

**Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council Meeting held
on 12 March 2009.**

Members Present

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

Apologies: Ena Dent, Henry Brown.

In attendance: John Clayton.

05516 Presentation by Mr John Clayton, Tree and Landscaping Officer, Ryedale District Council (RDC) – Ancient trees.

John Clayton made a presentation to the Council on the definition and benefits of ancient trees and the need to record and protect them for future generations. John asked the Council to consider if there were any local trees that would fall under the definition of ancient and if there were any opportunities to plant native trees which would become ancient in the future. The Council agreed to consider this.

The Chair thanked John for an interesting presentation.

05517 Questions and statements from the public.

The Clerk confirmed none had been received that were not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

05518 Community Group Update.

No representative of the Community Group was available to attend the meeting. The Clerk agreed to contact the Community Group to ask for an update of their activities for the next Council meeting in April.

05519 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 5 February 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05520 First Responder scheme.

The Clerk confirmed no progress had been made on this matter since the last meeting and that an update was expected from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service shortly. No developments were reported with the mobile phone operators but the Clerk confirmed this was still being progressed.

05521 Southern Area Forum.

No Councillor was able to attend the Forum meeting on Monday 9 February at Thornton Le Dale village hall.

05522 Rosedale Public Toilets.

The Clerk reported that no formal notification that work was planned had been received from RDC. The Council resolved to raise this matter with District Councillor Janet Frank at the April meeting.

05523 Waste recycling.

The Clerk confirmed that a further letter had been received from Anne McIntosh, MP for the Vale of York enclosing a response from Janet Waggott, Chief Executive of RDC. The Council considered the letters which appeared to offer little hope that the issue of trade waste recycling would be improved in the near future.

05524 Attendance at a future meeting by District and County Councillors.

The Clerk confirmed that both County Councillor Val Arnold and District Councillor Janet Frank had confirmed they would be attending the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 9 April. The Council asked the Clerk to write to both Councillors with the following list of points to be discussed at the meeting in order to allow both Councillors to prepare for the meeting:

- The poor state of the local roads,
- The ongoing issue of the lack of road salt pile replenishment,
- A formal update on the refurbishment of the village public toilets,
- Possible funding for a children's play area,
- Possible funding for further works on the Reading Room (disabled access and toilet facilities),
- Chimney bank road safety (possible use of safety barriers), and
- Improved road signage on Chimney Bank.

The Councillors agreed to pass any further issues to the Clerk in the next week for inclusion in the letters to the two Councillors.

05525 Highways issues.

The Clerk circulated an email from Richard Marr at the Highways Department in which he responded to four points raised with him:

- On the point of the trees on the side of the road to Pickering (before Hartoft), he confirmed most of the trees were on private land and were not the responsibility of the Highways Department but that he would have those trees that were their responsibility trimmed back later in the year,
- Regarding road side salt pile replenishment, he confirmed all requests for replenishment go to him and that if he refuses the request then it is possible for the Parish Council to buy the salt themselves. The Council resolved raise this with County Councillor Val Arnold,
- The Highways Department have agreed to do some work on the bridge near Florence Terrace to prevent vehicle wheels going into the drain holes on the bridge,

- The issue of water running down the road at the bottom of Chimney Bank has been worked on already but not resolved. Further work will be considered in April.

The Clerk also circulated a copy of a further letter from a resident to Councillor Arnold regarding the salt heaps. The Clerk confirmed he had written to the resident previously and invited them to the April meeting to raise this issue with Councillor Arnold.

05526 RDC – Register of Members’ Interests.

The Clerk confirmed that the “Notification by Member of a Local Authority of Registrable Interests” forms had been received from all but one Councillor who was absent from both the February and March meetings.

05527 Memorial bench.

The Chair indicated he had been approached by Mr and Mrs Dowson who wished to purchase and place a bench in the dale in memory of a late parent. The Council discussed the matter and asked the Clerk to write to Mr and Mrs Dowson suggesting they may wish to place a new bench in the place of an existing old bench in Thorgill but that they should seek the consent of the Planning Authority first. The Clerk agreed to pass Councillor Storey’s contact detail to Mr and Mrs Dowson who could show them the location and style of the existing bench.

05528 North Yorkshire County Council Local Transport Plan

The Clerk advised the Councillors of the web location of this plan.

05529 Rosedale Abbey Primary School playground access.

The Clerk provided the Council with the details of two letters received from the Chair of the School Governors and the Churchwarden of the Parish Church, both relating to the proposed changes to public access to the yard between the school and the church. The Council discussed the matter at length agreeing that the Council has no responsibility for or jurisdiction over the area in question. Councillor Hebron made the point that the Council’s interest would be limited to assessing whether the community would lose any benefit if access was restricted to the yard. The feeling of the Council was that there would be no loss of benefit. The Council also agreed that the safety of the children was paramount and that it appeared that the debate between the School and Church was actually about the wording of the signs to be displayed which was leading to more significant issues. The Council did not feel it could contribute to the matter and urged the School Governors and the Church representatives to resolve the matter amicably.

The Clerk agreed to write to both parties to convey these points.

05530 RDC Extraordinary Parish Liaison meeting.

The Clerk advised the Council of the above meeting which has been called for Tuesday 7 April 2009 at Ryedale House, Malton. Councillor Dale agreed to attend on behalf of the Council. The Clerk agreed to submit the Survey of Village Facilities requested by RDC.

05531 North York Moors National Park Authority (NYM NPA) Community Facilities Survey 2009.

The Clerk advised the Council of the request from NYM NPA for an update to the Community Facilities Survey carried out in 2006. The Clerk agreed to submit the updated results.

05532 NYM NPA meeting 16 March 2009.

The Clerk circulated the minutes of this meeting. There were no comments.

05533 Community Payback scheme.

The Clerk circulated a notice from the National Probation Service relating to the possibility of using offenders on Community Orders to undertake unpaid project work in the Parish. The Council did not feel there were any appropriate projects or work not already being undertaken.

05534 Local broadband access.

The Clerk advised the Council of an email from a resident asking if the Council could make representations to BT to improve their service into Rosedale. The Council thought this was a matter better taken up by individual subscribers.

05535 “Wheels to work” initiative.

The Clerk circulated posters relating to the Ryecat “Wheels to Work” scheme. The Council agreed these could be posted on the notice boards.

05536 Ryedale Voluntary Action (RVA) Newsletter.

The Clerk circulated a copy of the newsletter and advised the Council of a RVA open forum meeting on 1 April at Cropton Village Hall.

05537 Finance.

A cheque was signed for the Caretaker’s February invoice (£348.94) and for the Clerk’s quarter 4 salary and expenses (£321.24).

05538 New Planning Applications.

No new planning applications have been received for consideration by the Council.

05539 Planning Applications determined.

No new planning decisions have been advised to the Council.

Any Other Business.

The Council discussed the recent poor delivery of telephone and Yellow Pages directories to premises in the Parish. Councillor Gage asked Councillors to call the complaints number 0800 833 400 option 5 to register a complaint. The Clerk also agreed to write to BT to register a complaint on the quality of the service.

Councillor Austermuhle noted the apparent removal of the road sign to Pickering that was located at the junction next to the Caravan site at the bottom of the Chimney Bank road and asked the Clerk to write to the Highways Department asking if it could be replaced and/ or reattached.

The Council asked the Clerk to enquire with NYM NPA if any appropriate planning consent has been granted for the work on outbuildings at Molly's Farm shop in the village.

Next Meeting.

It is proposed that the next meeting of the Parish Council should be held on **Thursday 9 April 2009** at **7.00pm** in the Rosedale Reading Room.