

Minutes of the Rosedale Parish Council meeting held on 10 February 2012

Members present:

Councillors: Ena Dent (Chair), Sue Austermuhle, Richard Dent, Angela Gage, Kate Jones, June Scarth, Maisie Storey, John Sugden

In attendance: Five members of the public

06228 Questions and statements from the public

No notice of any questions or statements had been received.

06229 Declarations of interest and apologies

The Chair informed the Council that she was now Chief Executive of Tourism North Yorkshire.

Apologies from the Vice Chair and Councillor Wilkinson were accepted by the Council.

06230 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 January were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

06231 Community Group update

No representative of the Community Group was present and no report had been received.

06232 Presentation by Katie Speed on Emergency Planning Training.

Katie Speed, from the North Yorkshire County Council Emergency Planning Unit, was invited to address the meeting on the subject of Community Resilience. Ms Speed outlined the procedure to set up a Community Resilience Plan, in which the Parish Council would work alongside the public to identify risks and resources, and make a plan of action which would be taken in the event of an emergency.

Resolved: to ask in the newsletter for any interest among the public; to contact the Community Group to add it to the Parish Plan.

06233 Portfolio system

Resolved: not to adopt a portfolio system.

06234 Hydroelectric project

A proposal that the Parish Council would pursue a hydroelectric project was defeated by 6 votes to 2. Councillors Jones and Storey voted in favour.

06235 Highways issues

The Council noted that Richard Marr was investigating the issue of water in Gill Lane.

06236 Winter gritting

The Council heard that a member of the public had made a complaint that a grit heap in Thorgill had been used up, and had apparently been used mainly on private drives.

The Council also heard that several members of the public had expressed their gratitude to the Village Caretaker for gritting the roads.

Resolved: to put a piece in the newsletter stressing that the grit heaps were for the roads;
to ask Highways to replenish the heaps;
to put a piece in the newsletter thanking the Caretaker for his work in gritting.

06237 Broadband

The Council heard that a representative from BT had agreed to attend a meeting and answer questions on broadband.

06238 Dog fouling

The Council heard that the National Parks Authority could supply 100 copies of their dog fouling leaflet, and subject to approval, would allow an insert specific to Rosedale, including its local policy and location of dog waste bins.

Resolved: that for a trial period of a year, the Council would adopt the same policy on dog waste as the National Parks Authority.

06239 Undergrounding of electricity cables

The Council noted messages from residents of Hill Cottages asking if the Parish Council could recommend the power cables there to be put underground.

Resolved: to obtain photographs of cables at Hill Cottages and the village and ask for them to be considered in the undergrounding scheme.

06240 Village clock

The Council noted advice from the National Parks Authority that a village clock would not need planning permission.

Resolved: to use the newsletter to see if there would be any objections from the public to such a clock.

06241 Diamond Jubilee

Resolved: that, if asked, the Council would pay reasonable costs for Jubilee mugs for all children in the dale.

06242 Gill Lane - drainage

This had been dealt with under 06235 Highways Issues above.

06243 School taxi service

The Council noted a response from the School Transport Team which stated that the contract had been awarded correctly.

Resolved: to set up a meeting between the Council and the School Transport Team, copying in the school and school governors.

06244 Screen Waves

The Council noted that this screening would now take place at the school.

06245 Walkers Are Welcome Scheme

Resolved: that the Council supports the Walkers Are Welcome scheme; that Councillor Storey would join the WAW steering committee as a Parish Council member.

06246 Southern Area Forum meeting 9 February 2012

This meeting was cancelled because of road conditions.

06247 Thorgill noticeboard

Resolved: that the public could use the Thorgill Parish Council noticeboard to publicise local events.

06248 Rural Arts

The Council heard about this organisation which brings theatre and music events to rural areas.

Resolved: to put a piece in the newsletter to see if the public would be interested in attending such events.

06249 Relationship with the Ross Estate

The Council noted a letter from a member of the public expressing concern that David Ross did not feel welcome in the dale and that the Council should re-establish a good working relationship with him.

Resolved: to write to the land agent requesting a meeting between the Chair and Mr Ross.

06250 Letter from NYCC on grass cutting

The Council noted a letter from NYCC which stated that from 2013, the amount paid to the Parish Council for opting out of grass cutting would be reduced.

Resolved: to remain opted out.

06251 Finance

Cheques were written for the Village Caretaker's expenses (£242.74) and to YLCA for "In The Chair" training (£115).

Resolved: to pay the Walkers Are Welcome subscription fee.

A cheque for £30 was therefore written for Walkers Are Welcome Town Network.

Next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 8 March at 7.00pm in the Reading Room.