

**Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council Meeting held on  
10 September 2009.**

## **Members Present**

Councillors: Trevor Dale (Chair), Howard Hebron, Angela Gage, Linda Blackburne, Henry Brown.

Apologies: Sue Austermuhle, Maisie Storey, Linda Sugars, June Scarth, Ena Dent.

**05638 Questions and statements from the public.**

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

**05639 Community Group update.**

No representative or report was available from the Community Group.

**05640 Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 August 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**05641 Road safety issues.**

The Clerk had circulated a summary of the suggestions received from residents as a result of the letter recently circulated. The Council debated the suggestions and agreed to contact the Highways Department to determine if 20mph signs and restrictions could be adopted and also to investigate the possible positioning of "Slow School" or "Slow Children" signs on the roads from Dale Head and Pickering. The other suggestions were placed in abeyance until the signage issues are considered.

The Clerk agreed to pass a summary of this decision for publication in Uphill Downdale along with a request to residents for continued vigilance on road safety.

**05642 Neighbourhood Watch.**

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting has been arranged by the Police to discuss Neighbourhood Watch at 7pm on Monday 14 September 2009 at the Coach House Inn.

**05643 Grass verge cutting.**

The Clerk had circulated advice from the Ecology Officer from the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYM NPA) who had met with the Caretaker to agree best practice on verge maintenance. Councillor Hebron confirmed the details of the Ecology Officer's advice. The Council resolved to accept the advice and asked

Councillor Hebron to ensure the Caretaker followed it. The Clerk agreed to contact all those who had expressed concern on this matter with details of the advice given.

**05644           Matters outstanding with County Councillor Arnold.**

The Clerk confirmed that County Councillor Arnold had responded to the matters outstanding from a previous meeting. On Councillor Arnold's advice the Clerk agreed to contact Ryedale District Council requesting a street light be placed at the road junction at the Orange Tree and Craven Garth. Councillor Arnold also confirmed that the salt bins and piles would be replenished before winter and that should problems persist then the Council should contact Councillor Arnold.

**05645           First Responder scheme.**

The Clerk advised the Council that further efforts had been made to progress this issue but due to absences at the Ambulance Services no progress had been made. The Clerk agreed to continue to follow up this matter.

**05646           Rosedale Public Toilets.**

The Clerk confirmed that the door handles and Ladies and Gents signs were to be replaced. The Council asked the Clerk to request the Ladies and Gents signs be refurbished not replaced as they are good quality signs.

**05647           Highways issues.**

The Chair confirmed that discussions with the Highways Department had indicated that work should be undertaken shortly on Chimney Bank to place warning chevrons and rebuild the earth banks on the bends.

The Chair advised the Council that the collapse of a drain at the roadside on Thorgill Road between Hobb House Farm and Thorgill House had been noted by Highways and that they were intending to address the matter.

**05648           Village name signs.**

The Chair outlined a discussion with Richard Collier from the Highways Department where sites on both Heygate Lane (near the allotment site) and Chimney Bank (near the cattle grid) were identified as possible sites for village name signs. Richard Collier advised the Council to write to both Richard Marr at Highways to request Structure Licences to site the signs on the road side and to the National Park Planners to confirm their agreement. The Chair confirmed a discussion with Park Ranger Dave Smith who agreed to fund the purchase of the signs and the stone for the plinths if the Parish Council funds the construction using a contractor with the appropriate certification to work on the highway. The Chair agreed to engage a contractor to undertake the work and to source the stone. The Clerk agreed to write to Highways and the National Park.

Councillor Hebron suggested the Clerk write to Mr Winn-Darley to seek approval to site a sign on estate land. Councillor Brown agreed to provide an address for Mr Winn-Darley.

**05649 Memorial Bench.**

Councillor Hebron agreed to chase the Caretaker to review the current benches in the dale and identify any in a poor state of repair as a potential for replacement so a response could be provided to Mrs Jessop.

**05650 Affordable Housing.**

The Council confirmed the creation of a subcommittee to address the issue of affordable housing in Rosedale Abbey.

**05651 Gate repair at Headlands Field Centre.**

The Clerk confirmed that the Headlands School Premises Manager had agreed to repair the gate as soon as possible.

Councillor Gage asked the Clerk to investigate if the School had plans for the use of the land immediately around the field centre as it was believed planning consent had been previously agreed.

**05652 Village Pond.**

The Clerk noted a request from Councillor Storey that the Council address the lack of water in the village pond. Councillor Hebron agreed to ask the Caretaker to investigate the possible causes and propose solutions.

**05653 Ryedale Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) AGM 15 Sept 2009.**

The Clerk advised the Council of an invitation from the CAB to their AGM. None of the Councillors were available to attend.

**05654 Speed restriction – Pickering Road.**

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of a letter from a resident suggesting that the road between Rosedale and Wrelton be limited to 40mph. The Council discussed the issue and agreed that a majority of this road was outside the Parish and also that it was also unlikely that agreement to this restriction could be obtained. The Clerk agreed to write to the resident to convey this decision.

**05655 YLCA area committee membership.**

The Clerk advised the Council that nominations for appointment of four parish representatives to the Ryedale Area Committee of North Yorkshire County Council were being sought. None of the Councillors present expressed interest. The Clerk agreed to pass the invitation on to the Councillors who were absent.

**05656 NYCC local transport plan questionnaires.**

The Clerk advised the Council that two questionnaires had been received from NYCC about the local transport plan. The Council considered the questions and asked the Clerk to respond.

**05657 NYM NPA Parish Caretaker Scheme.**

The Clerk advised the Council of an invitation from the National Park Authority to a meeting to be held on 23 September 2009 about Leader funding for new Caretaker Schemes. Councillors Dale and Hebron agreed to attend the meeting.

**05658 NYM NPA Planning Parish Training.**

The Clerk advised the Council of an invitation from the National Park Authority to a training event on planning to be held on 13 October 2009. Councillors Dale and Hebron agreed to attend the meeting.

**05659 Rural Services Network (RSN) consultation paper.**

The Clerk had circulated a consultation paper prepared by the RSN asking for input to a variety of rural issues. The Council discussed several areas of concern and agreed to provide the Clerk with notes to be consolidated into a formal Council response. The Clerk agreed to ask the absent Councillors for comments.

**05660 Finance.**

Cheques were signed for the Caretaker's August invoice (£341.64) and for Mazar's annual audit fee (£138.00) by the Chair. As no second signatory was present the Council asked the Clerk to request a second signature outside the meeting.

The Council resolved to renew membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England by direct debit (£29).

**05661 New Planning Applications.**

NYM/2009/0500/CU Application for retrospective change of use of residential dwelling to guest house at August Guest House, 3 Plane Trees, Rosedale East. The Council raised no objections.

**05662 Planning Application – Chief Planning Officer's recommendation.**

The Council received a note of the Chief Planning Officer's recommendation on application NYM/2009/0400/FL Application for variation of conditions 3 and 4 of NYM/2008/0066/FL to allow for an extension of season for caravan site use from 14 February to 14 January in the following season at Rosedale Caravan and Camping Park, Rosedale Abbey. The recommendation was to approve the application which was to be considered on 10 September 2009 by the NYM NPA.

**Any Other Business.**

Councillor Gage advised the Council of some damage to a kerb which needed reseating at the bus turning point at the top of Hill Cottages. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways to request the work be done. Councillor Gage also noted damage to the track way at the top of Hill Cottages caused by the Community Bus. Councillor Gage agreed to approach Highways to repair the damage.

Councillor Hebron suggested the Clerk write to Spaunton Court Leet with a request for a financial contribution to the roadside maintenance undertaken by the Caretaker in Thorgill and up Chimney Bank.

### **Next Meetings.**

It is proposed that the next meeting of the Parish Council should be changed to be held on **Thursday 22 October 2009** at **7.00pm** in the Rosedale Reading Room.

The date for the November meeting was also changed to **3 December 2009** from 12 November 2009.