

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 30th November, 2011

1. Present: Mr. A.S. Ezard (Chairman)
Mr. N. Watson (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. R.D. Corner
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. B. Warcup
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. J. Moorfoot
Mrs. F. Turner (message of late arrival conveyed)
Mrs. A. Starkey (also arrived later)
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)

The Chairman announced sad news of the death of former member, Mr. F. Wilkins, and it was agreed that a letter of condolence should be sent to his widow.

(Clerk's note: letter to Mrs. Wilkins

1/12/11)

The Chairman stated that he would be taking a minimal role in this meeting, having been out of touch with things, and would leave much to Mr. Watson.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October, 2011, were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. There were no Declarations of Interest.
4. There were no Public Representations with no members of the public present.

5. Matters Arising:

- (i) Thornholme Wind Farm (item 4 i)

Mr. Watson had been informed that there would be no decision on this proposal until the new year, due to a number of outstanding issues. Those included archaeological concerns, Burton Agnes Hall, and Ministry of Defence at Staxton.

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The Clerk had received a sketch plan from Cllr. Evison, which compared the height of different types of wind turbine with other structures. This was passed around members. It was noted that the turbines proposed for Thornholme were of the tallest variety.

(ii) North Wolds Parish Council Meeting (item 5vi, b)

Copies of the Minutes of the initial meeting had been included with Agendas.

Mr. Watson reported that following the success of that, another had been arranged in Rudston on 14th December. At this, a formal structure would be set up with about nine other parishes – one being undecided, and another not represented at the first meeting but reportedly interested. Representation would be limited to two members from each village plus clerks.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Turner had accompanied Mr. Watson at the first meeting, at which a spokesman from Humber & Wolds Council had explained one of the major benefits to be gained by forming groups in this way. It was the purchase of fuel oil, where discounts could be obtained by several individual households ordering at the same time. In response to a question, Mr. Watson thought that the same idea for gas might be a possibility, but would be more problematic.

A range of other matters could be considered by the villages as a group. Future meetings would be held in rotation around the other parishes.

(iii) Littlethorpe Farm (item 6 i)

Plans approved for: erection of replacement general purpose agricultural building.

(iv) Westcroft amendment (item 6 ii)

Plans approved for: erection of office and storage block following demolition of existing. (Amended scheme)

This was subject to a number of conditions, and the Clerk read out the main ones, which included strict times for collections and deliveries, as the premises were to be used for office and storage only, with manufacturing taking place elsewhere.

(v) 2012 Queens Jubilee (item 9)

The Clerk reminded members that orders for the parish council printed mugs were required by 31st December. Mr. Rhodes reported that a number of ideas for the Jubilee were being under consideration in the village, but that they didn't include mugs. It was therefore decided not to proceed with them.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(i) Travellers (item 3 iii, 17/8/11)

Another meeting had taken place in Beverley, at which a "Traveller Representative" had spoken. A number of issues remained, a chief one for

E.R.Y.C. being provision of toilets at their camps.

The subject is “on-going” and another meeting would be held in the new year.

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(ii) E.Maund response to planning queries (item 4, 22/6/11)

After “chasing” for some time, Mr. Watson had finally received an extensive e-mail response from Mr. Maund that afternoon, detailing how planning rules had changed over 25 years. The intended response was read to the meeting and agreed. The question of change-of-use at Westcroft remained, and the matter of Eastgate House being allowed to develop beyond the boundary line while another’s plans had to be adjusted to remain inside it was also unanswered. (Clerk’s note: copy of Mr. Watson’s e-mail response 1/12/11)

(iii) Mr. Watson asked the Chairman whether anything had been heard from Centrica regarding another meeting with them. He had not. It was remarked that everything had “gone quiet” there, and the Clerk had received no reply to his letter either. (item 7 iii, last meeting, refers)

7. Planning Applications

(i) Eastgate House (amended)

An amended application for: erection of detached double garage and timber fence with gate to boundary, had been received soon after the last meeting. The Clerk had submitted an unchanged response, and had subsequently received notice of approval of the plans. Mr. Watson remarked that the height of the fence was to be three feet. The Clerk advised that the plans had not been returned to him, and as no-one else had them (Mrs. Turner having arrived by this point), it was assumed that Mrs. Starkey must hold them.

(Clerk’s note: plans returned by Mrs. Starkey at end of meeting)

8. Committee Reports

Mrs. Turner reported on progress with the Emergency Plan, and asked about a copy of the Electoral Roll. The Clerk thought he would be due to receive a new one “any day”, but this was queried.

(Clerk’s note: confirmed – last was December, 2010)

Mrs. Turner also remarked that volunteers would be required for distribution and Packs were reported to be currently in possession of Church, Chairman, and Mrs. Gatenby.

Related to this, as one of the identified “emergencies” is severe weather,

Mr. Watson reported that he had been handed an application form for a

Severe Weather grant. As E.R.Y.C. apparently did not seek return of any un-spent money under this scheme, it was agreed that the form could be completed and submitted. Mr. Moorfoot agreed to do that. The only other report was that another meeting of the Playing Field would not be until next April.

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9. Members' Village Issues Reports

Police matters: The only report was of "problers" in the Long Street area.
Village Hall: Mr. Overfield reported a poor response to a new Film Show initiative, though a better attendance was expected for a forthcoming "Harry Potter" film. A problem was that a new projector is wanted, the cost of which was currently beyond Village Hall means. The Chairman remarked that this could be a project for Centrica's next funding award, as it would seem to meet their "community" requirement. (Mrs. Starkey arrived during this item)
The Clerk had received a request for the Parish Council to sponsor the first Newsletter edition of the new year (February). Agreed.

10. Precept 2012/13

The usual 3 year tables had been distributed with Agendas. Questions were answered by the Clerk, but his insertion of "Discontinued" for current and future Bowls Club insurance queried. After purchase of new Playing Field mowers, the Parish Council had taken over the insurance on them all.
Also a separate amount was no longer easily identified, but the Clerk agreed to look into that. Mr. Watson proposed an unchanged Precept of £3,000 and all agreed. Chairman and Clerk signed application.
(Clerk's note: posted 1/12/11)

11. Local Development Framework

Mr. Watson and Mr. Warcup had formulated a response to the East Riding Local Development Framework Consultation following a meeting in Bridlington. Copies were passed around members, and the content expanded on by Mr. Watson. All agreed. (Clerk's note: posted 2/12/11)

12. Payment of Accounts

	Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:	
	East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Street Lighting Maint.)	
£1,000.44		
	Rudston Church (Graveyard Maintenance)	£
100.00		
	Rudston Newsletter (Sponsor)	£
25.00		
	P. Crossland (Clerk's Expenses)	£
10.00		
	Rudston Village Hall (2 N.Wolds meetings + 30/11/11)	£
27.50		
	East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Election expenses)	£
148.16		
	G.A. Chatterton (Parish Paths)	£
75.00		

Street Lighting was same as last year, but for change in V.A.T.
 Clerk's estimate of Election Expenses earlier in the year had been £200,
 but
 Mr. Corner queried this lesser amount. E.R.Y.C. had provided a
 breakdown

of costs and this was passed over for perusal.

Mr. Chatterton's invoice had been passed to the Clerk just before the
 meeting, and Mr. Moore was to be asked for his Parish Paths claim too.

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13. Correspondence

- (i) A Networking & Information event was to be held on 7th December.
- (ii) A Task Force questionnaire had been completed and returned.
- (iii) Letter regarding Winter Rock Salt - passed on for consideration.
- (iv) Information on Childrens Centres – had been included in Clerk's December newsletter contribution.
- (v) Letters on councillors' training and Code of Conduct training.
- (vi) Letter from James Legal Solicitors offering to meet residents to discuss any legal worries at meetings in the village – passed on for consideration
- (vii) Two editions of Parish News – items of interest covered elsewhere.
- (viii) Housing Strategy report – passed to Mr. Watson
- (ix) An off-shore proposal for a Dogger Bank Wind Farm had been mentioned earlier in the meeting, and Clerk had received further detail. An exhibition was to be held in Bridlington on 6th December, and a map showing the proposed route of a connecting on-shore line from Barmston to Cottingham was passed on for interest.
- (x) Letter from Cllr. Evison regarding Wildlife funding – appeared to be for village ponds, but passed to Chairman for consideration.
- (xi) A letter had just been received from a Mr. Morley who has recently moved into Springdale Farm. He was proposing a single wind

turbine, but wished to speak to the parish council first. This was considered to be admirable and it was agreed that he should be invited to the next meeting. (Clerk's note: e-mail 1/12/11)

- (xii) Mr. Watson reported on a recent meeting in Kilham regarding Broadband and it would be referred to the North Wolds group meeting.

14. Any Other Business

Mr. Warcup had been approached regarding allotments, and a small piece of land off Southback Lane identified. After some discussion it was realised that, along with other plots, it was not known to whom this belonged. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Land Registry for the possible provision of a complete plan of the parish. Mrs. Turner commented that that would also be useful for the Emergency Plan, whereupon it was agreed to make it the principal reason for enquiry.

15. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 25th January, 2012, at 7.30 p.m.

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