which has now created a pond in the middle of the lane. HB has talked to CYC and they will see what they can do. The Clerk will write to CYC regarding this.
- The Clerk will ring Paul Cordock (CS will provide his number) to see how best to get a reply on S106 monies.

061 PLANNING:

- 14/00569/FUL Meadow House, there were no objections to the single storey side and rear extensions and 3no. dormers to the front.
- Minerals and Joint Waste Plan – TH will put something together and send direct.
- Yorwaste Materials Recycling and Transfer Station – the clerk will email Erik Matthews (CYC) to say this was raised at the meeting and ask what the current situation is.

062 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: £115.59 to the Clerk for the last quarter's expenses, £152.00 to D Bush for grass cutting, £362.00 to YLCA for yearly subscription and £120 to CYC for Knapton Recreational Field rent for the year.

Receipts: none

Bank Balances - £19,846.45

Funds available - £673.91

As the Clerk was unable to get Knapton recreational Field cut before the end of the financial year it was agreed that the £47.21 left in the budget for Knapton be carried over to this year.

It was agreed that Mr Bush's quote to cut the meadow in June be put on hold and that it would be best to meet him on site to discuss what was needed. This is to go on the next agenda.

063 BANK ACCOUNTS:

All agreed that 50% of cash at the bank should go elsewhere. The Clerk will speak to HSBC about charges.

064 VACANCY RUFFORTH WARD:

There still had been no one coming forward for this vacancy.

065 CYCLE TRACK:

Darren Richardson of CYC has met with Steve Grieve of Yorwaste and the path will be done. Mr Richardson has said "one way or another it will be funded". CS will follow up on horses using the footpath and not the gravel part that is for the use of horses. The horses are leaving muck on the footpath. At the moment it is a footpath on the Definitive Map and not a bridlepath, Alison Newbould needs to get it changed.

The Parish Council were unsuccessful in its application for £20,000 for the cycle path from Algarth to the cattle crush from "Proceeds from Crime"(North Yorkshire).

066 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Ward Committee: The Ward Committee will now be known as the Residents Forum/Team Meeting

YLCA : Next meeting – beginning June

Crisis Management: TH will give CV the file back.

Yorwaste: Steve Grieve has said he's applied to put CCTV at the entrance to Harewood Whin and this should be implemented within 3 months. This is to deter drivers using the B1224 through Rufforth.

067 CORRESPONDENCE:

Nigel Colley PCSO had sent through the crime figures for March, there had been a theft of bicycles from a garage in Rufforth and the theft of a purse in Rufforth.

068 COMMUNICATIONS:

The next newsletter would go out after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to include the Chairman's Report. The website was up to date.

069 BURIAL FEES:

It was agreed to raise the fees by 3% as per the draft fees written by the Clerk.

070 RUFFORTH POND:

Sophie from TCV would be coming out to meet CV later in the week.

Jim Cavanagh (CYC Highways Drainage) had phoned the Clerk to report that the drain from the road was all silted up. He had tried to clear some of the reeds from the outfall pipe. It was agreed that he would meet with the clerk and CV at the pond to see what should be done later in April. This is to go on the next agenda.

071 CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT CODE FOR PARISH COUNCILS WITH A TURNOVER NOT EXCEEDING £25,000:

This is to go on the next agenda.

072 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

The Clerk would ask Jim Cavanagh about sucking out the drains when she and CV met up with him.

HB had bought 3 cans of biodegradable fluorescent spray to spray round dog fouling, this has made a difference in other council areas. It was agreed that the Parish Council should fund the spray paint.

HB is to give a talk to the public at the Quaker Meeting Hall about our Natural Burial Ground (NBG). She will also write an article on the NBG for the Poppleton Church Magazine.

CV had met Sarah Tester (York Archivist), Rae Mould, Karen Valentine and Malcolm Coward together with the Clerk at the Village Hall. Sarah Tester had come to advise on the storing of archive material. CV was asking Malcolm Coward (Village Hall Secretary) for an archive room. CV is waiting for Malcolm to come back to him.

The shrubbery on the A1237/B1224 roundabout needs cutting back. It is overgrown and making the sight lines poor. The Clerk will write to CYC.

CS said that in legislation Neighbourhood Plans have to be taken into account, much more so than Village Design Statements. Neighbourhood Plans are to go on the next agenda.

HB said a vote of thanks should go to TH for all that he has done as Chairman, this was heartily agreed.

073 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 12 May 2014 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.17 pm.

074 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Halford said that he was pleased to hear that something was going to be done about the roundabout on the Wetherby Road.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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