

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 6 members of the public and Mrs S Warden (Parish Clerk).

130 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: Ward Councillor Chris Steward

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

132 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of 6 July 2015 were proposed by Councillor Mate and seconded by Councillor Flynn and agreed and signed as a true record.

133 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS: Cllr Steward had sent apologies.

134 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) The dog bin for Hannam Lane was now on site and being emptied regularly.
- b) The dog bin on Southfield Lane had been righted after being knocked over but not mended. It was considered to be of use for the moment.
- c) Moor Lane Fly-tipping: this had been cleared but not very satisfactorily. The Clerk will email again.
- d) Japanese Knotweed: Alasdair Downie is on with dealing with this problem at Sand Dykes.

135 PLANNING:

- a) 15/00002/FUL OS Field SE 5351 Middlewood Close, Rufforth for erection of a pig isolation unit: the parish council do not object to this but are concerned about the access from Middlewood especially at drop off and pick up times for the Primary School. John Wilkin said that these times could be avoided. There are also concerns over smell but John Wilkin said that there should be very little and the prevailing wind would take any away from the village.
- b) 15/01808/FUL Land to the East of Orchard Vale, Rufforth for erection of dwelling with garage (amended scheme): this is on green belt land.
- c) 15/01711/OUTM Land lying to the West of 41 Knapton Lane for erection of 14 dwellings: councillors were pleased to see that the numbers of houses down from the high 20s to 14 but still had serious concerns over the access to the site on a dangerous bend in Knapton Lane and the fact that it was green space separating Knapton from the York City limits. It was agreed to support local residents' objections to this scheme. This land has been refused planning permission twice before.
- d) 15/01878/FUL Caenby Properties Limited, Northminster Business Park for change of use from office to Cytology Laboratory and the installation of 2 fume cupboard discharge pipes to roof and external store: this is currently being looked at by Knapton councillors.

136 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:

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| a) | Invoices for Payment: Clerk's salary | £333.79 NET |
| | Grass Cutting D Bush | £511.00 |
| | R Burniston for grass cutting Knapton | £84.00 |
| | M Lee for Neighbourhood Plan postage etc. | £24.56 |
| b) | Payments received: Bank interest | £ 0.20 |
| | Burial fees | £953.00 |
| c) | Funds available: | £27,962.71 |
| d) | Planning Seminars: It was agreed that Clls. Valentine and Mrs Beeley would attend this training at £115 per delegate, paid for by the parish council. | |

Burial Grounds:

- There had been two natural burial plots reserved.
- Cllr Mrs Butterworth had purchased markers for the natural burial ground and intends to put markers with a yellow disc to show an interment and markers with a blue disc to show a reserved plot.

A pony and flat-bed trailer has been found following a request for a coffin to be taken to the burial ground that way.

Projects on Parish Council Land:

- Sand Dykes: Sam the Tree Fella has been set on to do the tree work. The Clerk will chase this to see when it is likely to happen.
- Rufforth Pond: Cllr Valentine was unhappy that the two quotes weren't like for like. He had a meeting with Angela Pease at the pond and she didn't think a Yorventure grant would be successful as what was needed was mainly maintenance work. Cllr. Butterworth wanted it put on record that she didn't say she didn't want a dipping pond which resulted in the Parish Council losing a £10,000 grant. Cllr. Butterworth will speak to John Hall to ask him if he will cut back the trees on his land that are overhanging the pond and remove the tree that has fallen over into the pond.
- Parish Garden: The Clerk will check whether the oak tree has been cut back and if not she will get back in touch with Sam the Tree Fella.

Knapton Recreational Field: The field had been cut since the last meeting. It was suggested that grazing the field may be the answer to keep the grass down.

137 YORWASTE:

Cllr. Valentine was unhappy that he was unable to attend the informal meeting Cllr. Powell had called to discuss Yorwaste. Cllr Clarke agreed that the meeting was held at short notice but it had been an informal meeting to look at the Yorwaste Analysis and to better understand it and the councillors who attended found it very useful.

Cllr. Valentine showed a map to show the scale of the Yorwaste operation and said that they were proposing a Waste Transfer Station (WTS). Large articulated lorries will come in and out of Yorwaste to pick up material brought there by dustbin wagons etc. to be then taken to Allerton incinerator. Cllr. Valentine wants to see the WTS put onto the A59 to reduce carbon emissions and in terms of the existing site for it to be restored as originally promised once landfill ceases. Cllr. Valentine wants to go to Yorwaste with this before they produce their vision for the future of Harewood Whin, he also wants to talk to York and North Yorkshire to ensure enforcement of the S106.

Cllr. Clarke felt it was now the time to involve our MP in this. Cllrs Mate and Valentine had already written to Julian Sturdy MP as residents and Cllr Mate is at present trying to get hold of the original planning application with conditions.

It was agreed that Yorwaste would go on the next agenda and that hopefully Julian Sturdy would have replied to their questions by then in order that a decision can be made on the best way forward.

138 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

- a) Rural West York Team meeting: Cllr Mrs Powell said there was little to report other than there will be Ward grants available and suggested Cllr Valentine put one in for the Post Office.
- b) York Branch Yorkshire Local Councils' Association: the next meeting is in October.
- c) Yorwaste Liaison Group: Cllr Mrs Powell will talk to Yorwaste to get a date for a meeting early in the new year.

139 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Peter Rollings brought to the meeting the draft report on the analysis of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. There had been a 73% response rate. Peter thanked Cllr Flynn and Nick Murray for all their hard work in analysing the figures and to Margaret Lee and Jane Wright for helping to produce the draft document.

Responses have been received from several businesses and informal meetings have been held with these to discuss their plans and ideas.

The next stage is to formulate a set of policies based on the evidence from the questionnaire and then to develop the plan itself. Each stage will be consulted upon.

Cllr Mrs Powell thanked Peter Rollings and his team for all their hard work.

140 EXTENSION OF THE CYCLE PATH:

The steering group hosted a couple of meetings recently with CYC, Sustrans and Yorventure viewing the site. All parties favoured continuing the track behind the bungalows and the Tankard so that it could emerge further into the village and into Milestone Avenue. They regarded terminating the route at the Algate site and users negotiating a dangerous corner onto the road as extremely dangerous and not an idea to be pursued.

The steering group is hoping for a 100% grant to complete the track at the Rufforth end. Mr Squires is very supportive along with Sustrans and it is hoped to get the application into Yorventure for December.

The Parish Council will have to put in a planning application but this will be covered by funds in the budget for the cycle track. The Parish Council were in support of the scheme. Knapton Councillors could also look to putting in an application for a grant for the Knapton end of the track.

141 DEFIBRILLATOR:

Following a letter together with 104 signatures on a petition in favour of a defibrillator for Rufforth it was decided to look again at putting one into Rufforth. Quite a few on the petition were happy to be first responders which would make a defibrillator more workable in a ribbon development village like Rufforth. It was suggested that those on the petition be invited to a coffee morning one Saturday to listen to someone from the Ambulance service. Next agenda: A decision on whether to have a defibrillator and costings.

142 BUS SERVICE:

Chris Steward has been having talks with the operator about the 412 service at 7.09 into York and the 18.35 back out of York to Wetherby. Connexions want to cut these two from the service. This will mean some people not being able to get to work on time and many unable to get home in the evening as most people would struggle to catch the 17.20 bus back from York even if they finished work at 5pm. The Clerk will write to ask the operator to keep this service as it is and ask for figures on the level of usage.

143 FLOODING IN RUFFORTH:

On 22 August the flooding was so bad in Rufforth by Ivy Cottage and at the end of Victoria Farm Close that it almost entered 2 Croft Houses and would have got into Ivy Cottage if it had not been for the valiant attempts of residents of Bradley Crescent and the equipment and manpower of the fire brigade and Becketts and John Wilkin's farms to stem the flow. The Clerk will write to Yorkshire Water and Jim Cavanagh at CYC re. the letter to the parish council from Mr & Mrs Bielby.

144 GLIDING CLUB:

Cllr. Mrs Beeley reported complaints of noise nuisance from tug planes and gliders flying over the village. It was understood that their permitted flight paths should not allow the tugs to be flying directly over the village of Rufforth. The Clerk will write to the Gliding Club to ask that they keep from flying over the village.

145 COMMUNICATIONS:

- a) The next newsletter will go out as soon as possible
- b) The website will be checked by the clerk and updated as necessary.

146 CORRESPONDENCE: None other than that discussed earlier in the meeting.

147 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There had been a complaints from the farming community regarding mums talking by the school crossing and so vehicle drivers not knowing whether they are crossing or not. Cllr. Ms Pasquill will ask Mr Rourke, the headteacher, to put something in the school newsletter. Farmers have also complained about the white van outside the old shop and cars parked by the triangle which have caused some near misses for farmers especially when they are towing large equipment or trailers.

The Clerk will contact the PROW officer at CYC to inform her of horse muck being dumped on the footpath from the Avenue to Hutton Wandersley

148 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 5 October 2015 in Rufforth Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Cllr Mrs Powell thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 10.10 pm.

149 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Two residents new to the village voiced concern at the appalling speeds vehicles do through Rufforth. There had also been some Harrogate dustbin wagons seen going through Rufforth on Saturdays.

Frank Di Lorenzo had been upset that he had a "gagging order" imposed upon him by the parish council. This was not the case, the minutes clearly stated that parish council business going out to parishioners should only come through the clerk.

_____ Chairman _____ Date

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