

Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council Meeting held on 11 June 2009.

Members Present

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

Apologies: Ena Dent, Sue Austermuhle.

In attendance: PC Andy Marsden (for part of the meeting)

05577 Dangerous motor cycle riding – PC Andy Marsden.

The Chair welcomed PC Andy Marsden from Pickering Police Station and thanked him for coming to the meeting to address the problem of dangerous motor cycle riding in the dale and to update the Council on other Police matters.

The Chair outlined the problem to be the use of roads in and around Rosedale (especially noting the Rosedale to Egton road) by motor cycles who drive at high speed with little concern for other road users including pedestrians. The Chair said he believed this issue was relatively new and probably resulted from the Police's efforts to more tightly control traffic on the Helmsley to Stokesley road.

PC Marsden noted the Council's observations and outlined the current policy on speeding and the tools available to the Police to address this problem. PC Marsden confirmed that the local Traffic Teams were targeted on reducing incidents resulting from traffic offences and that none had recently been recorded in the Rosedale area. Despite this PC Marsden indicated two possible courses of action the Police might take. These were the use at specific locations identified by the Council of speed guns to catch and deter speeders and secondly the inclusion of specifically identified stretches of road in the patrol patterns of the local Traffic Team. The Council agreed to consider how appropriate these actions might be and to report back to PC Marsden.

PC Marsden also suggested that the Council approached the County Council Highways department to request the placement of a mobile flashing speed sign on roads that were causing concern.

Councillor Blackburne raised the problem of children playing unsupervised on the village green and surrounding roads and noted that there had been some near misses involving vehicles driving through the village. PC Marsden suggested the problem had three components namely potential victims, offenders and location. If any of these factors could be changed the risk would be removed. The Council debated several options but could not identify a suitable solution. The Council agreed that an open letter should be delivered to all residents raising awareness of this issue and asking for suggestions as to how this risk might be reduced. The Clerk agreed to draft the letter for agreement by the Council.

PC Marsden circulated copies of the local reported crime statistics for Ryedale, the second lowest crime district in England and Wales, and noted a reduction in the Dales Ward year on year. PC Marsden highlighted theft from cars as the main problem locally and a more worrying trend that thieves are thought to be watching cars as they park and targeting those where the drivers place items in the boot. PC Marsden noted that signs warning drivers of this problem were being placed where it was possible and that funding was available for some Police patrols of car parks during busy periods.

The Council agreed that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Rosedale should be re-energised and PC Marsden offered to provide copies of letters for delivery to all residents inviting them to a public meeting to be held in September. This meeting would also consider the suitability of introducing a Country Watch scheme and a “no cold calling” zone.

The Chair thanked PC Marsden for coming to the meeting and for his valuable contribution.

05578 Questions and statements from the public.

The Clerk confirmed that no questions had been raised by the public.

05579 Community Group Update.

No representative of the Community Group was available to attend the meeting.

05580 Minutes of the previous meetings.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 May 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the East Side Parish held on 14 May 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the West Side Parish held on 14 May 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05581 Thorgill drainage ditch.

The Clerk indicated a response had been sent to the resident who had raised this question but that no reply had been received. No further action was agreed.

05582 Grass verge cutting.

The Clerk confirmed a request had been made to the Highways department for guidance on verge cutting but none had been received. The Council asked the Clerk to pursue this matter.

05583 Matters outstanding with County Councillor Arnold.

The Clerk confirmed a list of outstanding matters had been sent to Councillor Arnold prior to her re-election to the County Council but no reply had been received prior to the meeting. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.

05584 First Responder scheme.

The Clerk confirmed contact had been made with Yorkshire Forward who had advised they were unable to help on this project but suggested that the scheme approach Leader for possible assistance. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.

05585 Southern Area Forum.

The Chair thanked those who organised the meeting and provided refreshments.

The Chair reviewed the matters discussed at the meeting which included a progress report on Leader. The Forum meeting also responded to the Council's request that more gates be provided on public footpaths instead of stiles by confirming that the use of gates was policy but that this had to be negotiated with landowners who were sometimes reticent to agree.

The next Forum meeting was confirmed as a joint meeting to be held with the other regional forums on Tuesday 4 August 2009. The venue was still to be confirmed.

05586 Rosedale Public Toilets.

The Clerk reported that Ryedale District Council had confirmed that the project was running satisfactorily and that there was no need to make an application for planning permission for the changes as due to the size they fell within the scope of permitted development under the Town and Country Planning Act.

05587 Highways issues.

The Clerk reported no further progress on highways issues but agreed to continue to push the Highways department for action.

05588 Village name sign (Chimney Bank).

The Chair advised the Council of a discussion with Dave Smith, the area Park Ranger in which he agreed to look into the sourcing of signs for Chimney Bank and Heygate Bank and possible sites for them to be placed.

05589 Planning Application relating to Southside, Alders Road

The Chair read an email received from the Senior Area Planning Officer at North York Moors National Park Authority (NYM NPA) confirming the reasons for their decision in respect of developments opposite School Row. The email cited archaeological and possible land slip factors as being key to the decision to move the buildings forward away from the slope.

05590 Changes to BT payphone at Hill Cottages.

The Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to BT asking them to reverse their decision to convert the payphone at Hill Cottages to a non cash service and that a response had been received refusing to reverse the decision indicating the very low use of the telephone as justification. Councillor Gage indicated she had sent a further letter but that no response had yet been received.

05591 Business premises recycling.

The Clerk confirmed a letter had been received from MP Anne McIntosh attaching a copy of a further letter from MP Jane Kennedy, Minister of State for Farming and the Environment. The letter confirmed that the responsibility for the cost of recycling from business premises rests with the businesses themselves.

The Chair asked that a copy of the letter be passed to each Councillor.

05592 Memorial Bench.

The Clerk read an email from Mrs Lynne Jessop asking for guidance on arranging for the placement of a memorial bench in Rosedale, ideally on the Village Green. The Council asked the Clerk to send a photo of the existing bench to Mrs Jessop as a guide to the style of the bench and also suggest she contact the Rosedale and Westerdale Estate who own the Green for permission to site a new bench there. The Clerk was also asked to ensure Mrs Jessop is aware she should contact the NYM NPA planners to obtain their agreement before purchasing the bench.

05593 Finance.

A cheque was signed for the Caretaker's May invoice (£350.00).

A cheque was signed for this year's Hanging Baskets (£147.10). The Chair thanked Councillor Sugars for arranging the purchase of the Hanging Baskets.

05594 New Planning Applications.

The Clerk confirmed there were no new planning applications for the Council to consider.

05595 Planning Applications determined.

Two planning decision have been advised to the Council.

NYM/2009/0888/FL Application for construction of a rear extension and conversion of outbuildings to home office at High Thorgill Farm, Rosedale – granted with conditions.

NYM/2009/0193/FL Application for construction of a single storey side extension at Red House, Rosedale Abbey, Pickering– granted with conditions.

Any Other Business.

The Chair advised the Council of a situation that had come to his attention where a resident had approached the NYM NPA planners to seek guidance on the likely outcome of an application to rebuild a ruined building on his land. The advise from the planners was that consent would not be granted as it was policy not to allow this type of development. This resulted in the ruin being demolished at a time when there is a shortage of available property in the dale. The Clerk agreed to ask the planners to confirm what the criteria for defining a property as a ruin.

The Chair asked the Councillors to be careful when discussing points raised at meetings and to ensure that any points passed to members of the public are done so accurately especially prior to the publication of the minutes. He confirmed that the meetings were open to the public and the matters discussed were not secret but that they should be reported accurately to avoid possible misunderstanding.

Next Meeting.

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