

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Wednesday, 16th October, 2013

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. P. Wood
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mrs. F. Turner
Mr. J. Moorfoot (arrived later)
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)

2. Apologies: Mr. R.D. Corner
The Clerk relayed a verbal message from Mr. Corner to the effect that his absence should be taken as indication of a wish to retire from the parish council. From the longest serving member this was met with sadness, but understanding of the reasons. He would now be asked to confirm this by letter to the Chairman, which the Clerk would include in a letter of thanks to Mr. Corner, at which point the process of filling the resulting vacancy could be put in motion. (Clerk's note: letter 17/10/13)

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September, 2013, 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) Trees/Grant (items 6i)
The Chairman explained a proposal to renovate the old tip site (to be termed "old school garden" which was also true), in which the remainder of this year's community grant plus next year would be used in fencing, clearing out some undergrowth, installation of seating, pathways and planting trees. The latter could be fruit (e.g. apple) trees, which it had been established should be suitable for the area. Two quotes for fencing had already been obtained.

- Discussion included remaining work on the playing field, in particular the footbridge which had become slippery. Mr. Wood agreed to investigate the purchase of non-slip paint as used by East Riding of Yorkshire Council.
- Actions agreed. (Mr. Moorfoot arrived during this item)
- (ii) Lamb Row (item 8)
 Soon after the last meeting Mrs. Burton had e-mailed that she had contacted E.R.Y.C. Highways regarding provision of separate access to her mother's property at No. 1, and asked for parish council support in principle to any such plans. The Chairman had confirmed that support. Agreed. Nothing more known to date.
- (iii) Street Lights (item 9)
 A detailed reply to parish council queries had been received and was read to the meeting. Involving Rudston's adherence to the cheaper "level 2" street lighting agreement, and a county council preference for level 1 under which these tests would have been included. After some discussion it was agreed not to change just yet, but it was recognised that future findings may alter that stance.
- (iv) Rural Fair Share Campaign (item 10)
 There had been a disappointing response to this with so few petition signatures obtained by the deadline that the Chairman had composed a letter instead. That had been duly despatched. It had since been reported that the government was at least "listening" to rural concerns.
- (v) Streetscene etc. (item 14 i)
 A summary of completed work on Eastgate and Boynton Road had been received from Highways department, which the Chairman explained further.
- (vi) Notice Boards (item 14 ii)
 It was agreed that this item should be held over until next meeting, as it was thought that the absent Mr. Warcup may have something in hand.
- (vii) Code of Conduct (item 16 vii)
 Further amendments had been received, which the Clerk had perused and found that they chiefly concerned Trade Union membership. That didn't apply to Rudston members, and it was found that the only effective change was that last year's requirement for all members to sign when submitting Precept claim no longer held.
- (viii) Dogger Bank (item 16 x)
 Latest news from the company Forewind indicated the slow legal process involved, and was really only that the Planning Inspectorate had "accepted the Development Consent Order application for examination"
- (ix) Community Transport Strategy (item 16 xi)
 The Chairman had attended the meeting, but the expected minister had not appeared due to him losing his position in a government re-shuffle.
 The Chairman reported that any hopes of a bus service for Rudston appeared to rest on community mini-buses such as was in use from Nafferton, but a once-a-week service might be possible. There was no chance of an E.Y.M.S. service, their suggestion being to arrange transport from the village to the nearest established

route, e.g: Burton Agnes. After discussion it was agreed to seek opinion from the village through the newsletter.

Two further matters were then raised, following correspondence received after distribution of agenda.

(x) East of Olcote (item 7 ii)

A message had been left on the Clerk's phone from Mrs. Frudd of "Olcote" to say that the ERYC planning meeting at which these plans would be discussed was to be held on the following Monday. There appeared to be an expectation that a parish council representative would attend.

The merits of such action were discussed, but agreed to be unnecessary. The Chairman then explained a computer arrangement, by which he is automatically informed of any planning activity involving Rudston. He thought the indication in this case was not good, but promised immediate action if the plans should be approved.

(xi) Kilham Post Office (item 16 vi)

Another letter had been received that day from the Post Office. There was still no date given for the new arrangements in Kilham to take effect, with just a change in days of opening. Clerk to detail in newsletter.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Audit (item 10, 1/5/13)

The Audit had been completed successfully. In a pleasant surprise, there was no charge, as transactions during the year had amounted to less than £10,000.

8. Broadband Meeting

The Chairman had attended a meeting with a new supplier, who could arrange an extension to their present activities at Weaverthorpe to Rudston, subject to agreement with the church for a small transmitter installation. It was explained that another transmitter would be fitted in each home taking part, but this would give a "wireless" connection superior to the current B.T. one. Leaflets were handed round and members urged to recruit villagers to the scheme. It was reckoned that a minimum of 20 would be required for the company to go ahead.

9. Committee Reports

Mr. Rhodes gave a report from the Village Hall who were looking into the possibility of fitting roof solar panels.

The Playing Field Committee were seeking a new treasurer.

10. Members' Village Issues

- (i) Mr. Overfield reported a damaged 40 mph sign on the main road approach from the Sledmere direction. Clerk to report to Highways. (Note: e-mail 17/10/13)

11. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed by Chairman (co-signatures to be obtained as soon as possible) for:

P. Crossland (Clerk's Salary, quarter to 30/9/13)	£303.60
H.M. Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 18.40
E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll)	£ 5.00
P. Crossland (Clerk's expenses)	£ 20.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50

The Clerk explained the higher and lower figures respectively of the first two items, which followed a tax refund earlier in the year leading to a change of tax code.

Also, that the £20 for expenses may hopefully last until the parish council year end.

12. Correspondence

- (i) C.C.S. Pipeline: this was the other scheme involving the coast at Barmston (as Dogger Bank), but was the proposal for a pipeline "to support the development of carbon capture, transportation and storage". To run across the county, but not near Rudston.
- (ii) Details of a Heating Oil scheme from Humber & Wolds council in conjunction with E.R.Y.C. Local co-ordinator sought. Poster displayed in village.
- (iii) The Parish Council were again being asked to donate towards the running of the Twilight bus service from Driffield School. After some discussion it was agreed that a sum of £40 be forwarded. (The number of passenger journeys made by the service in 2012/13 was given as 40).
- (iv) A joint project between E.R.Y.C. and Hornsea United Reformed Church called "Living Well" was being launched. Volunteers to run a telephone support network to help the more isolated in society in particular, were being sought. After doubts about its implementation in Rudston, it was agreed that the Clerk should mention to the vicar, who may be aware of the scheme.
- (v) Two editions of E.R. Parish News. Notable items were on-line access to ordnance survey maps and "Reaching Communities" funding, both of which were expanded upon by the Chairman.
- (vi) News of Centrica's abandonment of the Low Caythorpe gas storage site had featured in national news, and the Clerk had received a letter from the village asking that it be included in his newsletter column. He would do that, but nothing had been heard from the company as yet.
- (vii) An on-line survey regarding public services had been received. It had been found to be seeking individual, rather than parish council views, but the Chairman had considered of importance. The Clerk had printed off a copy of the questions being asked, which were passed around to those with computer access. At the Chairman's suggestion, he would also include in the newsletter.

- (viii) Notice had just been received of more Wind Farm plans. This was for the former Cottam Airfield between Driffield and Langtoft. Preliminary meetings were being held in Driffield and Weaverthorpe before the end of the month, and the Chairman made note of the Driffield one.
 - (ix) E-mail letter received that day from North Ferriby, who were seeking support in a disagreement they have with ERYC over a major planning inquiry. They considered a matter of principle to be at stake.
There was some discussion, but it was agreed not to become involved.
13. Any Other Business
Mr. Smallwood raised the matter of a damaged and dangerous gate on a footpath to the caravan site. After some discussion it was agreed that it would be a Parish Paths concern, so Clerk to report to them. (Note: e-mail 17/10/13)
14. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting
To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 4th December, 2013, at 7.30 p.m.

Before close of business, the Chairman remembered that he had a supply of Police and Crime Plan brochure reports, and handed copies around.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.