

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2015 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Mrs A Powell (Chairman)	Councillor A Mate
Councillor C Valentine	Councillor K Clarke
Councillor Mrs H Beeley	Councillor Mrs H Butterworth

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ward Cllr Ian Gillies, 7 members of the public, Jim Cavanagh (CYC Senior Flood Risk Engineer), Michael Denny (Yorkshire Water) and Mrs S Warden (Parish Clerk).

It was agreed to take Item 192 first as Cllr. Gillies could only stay a short time.

**192 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:**

15/02031/FULM Poultry Farm, Bradley Lane: this has gone viral with CYC receiving over 4000 emails, amongst them emails from Animal Rights groups.

Bus Subsidies have been greatly reduced.

The Ward Councillors have authorised money for the Post Office for next year.

The Rural West meeting is next week.

**187 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

David Hildreth said that there had been amendments to the Poultry Farm application but they were not yet posted on the CYC Planning website.

**188 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:** J Flynn and Ward Councillor Chris Steward

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

**190 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of 2 November 2015 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Mrs Beeley and were agreed and signed as a true record.

**191 FLOODING AND DRAINAGE PROBLEMS, RUFFORTH:**

Jim Cavanagh and Michael Denny introduced themselves. Michael Denny had been involved in a joint meeting with CYC in October and actions have been taken from that.

They are in the process of finding out where all foul water and surface water drains run. Coming into the village from York work is to be done and needs to be traffic lighted, at the Wetherby end a road closure may well have to take place. This takes time to get a traffic order and it is hoped the work would be carried out at the end of January. The drainage system outside West Cottage needs to be connected into the pond across the road.

Yorkshire Water want to enlarge the manhole opposite Ivy Cottage and this is being progressed.

Gable Park: it is now known where the foul water goes and the surface water pipe is to be jetted from Gable Park.

The section of pipe from the manhole to the rear of Oak House needs to be relined.

They have not been able to locate a manhole in the field at the back of Oak House but the pipe is going to be looked at with a remote camera.

The members of the public most affected by flooding are Mr and Mrs Bielby in Ivy Cottage and Mr Kelly in West Cottage.

Cllr Mrs Powell thanked both Jim Cavanagh and Michael Denny for attending.

Yorkshire Water's Call Centre telephone number is 03451 242424

**193 CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk will follow up the white gates and time scales for David Mercer's team to look at safety improvements and decide on the best way forward and when they are likely to be implemented. The Clerk will suggest a councillor or her will walk the village with David Mercer to get him acquainted with the problems.

#### 194 PLANNING:

- a) 15/02324/FUL The Farriers Hose, Rufforth for a conservatory to the rear: the Parish Council had no objections to this application.
- b) 15/02031/FULM The poultry unit on Bradley Lane had been strongly objected to. There were amendments to the proposal but those weren't on the CYC Planning Portal. The Clerk would email Erik Matthews to get him to send them through.
- c) 15/02715/FUL Red Lion Knapton for installation of mechanical extract/input ventilation equipment (retrospective): there were no objections to this
- d) 15/02427/FUL Knapton Grange, Knapton for erection of double garage with rooms in the roof following demolition of existing garage: to ensure openness Cllr Clarke would talk to neighbours to find out their views but councillors felt that it should be sent back with comments to safeguard the trees that screen the garage from the neighbours.

#### 195 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 fees	£545.16 NET
R Burniston & Son for grass cut to Knapton Rec.	£ 84.00
NATA for Neighbourhood Plan printing	£18.50
Cllr Butterworth for plan prints for Burial Ground	£ 7.20
SLCC membership subscription	£ 88.00
Hall hire for Neighbourhood Plan to J Wright	£ 10.00
NBG advert Parish Magazine to NATA	£ 63.00
Farm & Land Services for Japanese Knotweed	£ 72.00
Information Commissioner's Office DD	£ 35.00

- b) Payments received: Burial fees £3,612.00  
Bank interest Nov. & Dec £ 1.87
- c) Funds available: £31,873.40
- d) It was agreed to put a further £250 in the budget for the Neighbourhood Plan from Burial Ground funds

#### Burial Grounds:

- a) There had been no burials but there had been 2x2 pre-paid burial plots sold in the Natural Burial Ground.

#### Projects on Parish Council Land:

- a) Sand Dykes: The Clerk would email Sam the Tree Fella again for a quote to cut down the dead tree and ask him to quote for the tree that had come down as it needed taking out. Alasdair Downie had provided the herbicide reports on the Japanese Knotweed.
- b) Rufforth Pond: No report

#### Knapton Recreational Field:

It is hoped to get this onto the CYC grass cutting contract

#### 196 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

- a) Rural West Ward meeting: the next meeting is to take place next week
- b) YLCA: the next meeting is in February
- c) Yorwaste: Cllr. Mate's report is in the minute file. Geoff Derham of Yorwaste said there was not enough time to find another site in time to go through planning to meet the incinerator start up time. He is also arguing that landfill is not closing. The site will be retained by Yorwaste in case at

some point in time it needs to restart. Much of the existing bund will be restored. This area might be used for biomass and/or a solar farm. There is also a possibility for a leisure facility for later discussion. The large recycling shed has been refurbished to accommodate the Hessay recycling. The front field will remain safeguarded.

Mr Derham said discussions were underway between the Environment Agency, Selby District Council and Yorwaste to look to dispose of some 10,000 tons of waste from Great Heck at Harewood Whin landfill.

#### **197 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

A residents meeting had been held on 14 November to update on the group's consultation with Yorwaste and to present their plans. About 40 residents attended and the clear consensus was to support the approach recommended by the Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG) and endorsed by the Parish Council that we would work together with Yorwaste to achieve a solution minimising the effects on the community. CYC held a drop in consultation on the Joint Waste and Mineral Plan in Rufforth Institute on 2 December and responses have to be back by 15 January. In effect the parish council and the NPG want the front two fields at Harewood Whin, currently in the Green Belt taken out of the plan as they are in there as safeguarded land.

The NPG have also been talking with Yorkshire Water on the status of drainage and sewerage in the parish and so are more aware of factors that need to be taken into account in any potential development. The NPG are currently drawing up and writing their policies to cover all identified key issues. It is hoped to have this completed by the end of January for discussion at the February council meeting. Once the parish council have approved these they could be used to inform the parish council's response to planning applications.

The NPG have started the process of a grant application to help fund the Plan and are hoping to have the plan ready for pre-submission consultation by June with a referendum by the end of 2016 depending on the speed of CYC's actions.

#### **198 HANNAM LANE DOG BIN:**

Cllr Mate had requested that this be put on the agenda for CYC to be asked to empty it. The Clerk had asked Cllr Steward to look into this and he had said that it was bought on the basis that CYC wouldn't empty it and Cllr Mate had offered to do so. However he had checked the position with the officer in charge and all the collection rounds are at capacity but as part of the new devolved work and if there is sufficient demand for another round it will be added. It will go on the list and so may be it could be done in the future.

#### **199 MINERALS AND WASTE JOINT PLAN:**

Cllr. Butterworth had not been happy with Cllr. Valentine's address to the meeting held last Wednesday in the Village Institute and also with Cllr. Valentine's addition to Peter Rollings' email informing residents of the meeting through Frank Di Lorenzo's email circulation list. Mrs Wright said she thought it had been agreed that the Parish Council and NPG would present a united front. She said he had denigrated politicians in his email when our local Ward Councillors and our MP had been very supportive. Furthermore she had been informed that the original Yorwaste conditions had been superseded by planning applications that had come after.

Cllr Clarke spoke of his disbelief that Cllr Valentine was again bringing all this up when the parish council had come to agreement on the way forward with Yorwaste. It was said that he should no longer represent the parish council on the Yorwaste Liaison Group. Cllr Valentine said he would step down from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council will have a draft response to the Joint Plan for agreement at the next meeting.

#### **200 CYCLE TRACK:**

Mary Seaton of Sustrans had met with Nick Squire.

We do need planning permission for the cycle track extension into Rufforth as Sustrans are not a Statutory Body. Sustrans will be doing an ecological survey to go with the planning application.

Barry Otley is pursuing the Knapton end and the opening up of the underpass as a Public Right of Way. There is a chance that this will be included in the enlarging of the Wetherby Road roundabout project as speeds of traffic have increased since the new A59 roundabout making the crossing at Knapton over the A1237 very dangerous.

**201 VILLAGE ARCHIVE:**

Cllr. Valentine had requested part of the shed at the Village Institute for the archive to have room for a desk and chair also. He was informed that there was no room for this. The Clerk said that if one of the doors could be blocked off to the cupboard by the kitchen and it was shelved out for box files it would be sufficient. It would not be big enough to house the large plans that Cllr Valentine had put onto boards. The Clerk would meet with the Village Institute committee and this would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**202 R T KEEDWELL GROUP LTD:**

It had been noted from a public notice in The Press that Keedwell were applying for a change to an existing licence. It had been discovered that this was merely a change of name on the licence and did not mean more vehicles and trailers would be parked there or more land acquired.

**203 COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a) The next newsletter will hopefully go out in the New Year, Cllr Powell had already started work on this.
- b) The website has been updated.

**204 CORRESPONDENCE:** for noting only

**205 SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BUDGET 2016/2017:**

The following were suggested for inclusion: Archive storage, Sand Dykes and the pond. Cllr. Clarke felt that some of the Burial Ground money should go towards the pond and Sand Dykes rather than putting it on the precept. Also to be included: the Defibrillator and funds for the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Powell would ask at the Rural West Ward meeting what Ward money could be used for.

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

Next agenda: Joint Waste and Mineral Plan  
Budget/Precept 2016/17

**207 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Monday 4 January 2016 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Cllr Mrs Powell thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 10 pm.

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

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