

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor RA Lee (RL) Chairman	Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HB)	Councillor C Valentine (CV)
Councillor Tim Haward (TH)	Councillor R Syms (RS)
Councillor P Williams (PW)	Councillor K Clarke (KC)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ward Councillor Ian Gillies (IG), Mrs S Warden (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

**001 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:**

Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS)

**002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**003 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

TH proposed the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 as a true record, this was seconded by PW all agreed and they were signed as a true record.

**004 WARD COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:**

The ruling group CYC has taken all Ward Committee money left over from 2011/12 so there is none to carry over.

The decision not to collect Green Waste was again made by the ruling cabinet and IG has received lots of complaints about this.

The cycle route is being delayed by PROW legalities, funding isn't a problem but lack of capacity within the PROW team. All had agreed that Yorwaste would fund initial costs and Steve Grieve is happy to pay if PROW officers need an extra hand.

TH and Mike Wood had met with the Ramblers who have had an objection to the extinguishment of part of the footpath at the Knapton end and the new path replacing it, this is making the legalities more difficult.

CYC now have the money for the Park n Ride at Poppleton. This will impact on Poppleton and Knapton and should be completed within the next 2 years.

TH and AP reported that the new planning web site was dreadful and IG had received other complaints. IG will ask for it to be looked at and the Clerk will email Mike Slater and copy to IG.

**005 CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk had spoken to Highway Drainage and the road gulleys had been cleaned out by West Cottage, Rufforth during the first week in November. CV will go back to the owner of West Cottage to see if things are now better.

The Clerk had reminded Rachel Stewart about the B1224/A1237 roundabout and she had promised to follow it up.

**006 PLANNING:**

Councillors had no objections to the application for a single storey front extension at 3 Laburnum Close.

There were no objections to the application for an agricultural building on Rufforth airfield but safeguards were sought to ensure it will be for agricultural use only.

**007 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: £310 to Mr Bush for hedge cutting and pruning in and around the Burial Ground & Parish Garden, £99.95 to the Clerk for the last quarter's expenses. The Clerk had also cancelled a cheque to HB that had gone missing which had incurred a £12 bank charge. It was agreed that the Clerk reissue the cheque and that the Parish Council would pay the bank charge.

Receipts: £55 fee for a memorial stone

Bank Balances - £8,185.45

**008 CYCLE ROUTE:**

This had been covered under Item 4

**009 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2012/2013:**

The figure for 2012/2013 for insurance was amended to £633.12 and £50 added to the budget for next year for a handy man. Once these changes to the draft budget were in place AP proposed the budget and a Precept of £6750, TH seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

RL will put a notice in all notice boards re. the meeting on the Jubilee on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Rufforth.

**010 CORRESPONDENCE:**

Parish Councils Working Together meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> January 11am – 12 noon. RS will attend and the Clerk will reply to Kay Bailey. 12th January - Local Sustainable Transport Fund, RL will attend.

The Clerk had a response from Steve Grieve saying he would be ready to have a meeting in February,

**011 CRISIS MANAGEMENT:**

TH, CV and RS had attended a meeting on this. It was agreed that a basic crisis management plan was needed. TH will progress this with help from AP and RS. RL thanked TH for taking this on.

**012 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:**

Burial Ground – The Clerk will email Fielders regarding the flower vase left on a Natural Burial plot, this is not allowed under the rules. If the vase is not removed we will do so. HB has the sign for the Natural Burial Ground in hand.

Ward Committee – The next meeting is on 8<sup>th</sup> February at Copmanthorpe School

Archiving: Nothing to report

YLCA : Next meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> February in Strensall

Rufforth Pond: We will need to get funding in order to do anything

**013 COMMUNICATIONS:**

The next newsletter will be in the Spring.

TH will put the Jubilee meeting onto the front page of the website

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

Burial Ground Fees – the Clerk will put up fees by 3% as a proposal for agreement on the next agenda.

KC will email IG re. lamp posts being cut off and copy the Clerk in.

**015 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm in Rufforth Village Hall.

RL thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.22 pm.

**016 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Karen Valentine reported that the globes on the Zebra Crossing were not working. The one on the school side was not lit and the globe on the other side had been smashed. The Clerk will contact Mike Durkin (CYC Road Safety).

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

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