

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7th JANUARY 2013 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor T Haward (TH) Chairman
Councillor C Valentine (CV)
Councillor R Lee (RL)
Councillor R Syms (RS)

Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)
Councillor D Nevins (DN)
Councillor K Clarke (KC)

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

001 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: None

002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

003 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RL proposed the minutes of 3 December 2012 as a true record, AP seconded this proposal and the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

004 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

IG reported that there was a 2 year rolling programme to improve broadband. We should know where and when within the next 2 weeks.

Cycle Path: the programme of works has been put back due to the weather. The work will be carried on in the middle section and is due to finish in approximately 5 weeks depending on the weather.

Smell from Harewood Whin: The smell from the tip has been very bad in areas other than Rufforth. The weather has stopped the work to alleviate the smells.

CS reported that there had been no progress on the Algarth Planning Application as the owners had not agreed to the S106 money. TH asked what the S106 was for, as it was thought to be for the cycle track. TH will contact Erik Matthews to find out.

There is no timescale pressure on the Parish Council to pay CYC £5000 for the cycle track. CS said that Rufforth was not considered suitable for a cycle lane through the village. Cycle lanes are generally 1.5m wide.

The Clerk reported a particularly bad pothole on the bad bend as you come into the village. The Clerk will email CYC and copy to CS.

005 CYCLE TRACK:

It was agreed that the decision on how to raise funds for the cycle track would come under Item 009.

006 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk had contacted CYC regarding the notice board in Bradley Crescent asking that they put it back up again after it had blown over. John Ross had contacted us to say it was not up to CYC to replace it. As the Parish Council had replaced CYC's board previously and it had been agreed that CYC put it up the Clerk would contact Anthony Smith in Estates to see if he could get it put up. Failing that the Clerk would ask Paul Yoward to put it up under the Handyman budget.

The Clerk had reported the missing top off the belisha beacon on the zebra crossing outside school ref. no. 101966916. This should be replaced within 2 weeks.

007 PLANNING:

- There had been no objections to the outline application at Hawthorn Farm but comments made.
- There were no objections to the application for a garage to the side of 4 Portal Road.

008 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: £113.27 to the Clerk for the last quarter's expenses, £75 Association of Natural Burial Ground Subs (to come out of Natural Burial Ground monies) and £20 to North Ainsty Team Area for newsletter printing.

Receipts: £747 in Natural Burial Ground fees, £150 in Burial Ground fees and £1.71 bank interest.

Bank Balances - £13,748.22

Funds available - £4,678.84

009 BUDGET/PRECEPT 2013/2014:

RL proposed that the Clerk's wages be set at SCP24, this was seconded by RS and agreed. KC proposed the draft budget with an £800 increase on the precept to £7550 and that £1000 be taken from reserves in 2013/2014 and £1000 in 2014/2015 and £600 the following year to pay the £5000 for the cycle track to CYC, this to be reviewed at the end of each financial year. This was seconded by TH and all were agreed.

It was agreed to take Item 013 under 009: the decision was to set the precept now as we had been told there would be no capping of the precept for the next financial year.

The Clerk is to ask for the salt bins in Bradley Crescent and outside school in Rufforth and Knapton Green to be filled.

010 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Burial Ground – Andy Stone is waiting for better weather before starting on the memorial wall. Mr Bush has been trimming the shrubs. HB will do more research on memorial wall plaques.

Ward Committee: The next meeting date had not been confirmed.

Archiving: RL and Rae Mould will be doing a session this Wednesday but Rae is away for some time after that.

YLCA : The next meeting is on 7th February.

Rufforth Pond: no developments

Crisis Management: CV had updated the contacts and will ask permission of those contacts to be included.

Yorwaste liaison: All were reminded that smells from the tip should be reported to the Environment Agency, the Incident telephone number being 0800 80 70 60.

011 CORRESPONDENCE:

TH had drafted a letter to Yorwaste re. vehicles through the village and access to the tip. Yorwaste had entered into a S106 agreement when given permission for the extension in 2004 saying they would use their best endeavours to stop HGVs going through Rufforth village. CYC were not enforcing this. All agreed that the Clerk should put this on headed paper, send and copy to the Ward Councillors.

CV had noted that YLCA had said there was a Government drive to remove unnecessary street signs.

012 CYCLE LANE THROUGH RUFFORTH:

This had been dealt with under Item 004.

013 LOCALISING COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT:

This had been dealt with under Item 009.

014 COMMUNICATIONS:

TH will put the newsletter onto the website.

015 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

HB had had positive responses to fund raising for the cycle track and a sponsored cycle ride when the track opens.

RS reported bad flooding in Knapton. Water had flooded off the fields at the ring road end and closed the road for a time and it was bad by the Green.

TH will put something together for the website regarding fund raising for the cycle track.

016 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 4 February 2013 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.25 pm

017 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rae Mould felt it was a very good idea to fund raise and that it should go into the next newsletter also.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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