

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall

on Wednesday, 15th October, 2014

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. C. Shanks
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. J. Moorfoot
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. R. Van der Heijden (arrived later)
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
2. Apologies: Mr. A.S. Ezard
Mr. B. Warcup
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September, 2014, were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. There were no Declarations of Interest.
5. There were no Public Representations.
6. Matters Arising:
 - (i) Old School Garden (item 6i)
The "Open Day" had taken place as planned and more clearance work, by some members and clerk, completed. Attendance by other residents had been disappointing, with the Chairman recording 10 people who had contributed to a short questionnaire. That had resulted in heavy-duty plastic seating being a preference for garden "furniture" and a brochure was passed around members at the meeting. The choice was approved and a mixture of bench seating and picnic tables would be obtained. Other comments from residents had included involvement of W.I. and Youth Club, and the latter was already planned.
Subsequently, resident Mrs. A. Dawson had met with the Chairman and Mr. Overfield on site to approved positioning of a donated tree – variety to be agreed.

- There had been one alternative name for the area suggested, which was considered by members, but “The Corner Garden” formally confirmed.
(Mr. Van der Heijden had arrived during this item)
- (ii) Grant Funding (re: above)
A sum of £1,215 had just been received from East Riding of Yorkshire Council as reimbursement for Local Grant payments.
 - (iii) Speed Check (item 6 iii)
A county council representative had met Mr. Ezard in the village who had then reported to the Chairman. A speed trap would be set up at an agreed position near the 30 mph. signs at a future date to be decided.
 - (iv) North of Westcroft (item 8 i)
Planning permission for Erection of Dwelling had been refused by E.R.Y.C., but an appeal then made to the Inspectorate. It was agreed that further representation should be made, and Chairman to compose a suitable response.
 - (v) East of Merils (item 8 ii)
The Outline plans for Erection of Dwelling had been approved by E.R.Y.C. and the other withdrawn.
 - (vi) Remembrance Wreath (item 10 iii)
Rudston P.C.C. had agreed to fund this year’s remembrance wreath, but had then suggested that the parish council may like to fund next year’s with a view to then taking alternate years. When last paid by the parish council (in 2010) the amount had been £25, and the idea was agreed.
 - (vii) County Boundary (item 12 i)
City of Hull had put forward their side of the case for change, but the result of the subsequent vote had been overwhelmingly in favour of retaining current boundaries.

7. Planning Applications

- (i) Solar Panels, Thwing Road
These plans had required response two days earlier, and had been seen by a majority of members. The Chairman again encouraged those present to try to move such items around quicker. The plans were passed to those who had not seen them. These were for: Installation of a 230kw. Solar Array comprising 128 tracking units, and associated works and infrastructure, at land West of Dotterill Park Cottages, Thwing Road, Kilham. Those who had seen the plans previously had all approved with no observations, which was the recommendation made to E.R.Y.C.

8. Roadside Verges

A copy of a letter from East Riding and Hull Joint Local Access Forum regarding use of roadside verges had been circulated with Agendas. Parish councils were being invited to comment and make suggestions. The Chairman explained a little more, and a few possible areas for attention in Rudston were identified during discussion. In conjunction with the Corner Garden project, one of those could be an extension of the footpath from that

entrance to the corner of Burton Fleming Road, to reduce number of crossings of the main road by pedestrians. Chairman to collate other suggestions for submission.

9. Tree Preservation Order

Extra item, as a new Tree Preservation Order had just been received that day. This was for an unspecified number of trees in “woodland north of the B1253” which was a site adjacent to the upper side of the new Corner Garden. The reason given for the order was that some of the trees had been felled and this was in order to protect those remaining. A map with the area marked was passed around, but after discussion it was agreed that this order was unnecessary. It was thought that those felled had been in a rotten state and liable to fall naturally at any time. (Clerk’s note: letter 16/10/14)

10. Committee Reports

Mr. Rhodes reported completion of the village hall solar power system, which had been reflected in a dim light noticed initially in the meeting room.

Mr. Rhodes also reported on the children’s playground fencing, with an emphasis on concrete posts.

11. Members’ Village Issues

Mr. Smallwood had undertaken painting of the War Memorial, for which he was thanked. (item 6 vii, 29/1/14 refers)

12. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed by the chairman for:

PKF Littlejohn (Audit)	£120.00
(Clerk’s omission: Audit had been successfully completed – item 5 iv, 25/6/14 refers)	
Clerk’s Salary (quarter to 30/9/14)	£276.80
H.M. Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 51.20
E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll services)	£ 5.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50

Co-signatures to be obtained as soon as possible.

The only receipt had been the Grant mentioned in item 6 ii.

13. Correspondence

- (i) A reminder of an increase in the National Minimum Wage had been received from E.R.V.A.S. This would result in an increase of £10 per quarter to the Clerk’s salary. Approved. First payment at new rate in January.
- (ii) Letter from Driffield School thanking the parish council for its contribution to the Twilight Bus Service last year, and inviting a repeat for this year. The letter recorded an increase in pupils from Rudston using the service from 45 to 87 per year. Another contribution of £40 agreed.

- (iii) Letter from E.R.Y.C. (Conservative group) voicing concern at lack of communication with Humberside Police regarding effects of government funding cuts on their services. Subsequent notice of a Community Partnership meeting to be held during the following week was expected to make things clearer, but meanwhile the Chairman had discovered everything at another meeting and was able to explain many things. Some of the changes, including police officers having hand-held technology which would save much time, should result in improvement. In time there would be a named officer for each parish. The Chairman had also brought brochures to the meeting, which were then passed around members.
 - (iv) E.R. Parish News mainly concerned with preparations for winter on the roads.
 - (v) Notice of intention to use the village hall as usual for next year's elections.
 - (vi) Letter listing extensive requirements in the event of Festive Lighting being installed. It was agreed not.
14. Any Other Business
- (i) The Chairman announced his attendance the following day at a C.P.R.E. conference, which would discuss how to proceed with a possible Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty application.
15. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting
- To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 3rd December, 2014, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

