

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on

Wednesday, 26th June 2019.

Present: Mr. B. Warcup (Chairman)
Mr. S. Rhodes (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. I. Simmonds
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mrs. S. Tompkin
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mrs. E. Potter
Ms. J. Hobson (Clerk)
Mrs Pallister
Mrs Ezard

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from, Mr Overfield and Mr Shanks.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting 9th May 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

4. Public Representations

The Chair invited Mrs Pallister to speak. Mrs Pallister raised concerns about the volume and speed of traffic using Eastgate as a cut through rather than going down Long Street. She had witnessed not only cars but large potato lorries, buses and caravans all using this route. Mrs Pallister was particularly concerned about the little bridge on Eastgate. It was requested that the Clerk speak with Highways at ERYC to enquire about the possibility of imposing a weight limit on the bridge, having white lines added to the centre of the road and/or maybe reducing the speed limit to 20mph, as well as any other traffic calming measures which Highways suggest.

Mrs Pallister also raised concerns about the state of the beck which was currently running very dry. Mrs Pallister pointed out that the beck was the most northerly of the Yorkshire chalk streams and felt it should be better taken care of. The Parish Council advised that the Gypsy Race only flows when the water table is high enough but that an added problem was the fact that Yorkshire Water pumped the water out near to Hull. It was requested that the Clerk contact the Environment Agency to ask for advice and raise the concern.

Mrs Pallister further added that she was disappointed with the state that ERYC left the grass at the side of the Gypsy Race after cutting it and also how high they left it before cutting. The Chair confirmed that ERYC wouldn't cut the grass whilst the daffodils were out and it was now common practice for ERYC to just leave grass cuttings behind.

The Chair thanked Mrs Pallister for coming along to air her concerns and stated that the Parish Council would do all it could on the subjects raised.

5. Matters Arising:

(i) Bosville Arms

Mr Simmonds confirmed that the Planning Appeal had been dismissed. The sub-committee had become aware of 2 private individuals who had expressed an interest in purchasing and running the pub. It was hoped that within a week it would become known whether either of these individuals go ahead with any offer and whether the owner would accept either offer. If no-one else makes an offer the Community Benefit Society would be formed and they would then make contact with the owner of the pub. Given that the owner had no planning permission granted for further development and the pub was now classed as an Asset of Community Value it was hoped that the owner may now be open to offers for the pub.

(ii) Corner Garden Sustainability

The Chair confirmed that he had spoken to Mr Jon Traill at the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust who had promised to come out to Rudston towards the end of June to see the Corner Garden and offer further advice.

Mr Smallwood confirmed that he had attended an event at Barmston where he had met Mr Chris Tomson, RSPB Conservation Advisor for Yorkshire, Humber & Peak District. It was hoped that this contact may also be useful for advice on the Corner Garden.

(iii) Church Steps

The Chair suggested that in the absence of Mr Shanks, this topic be moved to the next meeting, this was agreed by all.

(iv) Footpaths

The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had received an email from ERYC confirming that they did not own the land that the footpath from East Gate to Marton Lane down the side of the Gypsey race was on. ERYC further confirmed that the route is not a recorded public right of way. The land is either private land or unregistered land therefore the use of the route is a matter for the landowner. As ERYC were currently maintaining this footpath it was agreed by all to drop the subject for now.

(v) Caythorpe Environmental Fund

The Chair reported that at a recent meeting held at Boynton by Centrica, it had been stated that although Centrica had previously offered a sum of £25K per parish, this sum was now to be only £5K per parish. This was due to the increased and unforeseen costs of de-commissioning the site. It was still expected that the money would be paid to the Parish Council for them to decide how best to spend the money within their village. It was agreed by all that Mrs Tompkin put a notice in the next newsletter to let residents know of the change in circumstances. As it was still not clear when exactly the funds would be received it was agreed to leave any further discussion until the money was actually in hand and available.

(vi) Councillor Vacancy

Mr Simmonds knew of one resident that was interested in joining the Parish Council but as that individual was not yet on the electoral register, they had not yet applied. It was hoped that they would do so in due course.

(vii) Playing Field Bridge

The Clerk reported that the Playing Field Committee were still waiting for their bridge to be painted with anti-slip paint. Mr Wood agreed to speak with Mr Overfield and between them get this matter sorted.

6. Cluster Meeting

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Ward Councillors asking if the Parish Council would be interested in attending a further Cluster meeting and if so what topics would they like to be covered. It was agreed by all that the Parish Council would find further Cluster meetings useful and would like to suggest the topic of Planning in Rural Areas.

7. Planning Applications to be Considered

19/01979/PLF – Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of Wold Edge, Kilham Lane, Rudston

It was agreed by all that a no objection comment be submitted.

8. Payment of Accounts

Rudston Parish Council Transactions and Finance Statement for May & June

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current A/C</u>	<u>Deposit A/C</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening Balance	£190.24	£4690.11	£4880.35
Village Hall Hire	(£15.00)		
Transfer of funds	£1500.00	(£1500.00)	
Insurance	(£1022.00)		
VAT Reclaim		£831.97	
Interest received		£1.36	
Closing Balance	£653.24	£4023.44	£4676.68

Corner Garden Bird Feed Kitty (included in the balances above):

Balance remaining from Caythorpe Grant	£37.50
Plus anonymous donation received Aug 2018	£50.00
Plus donation received from Mrs Tompkin	£25.00
Plus donation received from Mrs Oliver	£100.47
<u>Balance as at 31 May 2019</u>	<u>£212.97</u>

The above transactions were received and approved by the members.

A cheque for £78 was also handed to the Clerk from Rudston Amenities for re-imburement of the Playground Inspection.

9. Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed that there were no items of correspondence to be relayed.

10. Members Village Issues

Mrs Starkey wished to discuss the tree at The Sycamores which was under a Tree Protection Order and which had recently had some extensive work done to it. Both Mr Simmonds and the Clerk had been in touch with ERYC about this tree but as yet didn't know what had actually been done about it. It was requested that the Clerk contact the Tree Officer to express the strong concerns of not just the Parish Council but of many local residents too. It was felt that the work on the tree was far too severe and made people wonder what the point of a Tree Protection Order was.

Mrs Tompkin reported that she had received a note from a concerned resident about the defibrillator within the telephone kiosk. Apparently during an emergency someone had tried to access the defibrillator but had been refused the access code. As it was highly unlikely that the ambulance service would have refused the access code, the exact details of this case were unknown.

Mr Wood added that he had received a concern from another resident who was unsure whether the defibrillator on Eastgate was in use as the light was not visible. It was noted that the Parish Council had dimmed the glow of the light after receiving complaints from the houses opposite that the light was far too bright. It was agreed that Mrs Tompkin would put a notice in the next newsletter advising residents that both defibrillators were functioning and available. The notice would also advise residents to familiarise themselves with the location of the equipment and the instructions for calling 999 in the event of an emergency.

11. Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21st August 2019, at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42pm