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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 23rd. March, 2016

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. C. Shanks
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. R. Overfield
Mrs. S. Tompkin
Mr. J. Moorfoot
Mr. B. Warcup
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)

2. Apologies: Mrs. E. Potter

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January, 2016, were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. There were no Declarations of Interest.
5. There were no Public Representations.
In the absence of expected speaker, P.C.S.O. Milner, the chairman advised that the agenda may be interrupted if he should arrive later.

6. Matters Arising:
 - (i) Defibrillator (item 6 i)
The chairman handed round copies of a grant application form and invited comments. A sum of £2,088 had been established, of which £1,253 would be available as balance of a previous Winter grant. There was some discussion over practicalities when installed, but after a small addition the application was formally approved unanimously.
 - (ii) Dog Fouling (item 6 iii)
Mr. Shanks relayed the current position, with further assistance from E.R.Y.C. awaited following a newsletter article.

He had also received a complaint from the village regarding horse droppings, but had explained the difference.

(iii) Footpath Access (item 6 v)

A letter and rough sketch of proposals had been received from the Countryside Access (Parish Paths) officer. Mr. Overfield reported that Somerled MacDonald was in total agreement with the idea of replacing the current gates. E.R.Y.C. would provide materials for the new gates. Total costings were unknown, as contracting would be required, but it was agreed that as the paths are part of Thorpe Hall Estate, it should be the Estate's responsibility. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council should offer to cover 50% of the expenditure to a maximum of £350, as parish council contribution, and that was agreed.

(iv) Fracking Company (item 12 c)

A warning had been received from a local protest group about "secret meetings". Nothing of that sort had been contemplated for Rudston, and it was agreed to invite the company involved to attend the Parish Meeting in May, with a brief to provide unbiased information. Concern was expressed about advertising that to the village, if it were arranged, but accepted that the May newsletter should be in time.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(i) New Bus Service & Survey (item 6 iv, 9/12/15)

Details of the amended No. 124 bus service had been received in time for inclusion in the current newsletter. Mrs. Starkey had returned the transport surveys from Rudston, and E.R.Y.C. were to arrange group meetings to discuss the findings.

(ii) Springdale (item 5 iii, 25/6/14)

Regarding plans passed some time ago, notice had been received that the bat control aspect had been complied with.

(iii) Westcroft (item 11 d, 9/12/15)

Extra item raised as response to the December query had just been received that day. The familiar Highways contact, Dave England, had retired. Other officers had investigated and found no road safety issues with the site in question. They did, however, consider the verge to be not yet adequately tidied up. They would monitor that, and contact the owner if no further action were taken.

8. Emergency Plan

Item to be held over until next meeting.

9. Corner Garden

The chairman had received brochures of suitable outdoor benches & tables, which were passed around the meeting. It was agreed that one picnic table would be sufficient, and benches for both upper and lower levels of the site. The Chairman would look for applicable funding. A question of signage would be addressed, and Mr. Smallwood reported that wood chippings would be trialled on a section of

pathway.

The chairman thanked Mr. Smallwood and others for recent work on the site.

10. Meetings & Clerk

The clerk remarked on more changes to procedures. A chief one regarding meetings had been put into effect immediately with the abandonment of the "Any Other Business" item. The clerk advised other changes regarding audit and accounts, which would be implemented over the next few months as directed.

The Chairman then referred to a letter from the Clerk expressing his intention to retire from the post. With Burton Agnes also currently looking for a new clerk, he had liaised with them over the possibility of one person being appointed for both villages. The idea was agreed, and advertising of the Rudston position would reflect that.

11. Members' Village Issues

(a) Mr. Overfield asked about the removal of the Kilham Road seat and installation in Eastgate (item 10, 24/6/15 refers). Mr. Wood had the matter in hand.

(b) Mr. Wood raised the question of inconsiderate parking in Eastgate, prompting much discussion. It was agreed to put a special notice in the next newsletter.

It was also reported, and thought to be a resident, of driving over the wide grass verge near the war memorial through daffodils. Vehicles on bridleways had also been noted.

(c) Mr. Rhodes remarked that a promised police speed check after a survey over a year ago, had not yet taken place. Clerk to chase up.

12. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

Clerk's Salary (quarter to 31/3/16)	£289.20
H.M. Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 59.20
E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll, inc. end of year paperwork)	£ 20.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50

There was a receipt from E.R.Y.C. for Recycling, but they had credited an identical amount to the previous one in error, of £156.55. This should have been only £12.98 for the final collection of Paper in November. The difference will be reflected in future credits until "paid off".

The Clerk also reported that his salary should increase to £374.40 per qtr. in line with the national minimum wage effective 1st April. Agreed.

13. Correspondence

(i) As the P.C.S.O. had not appeared, the Clerk read from a letter received from Inspector Cocker regarding current policing procedures. In the light of this it was agreed that the Clerk should address three items mentioned above directly to him: Speed checks, Eastgate parking, and vehicles on bridleways.

The Clerk had been surprised to receive a printed Police News which he thought was being discontinued, but there was nothing to report for Rudston.

- (ii) The last two issues of E.R. Parish News had been received. Nothing to report. It was understood that this would re-appear in a different format in future.
- (iii) Two letters regarding Lissett Wind Farm Fund were passed to the Chairman, one regarding a fund for vulnerable residents was then read to members.
- (iv) A commemorative medal to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday was being offered at a price of £1.99, minimum order 50. It was decided not to purchase, but a sample had been provided, which was passed around members. The Clerk's suggestion that he mention in the newsletter that he could show this to other village groups if interested was agreed. (Clerk's note: this is also being offered to schools).
- (v) North Wolds Lions were offering a donation of £200 to parish councils to do something for the Queen's official birthday in June. Nothing occurred to members, but there would be a further opportunity to consider this before the closing date of 31st May.
- (vi) E.R.Y.C. asked for details of "brownfield sites" for housing developments. There was a little discussion, but it was agreed nothing suitable to report back.
- (vii) A letter from Cllrs. Evison & Owen suggesting they visit the parish council again. It was agreed to invite them to the May meetings.
- (viii) The Clerk had provided annual electricity information to Northern Powergrid. Also credit notes received from NPower to reflect an error in VAT charging over the last 3 years. This referred to the smaller account only, and the Clerk reminded members that an invoice for the large one had not been received during the current financial year. It was speculated that a double charge may be expected.
- (ix) Humber & Wolds Council were introducing a Healthy Homes Project. Poster to display.

14. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

As the main hall would be required for this, preceded by the Parish Meeting at 7 p.m. it was assumed that a Wednesday would not be available. If possible therefore, the next meeting would be on Thursday, 5th May, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting. In the circumstances mentioned earlier in the meeting the Clerk would also hope to confirm the June meeting for Wednesday, 29th.

(Clerk's note: 5th May not available – meetings to be Friday, 6th May)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.