

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Wednesday, 26th June, 2013

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. B. Warcup
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mrs. F. Turner (arrived later)
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
2. Apologies: Mr. A.S. Ezard
Mr. R.D. Corner
Mr. J. Moorfoot
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
After substitution of "Mr. Watson" for "Mr. Overfield" in Item 13, page 728, the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May, 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:
Two items not on Agenda were first raised. (Mrs. Turner arrived at this point).
 - (i) Trees (item 6, part 1)
Mr. Smallwood reported satisfactory progress.
 - (ii) Village Hall Insurance (item 6, part 2)
Mr. Rhodes reported no further action to be taken on this at present.
 - (iii) 2 Lamb Row (item 7 i)
Plans approved for: Erection of first floor extension and installation of first floor window to rear.
 - (iv) Parish Council Network (item 7 iii)
The chairman reported no further meetings, but with many other villages involved there was confidence in the scheme continuing. He explained more about that and

- the meeting at Ulrome which he and the Clerk had attended.
- (v) Bridleways (item 8 i)
The proposed changes had been withdrawn, after East Riding of Yorkshire Council had received “sustainable objections”, and the Court meeting cancelled.
 - (vi) 13 Eastgate (item 9 ii)
Plans approved for: Erection of single storey to rear.
 - (vii) Village Action Plan (item 17 ii)
The Chairman had received no response from the village following his article in the newsletter. He therefore proposed a survey for insertion in the next newsletter which would be September, and asked members to convey any ideas before then.
 - (viii) Village Heritage Centre (item 17 iii)
The Chairman was able to report some progress on this. There had been an open meeting, and Mr. John Walker was to lead a history tour of the Argham village site. The Chairman also recommended that members view the website, where some detail had been added and improvement was on-going.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (i) Thornholme Wind Farm (item 6 ii, 20/3/13)
Following appeal to the Inspectorate, a Public Inquiry was to be held at Bridlington Town Hall on 23rd July. A letter and DVD had been received from Eversheds on behalf of the company, from which it appeared that changes were mostly of an environmental nature.
The Chairman had prepared a proposed further statement of opposition to the plans from the Parish Council and handed round copies to those present. This reflected, and quoted from, recent national government planning guidance. Studied by members and agreed. Clerk to submit to Inspectorate.
- (ii) Cluster Meeting (item 12 i, 20/3/13)
The Chairman had attended the meeting, and reported a disappointing attendance. There had been opportunity to question E.R.Y.C. managers however. On planning applications their Mr. Ashcroft had advised that those with “material considerations” were forwarded for further discussion, those having the “strongly object/approve” boxes ticked by parish councils.
Further insight into the treatment of pot-holes had been gained from Mr. Skidmore, and to a particular question on roadside verges had advised that those were “not statutory”.

8. Planning Applications

- (i) Tuft Hill Wind Turbine
Plans seen by all members between meetings for: Erection of 1 Wind Turbine (30.4 m. to hub, 45m. to tip). This was a larger size to the one already approved after appeal. There had been an almost equal split in opinion among members, but with a majority opposed, which had been indicated in the submission to E.R.Y.C.

For the first time, that had been made by internet. A few days later, an indignant letter had been received by the Clerk from the applicants. After consultation with the Chairman, all points had been answered and no further communication received. However, there was much discussion at the meeting, with one member particularly registering his disapproval at opposition to the plan. A point of argument was whether the village survey had actually indicated approval for single wind turbines (though objection to larger installations).

Meanwhile, it was noted that according to a newspaper report on this plan, there were numerous other objectors including Staxton Radar once more.

9. Planning Considerations

At the Chairman's request, copies of a two-page article on Material Planning Considerations had been distributed with agendas. This included a guide to points to be considered when determining planning applications.

Parish Council members to retain for reference.

10. Committee Reports

Mr. Rhodes reported on Village Hall situation.

11. Members' Village Issues Reports

Mr. Warcup reported further pot-holes, of which the Chairman took note to pass on.

Mr. Overfield remarked that soon after mentioning an overgrown hedge on Burton Fleming Road (item 10 v, 20/3/13, refers) the footpath had been resurfaced, but the hedge remained as before. Mrs. Turner then reported an overgrown hedge on Church Lane. There was some discussion over responsibilities, and it was agreed to report to "Streetscene" in the first instance. (Clerk's note: Reported first one to them

in March, both by e-mail 27/6/13).

12. Payment of Accounts

The payment of £1,000.86 to Aon Insurance had been processed as noted at the last meeting. (item 11 refers).

Payment was authorised and cheques signed by the Chairman for:

P. Crossland (Clerk's salary, quarter to 30/6/13)	£257.60
H.M. Revenue & Customs (P.A.Y.E.)	£ 64.40
E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll, including year-end returns)	£ 10.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50

As both co-signatories were absent, a second signature would be obtained for each cheque as soon as possible.

The Clerk also reported receipts as follows:

H.M. Revenue & Customs (V.A.T. refund)	£293.85
East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Parish Paths)	£315.00
and handed over at the meeting: S. Rhodes (Gravel pit field rent)	£ 50.00

13. Correspondence

- (i) The Clerk had completed and returned a Recycling agreement and questionnaire.
- (ii) Two editions of Parish News – items noted included one for newsletter, and separate posters about Cycling events received for another.
- (iii) News of a Parish Tree Planting Project read to meeting as directed. Agreed not to pursue in view of a cost of £250, and Mr. Smallwood's scheme (item 6 i).
- (iv) Members were invited to one of Humberside Fire & Rescue Service's "Efficiency engagement sessions. Two to be held in July at Bridlington Fire Station.

14. Any Other Business

- (i) Mr. Overfield asked about Westcroft as work was currently under way there. The relevant reference in previous Minutes (item 6 iv, 23/1/13) was turned up, and noted that the Parish Council had referred E.R.Y.C. to the Water Lane boundary.
- (ii) Mr. Smallwood remarked on waste ground in the village, in particular on Southside Lane and opposite Church Farm, with a view to tidying up and tree/shrub planting. There was some discussion and it was agreed to look into those and other sites.
- (iii) Mrs. Turner reported the retirement of the P.C.S.O. who had been responsible for Rudston and surrounding villages. It was not known if she was to be replaced, and as nothing had been heard in recent police communication it was agreed that the Clerk should ask that question.

15. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 4th September, 2013, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

