

**Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council Meeting held on
3 December 2009.**

Members Present

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

Apologies: Sue Austermuhle, June Scarth.

In attendance: Colin Westwood (Community Group).

05691 Questions and statements from the public.

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

05692 Community Group update.

Colin Westwood advised the Council that the Reading Room AGM was being held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 8 December 2009. Colin also noted the appreciation of the Reading Room Committee for the fund raising efforts of various bodies in the dale including the Coach House and White Horse Inns.

Colin confirmed to the Council that the recent heritage grant application made by the Community Group had not succeeded but that as a result of the application both Yorkshire Forward and Yorkshire Heritage had expressed interest in some of the elements of the projects. A further grant to improve the heating of the Reading Room was also being investigated.

05693 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 October 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05694 Road safety issues.

The Clerk advised the Council of a response from the Highways Department indicating that the imposition of a 20 mph speed limit or zone in the village would not be possible given the guidelines set by the Department of Transport but that they were considering the positioning of "School" signs on the various roads into the village. The Highways Department had agreed to respond once their investigations were complete.

05695 Affordable Housing.

Councillor Hebron confirmed that the Village Caretaker had delivered the questionnaires to every household in the Rosedale and Hartoft Parishes and that

Colin Huby (Rural Housing Enabler) had reported that eight responses had been received to date.

The Clerk circulated posters provided by Colin Huby advertising the project. The Council asked if the image included on the poster could be changed to show a stone built property from the Danby project as it would be a closer match to the type of development expected in the dale.

05696 Street light at the Orange Tree/ Craven Garth road junction.

The Clerk confirmed that the appropriate point of contact at Ryedale District Council responsible for street lighting had been identified and that a response to the request should be forthcoming.

05697 First Responder scheme.

The Clerk advised the Council that the Ambulance Service had now agreed that the project should proceed and that a training session should be set up as soon as possible. The Clerk agreed to contact all those who had previously expressed interest in order to restart the project and also to agree a date with the Ambulance Service for the training. Further posters advertising the training session would also be put up on the notice boards.

05698 Highways issues.

The Chair advised the Council that part of the work done by the Highways Department on Chimney Bank had resulted in a single chevron sign being put up on the bends. Councillor Dent agreed to discuss this with County Councillor Val Arnold to see if additional warning chevron signs could be added.

The Chair noted that the drainage ditch on Chimney Bank had been dug out and that the roadside banks had been built up. Councillor Hebron agreed to ask the Caretaker to ensure the ditches remained clear and were dug out if the sides slipped.

Councillor Storey advised the Council that the collapsed drain at the roadside on Thorgill Road between Hobb House Farm and Thorgill House had been attended by the Highways Department but that little work had been completed to date. Councillor Storey agreed to report back on further progress.

The Clerk noted that the outstanding question already posed to the Highways Department regarding the coating and gravelling of the road to Pickering following the patching work already undertaken remained unanswered and that it would be followed up.

05699 Village name signs.

The Clerk confirmed that the Spaunton Estate had agreed to allow the siting of a sign on Chimney Bank with the payment of a £5 fee which had been deducted from the contribution made to the Caretaker's costs. The Clerk also confirmed that the licences required from the Highways Department were still awaited.

05700 Memorial Bench.

Councillor Hebron confirmed that the Caretaker had reviewed the various benches around the dale and concluded none were in need of replacement. The Clerk agreed to convey this to Mrs Jessop but also advised the Council that a suggestion had been made to Mrs Jessop that she approach the Church about the possible placement of a bench in the churchyard.

05701 Village Pond.

The Council was advised that a resident had observed that the drain feeding the pond was leaking in an adjacent field. Councillor Hebron agreed to ask the Caretaker to investigate this.

05702 Spaunton Court Leet funding request.

The Clerk confirmed that a cheque for £100 had been received from the Spaunton Court Leet as a contribution to the Caretaker's costs. The Clerk advised that letters of thanks had been sent to the Estate's steward and to Mr Les Wilson for his efforts in securing this funding.

05703 NYM NPA Planning Design Guides.

The Clerk confirmed that an approach had been made to the Planning Authority for further copies of the Design Guides but that the Planning Department were levying a charge of £5 per copy to cover some of their costs. The Council agreed to view the documents on line as an alternative.

05704 Southern Area Parish Forum Meeting.

The Chair attended the meeting on 10 November 2009 and noted the following points:

- Improvements to the Moorsbus service were planned to make use of a central hub based on Blakey Ridge to reduce connection problems;
- The Park Rangers were looking to place gates instead of stiles on footpaths where stiles were in need of replacement and where the consent of the landowner could be obtained; and
- Dalby Forest had secured the 2010 World Mountain Bike Championship scheduled for 25/26 April 2010.

05705 Street Lighting in Rosedale Abbey Village.

The Council noted that the street lights on the side of No 12 Rosedale Abbey and by the School yard had been repaired.

05706 Potential Leader Projects.

Councillor Hebron advised the Council that funding up to £5,000 per project was now available for community based projects from the Leader scheme. The Council

suggested funding might be appropriate for addressing the village pond water supply issue. It was resolved to wait until this matter had been further investigated.

The Council also agreed that larger community based projects would be coordinated by the Community Group.

05707 North Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Profile Guides.

The Clerk advised the Council of a letter received from North Yorkshire Police requesting that a local individual be put forward to assist in the production of a local profile guide designed to aid them in policing the area. The Council asked the Clerk to approach the Caretaker to undertake this role.

05708 NYCC Budget and Council Plan consultation.

The Clerk notified the Council that the NYCC had asked for input to their Budget and priorities for 2010. The Council considered the questions provided and concluded that:

- The NYCC's priorities of waste reduction, looking after older people and safeguarding children were acceptable;
- The NYCC could further improve efficiency to reduce costs; and
- No increase in Rates should be the target for 2010.

05709 BT invitation to adopt the red phone box at Hill Cottages

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of a letter from BT offering the Council the opportunity to adopt the phone box at Hill Cottages and that should this go ahead the telephone would be removed. The Clerk confirmed that a response had been sent to BT asking for confirmation that they intended to withdraw this service but that no answer had been received. The Clerk agreed to seek further information from BT on the cost of running the phone box and their expected savings.

Councillor Dent agreed to raise the matter with MP Anne McIntosh.

05710 Eboracum Motorcycle Club Trials – 7 February 2010.

The Clerk notified the Council of a letter from the Eboracum Motorcycle Club that they are intending to hold trials on 7 February 2010 in the dale.

The Council asked the Clerk to ensure this was posted on the notice boards and included in Uphill Downtdale.

05711 Finance.

Cheques were signed for the Caretaker's October and November invoice (£281.18) and for the Forestry Commission for the village Christmas tree (£37.26).

The Clerk advised the Council that a request to confirm the 2010 precept requirement had been received from Ryedale District Council. The Council resolved

to request the same level of precept as this year as it was felt that it was not appropriate to ask residents to fund an increase.

05712 New Planning Applications.

No new planning applications had been received for consideration.

05713 Planning Applications determined.

The Council had received no notification of planning decisions.

Any Other Business.

The Chair asked the Clerk to notify Ryedale District Council that during the recent heavy rain the disabled public toilet had flooded and that they may need to consider some minor alterations.

Councillor Blackburne noted that the recent heavy rain had also overwhelmed the drains on Gill Lane. Councillor Blackburne agreed to note the performance of the drains during a normal period of rainfall before further action was taken.

Councillor Brown advised the Council of several incidences of theft which had occurred in the village recently. The Council agreed this should be noted in Uphill Downton and on the notice boards and that residents should be reminded to be vigilant and to report anything suspicious.

Councillor Blackburne asked if the minutes could be posted on the Council's website. The Clerk apologised that this had not been done but noted that there had been problems with both the hosting company and with hacking that had prevented the site being updated. The Clerk was hopeful this would be resolved shortly.

The Chair reminded Councillors that the village Christmas tree would be put up this Sunday and that The Abbey Stores had again kindly agreed to allow the lights to be plugged in at the Stores.

Councillor Brown asked the Clerk to inquire with the Highways Department if further work on the road verges on the top of Heygate Bank were planned as the depth of the roadside gullies could cause considerable damage to any vehicle which leaves the road.

The Clerk agreed to follow up on the location of the hayrack that used to be positioned on the public toilet block.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council was set for 7pm on **Thursday 14 January 2010** at the Rosedale Reading Room.