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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on

Wednesday, 12th October, 2016.

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mrs. S. Tompkin
Mr. B. Warcup
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. J. Moorfoot
Mrs. E. Potter
Mr. C. Shanks
Mr. R. Overfield
Ms. J. Hobson (Clerk)
Mr. P. Crossland (former Clerk)
+ 4 people observing

2. Apologies: Mrs. A. Starkey

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th August, 2016, were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. There were no declarations of interest.

5. Public Representations

Two young boys from the village (one of them member Mr. Overfield's grandson) reported that they had raised £351.10 by completing a 21.5 mile bike ride. With the money they had purchased various items for the Corner Garden including bird boxes, bird feeders, a hedgehog house, feed and various bulbs. The bulbs were presented at the meeting and it was agreed that the boys liaise with members Mr Warcup and Mr Smallwood to establish where best to plant these. It was also suggested and agreed that any surplus money should be retained by the boys and used to purchase extra feed for the Garden. Thanks and applause were given for the boys, and they stayed a short while before leaving later in the meeting.

6. Matters Arising:

(i) Defibrillator (item 6 i)

The Chairman reported that the last communication he had with the Community Heartbeat Trust was on 28th September and the paperwork and plan of action was still being awaited.

(ii) Emergency Plan (item 6 v)

The Chairman requested that this subject be carried forward to the next meeting due to member Mrs Starkey's absence. Agreed.

(iii) Clerk (item 6 vi)

The Chairman presented Mr Crossland with a retirement card of best wishes from the Parish Council and formally thanked him for his 24 years of service.

(iv) The Old Stables (Westcroft)

The Chairman read out his latest e-mail correspondence with the Planning Department on the matter which summarised the current situation with regards to the application. The Planning Department have advised that the current application be withdrawn, and a new application submitted for the land and buildings that Mr Slasor owns. They await a reply from him, and in the meantime are not progressing his application.

(v) Corner Garden (item 6 viii)

The Chairman thanked members Mr Warcup and Mr Smallwood for their work on installing the furniture in the Garden. The members confirmed that 3 seats and 1 picnic table were now in place but they were not yet fixed, allowing opportunity for anyone with suggestions of any alteration to positioning to do so. That would be for a limited period only.

The Chairman also read out the proposed disclaimer to be added to a sign for the Garden. This was agreed by all members.

Member Mrs Tompkin asked the question of whether suitable Public Liability Insurance was in place to which the Chairman confirmed that it was.

Member Mr Smallwood wished to thank two village members, Mrs Turner and Mrs Burgess for their kind donation of Bluebell bulbs for the Garden.

7. Matters arising from previous minutes

(i) Pathways re corner garden (items 10 e & f, 29th June 2016)

The Clerk summarised the communications between Glyn Owen the Vicar and the Chairman which stated that work has been done by the church wardens to tidy up the pathway from the church towards the Corner Garden and that the way is now clear and safe. There is still debate as to whether the church or the Parish Council are responsible for the rail at the side of the path. It was suggested that if costs for repair work could be established then maybe the costs could be shared between the two parties. Member Mr Shanks agreed to speak to the church wardens and report back. The possibility of having the footpath extended to a safer crossing place was being pursued.

(ii) Timber Lodge (item 7(iii), 29th June 2016)

The appeal had been dismissed by the Inspectorate. There were several reasons but the main issue was the effect on occupiers of Bunkers Hill Cottage with regard to privacy and noise.

(iii) Audit (item 9, 6th May 2016)

The Clerk confirmed that all was OK with the Audit and that a copy of the return had been available to view at the home of the Chairman as required.

(iv) Dotterill Park (item 8(i), 29th June 2016)

The Clerk reported that the planning application for erection of an agricultural building for pig rearing and finishing was passed with no unusual conditions.

8. Internet banking

The Clerk proposed that the bank accounts held by the Parish Council be set up for Internet banking in a bid to make the banking process more efficient with regards to time and costs. This was agreed. The Clerk stated that an Internet Banking Policy would need to be drawn up to safeguard the Parish Council and to set suitable procedures for such. The Clerk is to start the setting up procedure and draw up a suitable policy for discussion at the next meeting.

9. Members' Village Issues

(a) Mr. Overfield announced that he had been approached by some villagers to find out whether there was any possibility of the Bosville Arms becoming a Community Pub following its recent closure and whether the Parish Council could support such a project. After some discussion the Chairman concluded that a working party of at least 6 to 12 people would be required before any further discussion would be given to the idea. Member Mrs Potter agreed to give it some more thought and maybe to involve the newsletter in the campaign if necessary.

(b) Member Mr. Shanks reminded members that as was agreed in 2014 it would be the Parish Council's turn to pay for the Remembrance Wreath in 2017, the church being responsible this year.

(c) Member Mr Warcup raised the question as to what the situation with the high street bin was and why a blue wheelie bin had appeared. The Clerk confirmed that there had still been no response from ERYC and the Clerk would now chase that up again.

(d) Member Mr Smallwood raised the question of what the latest situation with the Parish Paths timber for the kissing gate was. The Chairman said that this was in the hands of Somerled MacDonald.

10. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

Rudston Village Hall (hire)	£7.50
ERVAS (Payroll services)	£20.00
HMRC – PAYE	£53.40
Re-imburement to the Chairman of Website Domain renewal fees	£7.48
Clerks salary – Mr Crossland	£321.00
Clerks salary and expenses – Ms Hobson	£300.58
Corner Garden Furniture (NBB Recycled Furniture)	£2055.60

Payments made since the last meeting were reported:

Pavillion window replacement (Britannia Windows)	£6,403.00
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Receipts since the last meeting were reported:

Playing Field Committee (for Pavillion Windows)

£4,500.00

The Chairman explained the reasons for the above transactions with regard to the Playing Field.

It was also reported that the latest bank statements had not arrived with neither the retired Clerk nor the new Clerk and so a letter to the bank was signed to confirm the new contact details.

11. Correspondence

(i) A letter from Driffield School regarding the usual Twilight Bus donation was received asking if the Parish Council wished to make a donation again this year – this is to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

(ii) A Hull – City of Culture Guide received by the Clerk was handed out.

(iii) The recycling statement of account showed nothing for the 3 month period April to June and the council were reminded that the next statement should be the last one.

(iv) Police News releases for both August and September had been received but there was nothing to report from either one for Rudston.

(v) A remittance advice for £115 from the Local Paths Partnership was received along with instructions that any further spending is to be authorised beforehand and a Work Completed Form and Final Claim Form are to be returned with any under-spend before 31st March 2017.

(vi) ERYC Winter Booklets were received giving advice about how to cope with bad weather. Details to be included in the local newsletter.

(vii) E-mail received from the Healthy Homes Project asking for volunteers as Trusted Voices who will help residents who fit the Healthy Homes client profile. Details to be included in the local newsletter.

(viii) E-mail received from Dove House Hospice with details of a Magical Ball they were to host at The Deep.

15. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 14th December, 2016, at 7.30 p.m.

A further 2 dates were also proposed and agreed for:

8th February 2017

5th April 2017

As a final item the Chairman brought up the subject of having a certificate printed for Phillip Crossland which would honor his 24 years of service with the title of Parish Clerk Emeritus. All agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

