

**MINUTES OF THE RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE INSTITUTE ON MONDAY 6
NOVEMBER 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr. Peter Rollings, Chairman (PR); Cllr. Nick Murray, Vice Chairman (NM); Cllr. Helen Butterworth (HB); Cllr. Linda Young (LY); Cllr. Frank Di Lorenzo (FD); Cllr Terry Edmonds (TE); Cllr. Gary Thompson (GT):

In Attendance: Ward Cllr. Emilie Knight (EK); Ward Cllr. Anne Hook (AH); Stephanie Warden, Clerk (SW); 9 members of the public:

Before starting the meeting the Chairman said a few words in memory of Peter Wright, who had done so much for Rufforth village. This was followed by a minute's silence.

173 Public Comments: no one had registered to speak.

174 To receive the apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting: Cllr. Suzie Flynn (SF)

175 To consider the approval of reason given for absence: the reason for absence was approved.

176 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (not previously declared): there were none declared on the items below.

177 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2 October 2023: NM proposed the minutes as a true record, LY seconded and all agreed.

178 Ward Councillors Comments and Reports:

EK and AH are currently looking at the plans for the British Sugar site and the Skelton development.

There is a little Ward money in the pot.

179 Clerks Report:

The Clerk had sent out a report to councillors to update them on matters arising from the previous minutes. SW would chase Jim Cavanagh (CYC Highways Drainage regarding the pond in Rufforth.

Despite emails regarding litter on the B1224 it still had not been dealt with by CYC. This would be brought up at the next Yorwaste liaison meeting for a long term solution.

180 Planning Matters:

- 23/01732/FULM Yorwaste Harewood Whin Tinker Lane, Rufforth for Installation of a solar farm with associated infrastructure, access and security fencing: there is only enough capacity on the grid for one Solar Farm. The Parish Council objected to the Solar Farm between Rufforth and Hessay and were now looking at Harewood Whin as an eminently more suitable option. The panels will be on the top of the landfill not on the slope and facing Southwest. PR outlined the objections council had to the Solar 2 application. Harewood Whin cannot be used for any other

use, it is a brownfield site and so a better option despite being in the Green Belt, as is Solar 2. The Neighbourhood Plan supports the installation of a solar facility at Harewood Whin. PR had drafted a response for discussion supporting Harewood Whin as a Solar Farm. NM proposed the response and all were in favour, subject to the routing of cables and the siting of the sub station.

PR would ask Yorwaste for a consultation meeting. It was agreed that council would leaflet drop and put on social media suggestions for a response for Yorwaste.

- 23/00626/FULM Solar Farm update: Solar 2 have put in responses to our objections and the parish council will respond to those. PR will draft a response and send round councillors.
- 23/02007/FUL Fleur House Rufforth: there were no objections to this application.
- 23/01937/FUL 1 Westview Close: there were no objections to this application.
- York Local Plan update: nothing to report.

181 Finance: Monthly report

a) The following payments were noted:

Clerk October salary + burial fees	£ 958.56
Clerk repayment of website email mailbox	£ 6.52
AJT Garden Services for grass cutting & cycle path	£ 588.00
York Sports Turf Services for cutting Natural Burial Ground	£ 216.00
YLCA for Cllr Training on Closed Churchyards	£ 25.00
Aleksander Slodki for work in Natural Burial Ground	£ 60.00

b) Payments Received:

Invoice 299 for NBG plot and interment	£ 1260.00
Invoice 302 Memorial stone fee	£ 160.00
Invoice 303 Burial + plot purchase	£ 840.00
Bank Interest	£ 570.20

c) Funds Available £12148.70

d) Change of bank signatories were agreed and declarations signed.

e) Budget timetable: SW will set a date in December for the Budget meeting. LY would join the budget committee. Cllrs, to bring budget ideas to next meeting.

182 Burial Grounds:

- Report on Burials: 1 Formal Burial
- Maintenance in Burial Grounds: There will be a Burial Grounds meeting on 13 December.

183 Knapton Issues: Cllr Linda Young

- Community Woodland: There is a meeting on 16 November in Knapton. Parking issues would be looked at and signage to show people the right way to get to the woodland.
- CSW Equipment: LY thanked TE for help with Speedwatch. There had been 3 sessions so far and no speeding recorded. Purchasing

equipment would only be looked at if there was a problem of speeding recorded. The PCSO for our parish was coming to Knapton the next day.

- SF was still waiting for a reply from Dave Meigh of siting of utilities in the recreational field, the relocation of the litter bin, the broken gate and the padlock for the bollard.
- Funding for the memorial tree will be discussed next meeting when there may have been a response from Dave Meigh on the utility search.

184 Traffic Management Update:

NM reported that there had been no action on the request for a buffer zone on Bradley Lane as there were works planned for the dyke on Bradley Lane where there was a fatal accident. NM will be following this up to see if and when this is happening.

Signage for the 20mph zone is still with the Highways Engineering design team who are responsible for detailed location planning. Manning resources are severely lacking and our scheme is not high on the priority list. Hopefully it will be finished by the end of this financial year.

NM is continuing to push for Countdown markers on the West end Wetherby Road.

185 Rufforth Playing Fields Association Trust Deeds:

FD reported that the new Constitution was unanimously adopted at the EGM on 23 October. We are still waiting for some information from Harrowells. There has been a commitment from the Chairman that residents will have free access onto the Playing Fields.

186 6 June 2024 D Day Celebrations:

LY reported that Beacon lighting would likely take place at 9:15pm in Rufforth and Knapton. EK said there may be possible Ward funding for this as it would bring the community together. LY would look into it.

187 Representatives' Reports:

a) Rural West York Team and residents Forum Meetings: EK and AH are looking to organise Ward meetings.

b) York Branch Yorkshire Local Councils Association: NM, PR and FD attended the meeting on 12 October. There was a lot of discussion on 20mph zones/limits. The February meeting will be by Zoom.

c) Yorwaste Liaison Group: The next meeting is 13 December

d) Rufforth Playing Fields Association: this had been reported on earlier in the meeting.

188 Website and Key Communications:

- NM would make a start on communications on the Yorwaste Planning Application.

189 Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda:

It was agreed that the Parish Council would again be happy to pay for the Christmas Tree. There would be a lighting up of the tree on 2 December with a pop up pub in the Institute.

The permissive path from Milestone to the Cattle Crush would be closed on 21 December. Notices would go up and it would be on the website and social

media.

PR had attended the training on Closed Churchyards and had learnt some interesting facts on what to do and not do and what pitfalls there could be.

190 Date of next meeting: Monday 4 December 2023 in Rufforth Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

PR closed the meeting at 9:35pm and thanked all for attending.

Signed_____ Date_____

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