

Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council Meeting held on 11 February 2010.

Members Present

Councillors: Trevor Dale (Chair), Howard Hebron (Vice Chair), Linda Blackburne, Linda Sugars, Henry Brown, Sue Austermuhle, Angela Gage, Maisie Storey.

Apologies: Ena Dent, June Scarth.

In attendance: Colin Huby, David Loxley, Richard Bray, Duncan Hurd, Colin Westwood, Anthony Davies, Sue Knowles, Kate Jones.

05739 Questions and statements from the public.

The Clerk confirmed that no questions had been raised by the public not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

05740 Milburn Arms planning consultation.

The Chair advised the meeting that an invitation had been received from the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYM NPA) planning department for one member of the Council to attend a pre-application presentation by Havelock Academy on their plans for the possible development of the Milburn Arms Hotel property as an outdoor education centre. The Chair confirmed that he had attended the meeting and had agreed with the representatives of Havelock Academy that they would attend a public meeting in the dale to present their plans to the community. This meeting had been arranged for 6.30pm Monday 22 February 2010.

The Council resolved to move the planned meeting from the Reading Room to the Rosedale Abbey School to accommodate the numbers which it was believed would wish to attend.

The Chair noted that no formal planning application had yet been received by the Planning Authority.

The view was strongly expressed by some of the non Council members that any change of use would result in the loss of a valuable community asset in a key central location in the village.

The Council also resolved to write to all residents notifying them of the meeting and asking for comments and questions. The Clerk agreed to draft the letter, arrange for it to be delivered by the Caretaker as quickly as possible and to collate the results prior to the meeting.

Colin Westwood agreed to provide details of the history of the Milburn Arms for use at the meeting.

The Chair thanked those who had attended to discuss this matter.

05741 Community Group update.

Colin Westwood asked the Council to support a grant application being made to update equipment used in the Reading Room. The Council agreed and the Chair signed a letter of support.

05742 Parish Council Website.

The Clerk advised the Council that work had begun to develop a new website supported by Ryedale District Council and that the website could also be extended to cover much of the content which the Community Group's working teams wished to publish. The Clerk asked the Council to formally agree to this work being undertaken. The Council agreed and the Chair and Vice Chair signed a letter confirming this request. The Clerk indicated that he would be working with representatives of the Community Group to progress this work quickly.

05743 Affordable Housing.

The Chair welcomed Colin Huby to the meeting. Colin had circulated a copy of the survey results which had identified a need for up to 18 affordable homes in the Rosedale and Hartoft Parishes over the next 5 years. This requirement was in line with the previous survey findings. The Council asked Colin to proceed to the next stage which was to brief the Sanctuary Housing Association and to begin negotiations with the one landowner who had indicated a willingness to consider selling land for this development. Colin indicated this may take up to 3 months to complete and that should the negotiations be successful that the next stage would be a further meeting with the Council followed by a public meeting.

05744 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 January 2010 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05745 Street light at the Orange Tree/ Craven Garth road junction.

The Clerk confirmed that the Highways Department of the County Council had indicated all street lighting in Rosedale was the responsibility of Ryedale District Council. The Clerk indicated this matter had been passed back to Ryedale District Council for comment. The Clerk confirmed that contact had been made with the owners of the Orange Tree and that they had agreed that the light could be reattached to their property.

05746 First Responder scheme.

The Clerk confirmed a meeting with the Ambulance Services had been set up for Tuesday 16 February 2010 in the Reading Room to start work on this scheme.

05747 Highways issues.

The Clerk advised the Council of a email from Highways addressed to County Councillor Val Arnold indicating that it would not be justified to put more chevron signs on Chimney Bank but that white lines could be painted on the road edges to

highlight the bends. The Council resolved to accept this suggestion and asked the Clerk to write to Highways accordingly.

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of a road closure notice from the Highways Department for Masters Gate (the road to Castleton past Bottoms Farm) which indicated the remedial work would take two months to be completed sometime between February and October 2010. The Chair relayed a discussion with Highways representatives who were aware of the urgency to complete the work and reopen the road and who were in discussion with BT and Yorkshire Water over the repairs. The Chair agreed to follow up the possibility of a temporary road surface being put down until the main repairs were undertaken.

The Clerk advised the Council that the Highways Department had indicated that flip-over metal "Road Closed" signs could be provided to allow the closure of Chimney Bank in extreme conditions. They had agreed to further consider this point and come back to the Council with a firm proposal.

The Clerk notified the Council that a resident had suggested that the "Dale Head Only" sign at the junction of Hollins Head and Daleside Road be supplemented with a "Rosedale East" sign as this was the postal address of the properties in this part of the dale. The Highways Department had indicated they would be happy to replace the "Dale Head Only" sign with a "Rosedale East" sign but would not support the proliferation of further signage. The Council agreed that this should be progressed.

05748 Village Pond.

Councillor Hebron reported no action had been possible since the last meeting.

05749 BT invitation to adopt the red phone box at Hill Cottages.

The Clerk advised that MP Anne McIntosh had responded to his letter and was in touch with BT to investigate this matter and that she would let us know when she had a response.

Councillor Gage circulated an article from the Mercury newspaper highlighting this BT policy and the issue of the loss of rural public telephone facilities especially in areas of poor or non-existent mobile coverage.

05750 Potential Leader Projects.

The Clerk notified the Council that indications had been received that Leader funding could be available to replace the notice boards in the village and at Hill Cottages and may also be available to fund a management plan for the trees in the Alder Carr Lane avenue.

05751 Neighbourhood Community Profiles.

The Clerk noted that a meeting had been scheduled by North Yorkshire Police to discuss the development of these profiles but that it had not been possible to attend. Further information was to be sent through by the Police to continue this project.

05752 Rosedale West (Bow) Bridge Maintenance.

The Clerk noted receipt of a letter from the Highways Department asking for comments on the proposed maintenance work planned for the Bow Bridge. The Council asked the Clerk to convey to the Highways Department that it is believed the bridge is listed and that it is essential that access be maintained for milk and delivery lorries to get to properties which cannot be accessed by these vehicles via Chimney Bank. The Council also noted that access to the dale would be severely restricted if this work was done before the Masters Gate road was reopened.

The Council also asked the Clerk to request that Highways repaint the white lines on the road junction just down from the bridge.

05753 Southern Area Forum.

The Council noted the agreed date of 18 May 2010 for the Southern Area Forum meeting to take place at the Reading Room in Rosedale.

05754 NYCC proposal to develop a Parish Charter.

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of an invitation from NYCC to develop a "Parish Charter" between the NYCC and the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that a charter existed with Ryedale District Council and that this covered many of the areas noted in NYCC's proposal. The Council resolved not to proceed with NYCC in this matter.

05755 NYM NPA Community Access improvement project.

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of details of a project to identify footpaths that would benefit from improved signage and access. Councillor Sugars agreed to investigate this matter further.

05756 NYCC Community Emergency Scheme.

The Clerk advised the Council of a proposed scheme to set up an emergency response scheme to help prepare for major incidents in the Parish. The Council agreed that this was not necessary at this time.

05757 Ryedale Strategic Partnership Conference.

The Clerk advised the Council of an invitation to the conference to be held by Ryedale Strategic Partnership scheduled on 18 February 2010. This was noted by the Council.

05758 Finance.

A Cheque was signed for the Caretaker's January 2010 invoice (£100.00).

05759 New Planning Applications.

NYM/2010/0018/F/NM Application for non material amendment of planning approval NYM/2005/0216/FL to allow the holiday let to be sold off with unit/cottage 1 of "The Cornmill" (condition 4 refers) at The Old Mill, Rosedale Abbey. This

application had previously agreed between Council meetings by a number of Councillors due to a limited time constraint. The Council endorsed the previous decision and raised no objections.

Two applications in respect of the same property were considered together. These were NYM/2010/0023/FL Application for construction of sunroom extension to side elevation at Hall House, Thorgill and NYM/2010/0037/LB Application for Listed Building consent for construction of sunroom extension to side elevation at Hall House, Thorgill. The Council raised no objections to either application.

05760 Planning Applications determined.

The Council had received notification of the following planning decisions made by the Planning Authority:

- NYM/2010/0018/F/NM Application for non material amendment of planning approval NYM/2005/0216/FL to allow the holiday let to be sold off with unit/cottage 1 of “The Cornmill” (condition 4 refers) at The Old Mill, Rosedale Abbey – granted with conditions.
- NYM/2009/0844/CU Application for change of use of land to form tea garden at Dale Head Farm, Rosedale – granted with conditions.
- NYM/2010/0007/NM Application for non material minor amendment to planning permission NYM/2006/0926/FL to allow lowering of cill to western elevation to floor level and replacement windows and doors at Low Farm, Thorgill, Rosedale Abbey - granted with conditions.

Any Other Business.

Councillor Storey raised the point that the salt piles on the way to Thorgill had not been replenished at the same time as the piles in other parts of the dale. The Chair agreed to discuss this with the Highways Department.

The Chair advised the Council that a form of words for the signs to be placed on the entrances to the school yard had been agreed and that they would be posted shortly. The Chair asked Councillors to comply with the requirements of the signs.

Councillor Brown noted the large potholes which had developed on the road to Pickering between Yatts Farms and Mill Farm . The Chair advised the Council that Highways were aware of these and were looking at repairing them but could not give a date by which this would be completed.

The Council noted that Sam Dring had taken over the Chair of the Rosedale Show Committee and that she was keen to raise the level of support for the show from within the community. To this end a public meeting had been arranged for 7.30pm on Thursday 25 March 2010 in the Coach House Inn.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council was set for 7pm on **Thursday 11 March 2010** at the Rosedale Reading Room.

