

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 23rd January, 2013

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

2. Apologies: Mr. R.D. Corner

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November, 2012, 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) Development Limits (item 6i)

Mr. Watson had corresponded by e-mail with East Riding of Yorkshire Council following his submission of proposed changes. Conclusions from them were that (a) Southside Lane one was rejected, but that that the parish council was free to include it in a Development Plan of its own. (It was agreed that would take time and would probably not be worthwhile for the very limited housing which would be considered).

(b) The Eastgate boundary limit had been agreed, but again only limited development would be considered. (c) The Old Coalyard site had been advised as rejected, although showing on a subsequent table as approved.

(ii) Bosville Arms (item 6 ii)

The Chairman confirmed purchase of the Bosville Arms and had met the new owner, whom he had found to be very friendly. He had talked encouragingly of future close involvement with the village and residents. Outside tidying up had taken place and a caravan removed from the yard. The interior was receiving extensive refurbishment, with a target of an Easter Re-opening.

(iii) Grant Application (item 6 viii)

Mrs. Turner reported a successful grant application and an award of £1,775, which should be received within 28 days. This was specifically for a Playing Field sign and winter services, but it was thought the provider would be sympathetic to other uses on request.

(iv) Westcroft (item 6 ix)

Plans approved for: New dwelling following demolition of existing buildings. The Clerk read out some of the conditions, and it was noted that there was no mention of the Water Lane boundary. This was confirmed and as the parish council had placed emphasis on that in the original submission, it was agreed that it should be brought to E.R.Y.C. attention, with a view to them making further contact with Mr. Slasor before work commenced. (Clerk's note: letter to ERYC 24/1/13)

(v) Hedgerow Removal (item 8 iii)

The plans for removal of two hedgerows had been refused and a Hedgerow Retention Notice placed on them. The applicant had a 28 day right of appeal but as nothing more had been heard from early December, it was hoped this would be an end to the matter.

(vi) Precept (item 9)

The expected further news on precepts had finally been received earlier in the month. It took the form of Council Tax Support Funding handed down from Government level. The resulting sum for Rudston was £194.64, so after consultation with Chairman and Vice-chairman, the precept application had been reduced by £200 to £3,800 and then signed and submitted. Both sums would be received together.

Mr. Watson had also produced a statement outlining the need for the increase in Precept and the reduction in Recycling receipts. Copies were handed round members, and approved.

(vii) Broadband (item 15 i)

On a local level, there was nothing further on this subject at present.

(viii) Contract of Employment (item 6 iv)

Additional item as Mr. Watson had produced a Contract of Employment in the last few days. This had been accepted by the Clerk, and the Contract was signed at the meeting by Clerk and Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(i) Thornholme Wind Farm (item 6 ii, 3/10/12)

Official notification of the latest refusal of these plans had apparently been “lost in Christmas post”, but the main reason was reported by local newspapers to be that M.O.D. Staxton were not yet prepared. Further application expected.

Meanwhile, Mr. Overfield reported that plans for a Wind Farm a little further away at Fraisthorpe had just been approved.

(ii) Denby House Wind Turbines (item 6 iv, 22/8/12)

The Inspectorate had allowed the appeal and plans approved for: Erection of 2 wind turbines. Although M.O.D. Staxton had no objection, they did wish to be informed of dates of installation. The Inspector had also considered views from Rudston and the surrounding area, along with any “Hockney connection”, and concluded that there would be “no significant impact” on the landscape.

8. Planning Applications

(i) 2 Lamb Row

Plans had been received just before Christmas for: erection of first floor extension. Seen by all members – no objections.

There was then comment regarding ownership of Lamb Row, following the appearance of a notice there.

9. Emergency Plan

This additional item was raised as Mrs. Turner had updated the Emergency Plan and passed to the Clerk who had printed a copy. This was handed out at the meeting, and members were requested to check through for any further changes required. (One having already been spotted).

10. Committee Reports

Mr. Rhodes raised the question of Village Hall Insurance and whether it could be included with the parish council. During discussion, it was thought the reason it was not was because of its separate status and tie-in with the Beaumont Trust. The Chairman held paperwork on that, and the matter would be investigated.

Mr. Rhodes explained that the Village Hall was suffering a decline in use.

11. Members' Village Issues Reports

Soon after the previous meeting the Clerk had been informed of a missing solar panel on the speed sign at the Bridlington entry to the village. He had passed the information on to E.R.Y.C., who had come to the conclusion that it had been stolen.

Mr. Watson had heard from Mr. England of E.R.Y.C. that approval had been given for the “digging out” of drainage on Eastgate Extension near his home. The timing of when that could be carried out would depend on availability of funds.

Mr. Watson had also eventually discovered that E.R.Y.C. had a plan to alleviate the frequent flooding at the bottom of Binsdale Hill. When funding became available, the intention was to take a drain under the road and down to the Gypsy Race, which is some distance away at that point.

12. Payment of Accounts

The Clerk's action in paying the following accounts as a matter of urgency was

approved:	A. Moore (Parish Paths)	£ 40.00
	H.M. Revenue & Customs (P.A.Y.E.)	£ 25.00
	E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll services)	£ 5.00

The Clerk had included a letter with this payment to inform E.R.V.A.S. of the new salary applicable from 1st January.

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

P. Crossland (Clerk's salary for quarter to 31/12/12)	£100.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50

13. Correspondence

- (i) Parish News etc. – minor items read out.
- (ii) The Clerk had been asked by E.R.Y.C. for up-to-date information regarding the parish council and members. Not known if direct contact was intended.
- (iii) E.R.Y.C. were putting together a scheme to enable people to find cheapest power providers and a simple “switching” process.
- (iv) The parish of Cottingham was seeking to extend its boundaries – passed to Mr. Watson for information.
- (v) Snow/Grit Spreaders leaflet from Thompsons of Cranswick – passed to Mr. Rhodes for information.
- (vi) E.R. Local Plan - meeting in Bridlington in February. Passed to Mr. Watson.
- (vii) News just received that day of a Data Release of further statistics from the national census of 2011 to be made at end of month.

14. Any Other Business

Mrs. Turner advised that she would be indisposed for a period in April/May and offered to stand down. That was not thought necessary, and “apologies” accepted in advance.

15. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 20th March, 2013, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.