

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011  
IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.30pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Tim Haward (TH)	Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor RA Lee (RL)	Councillor M Comber-Evans (MCE)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)	Councillor P Williams (PW)
Councillor D Hildreth	

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ward Councillor Ian Gillies (IG), Mrs S Warden (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

**018 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:** Councillor R Syms (RS) Ward Councillor Ben Hudson (BH)

**019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**020 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were proposed as a true record by RL, seconded by MCE, agreed and signed after amending Item 011. The amendments were initialled as correct.

**021 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:**

IG had an email from Barry Treanor asking for a salt bin for Trenchard Road. This has been provided.

A house in Albion Avenue was built in the wrong place and enforcement took on the case which went to appeal. The inspector ruled it was in the wrong place and the house now has to be demolished.

A letter from Miller Homes has been sent to residents in Trenchard Road as Miller Homes want to put a road across the Civil Service site.

Julian Sturdy MP and IG had a meeting with Yorwaste and a look around the site.

An invitation has come from Michael Slater to attend a presentation to CYC by Yorwaste.

Julian has now set up a meeting with Kirstan England and Bill Woolley of CYC. It needs to be recognised that if there are several planning applications to come in there might be good reason to look at, for instance, a new site entrance off the lay-by. If applications continue to come in piecemeal this will never be recognised.

Wind Turbines: Askham Bryan P.C. are expecting a planning application for 5 wind turbines at Hag Wood. The company involved want to put up a pole to measure wind speeds and if it is then found to be feasible they will want to put up 5 turbines. The site is near the A64 but would still badly affect the Gliding Club. A safeguarding plan for Rufforth Airfield is lodged with CYC. There is a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2-7pm in Copmanthorpe. The Clerk will ask Frank Patterson of Askham Bryan P.C. to inform her when the planning application comes in.

IG had received emails from Mr Carter regarding lorries going through the village and has passed the complaint to Neighbourhood Services.

It was agreed to take Item 026 next:

**026 CYCLE ROUTE:**

David Hall of Sustrans says money from S106 for a cycle path could count as match funding. TH proposed that the Clerk write to Andy Vose CYC and copy to IG asking for a meeting.

**022 CLERK'S REPORT:**

There had been no reply from Transco as yet.

The Clerk will attend a briefing session at the Guildhall on the coming Parish Council elections.

Any comments on the CYC/Parish Council Charter need to be fed back quickly.

**023 PLANNING:**

The Turbines and Miller Homes had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Materials Recovery Building at Harewood Whin – the Parish Council had strong objections to this application.

Yorwaste Compost Pads – TH will draft a letter for the Clerk to send to Julian Sturdy MP and the Clerk will write to the Secretary of State stating our objections.

The Garth, Yew Tree Close – there were no objections but the Parish Council will seek safeguards.

**024 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: £40 to J Ferguson for mole catching on Knapton Green, £970 to the Methodist Church for the use of the schoolroom as a Post Office, £492 to T Backhouse for a new gate for the Burial Ground and £40 to the Land Registry for a site visit fee.

The Clerk was asked to query the invoice for the repair of Knapton Notice board as the invoice exceeded the estimate provided.

Receipts: £2.39 Bank Interest, £150 burial fee.

Bank Balances - £17,024.14 Funds Available - £1,918.12

PW had received a quote from CYC for a third village sign for Bradley Lane of £2000 + £50 for a new Rufforth sign to go on it – it was agreed that CYC be instructed to get on with it.

**025 YORWASTE:**

This had been dealt with under Item 21

**027 KNAPTON PROJECTS:**

AP had a meeting with the Allotments Officer and had seen 5 possible areas for allotments. The Allotment Officer is going to contact the owners of the various pieces of land.

Rachel Stewart has said that a sign for the Recreational Field will have to come out of York Pride money but not until after 1<sup>st</sup> April

**028 CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk/a Councillor had been invited to the Mansion House to a presentation on York's bid to become a World Heritage Site on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Development Control seminars are being offered again this year.

The Charter between the City of York Council and the Local (Parish and Town) Councils had come to the Clerk, comments were invited. The Charter is to go on the next agenda.

**029 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:**

Burial Ground – The Clerk gave copies of the draft letter she had written to relatives of those buried in the cemetery asking them to observe the rules set down. It was suggested that to remove all wrappings from flowers should also be included. This will be further discussed at the Burial ground meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm.

Archiving: This is being done

Ward Committee: The next meeting is 9th February at Poppleton Community Centre.

Land Registry: There is to be a site visit to the Parish Garden before a decision is made.

YLCA : There is to be a briefing on the Localism Bill, there is a lot of debate going on and they will let us know more later in the year. The Charter between CYC and Local Councils will also be discussed.

Harvey Lowson is compiling and bringing up to date maps of all the TPOs in villages.

DH will follow this up.

**030 COMMUNICATIONS:**

The newsletter will come out within the next 6 weeks.

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

The Clerk will follow up on the missing Rufforth sign at the Askham Richard end of Bradley Lane, the chevron which is half missing opposite Wellgarth House, and the Right Hand Bend sign approaching Rufforth from York. She will also report the electronic information sign support and the box opposite on Wetherby Road are leaning badly.

MCE will draft a letter for the Clerk to send to Mr Park regarding work he has done in Southfield Lane.

RL will contact Yorwaste regarding the mud in the road edges and picking rubbish but leaving rubbish bags on the roadside.

AP will email CYC regarding litter between the lay-by and the ring road.

**032 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.30pm in Rufforth Village Hall.

TH thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

**033 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mike Wood complained about the amount of dog mess. It was reported that a black Labrador was allowed to roam loose and it was believed that it resided in the last but one terrace closest to the shop.

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

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