

## Minutes of the Rosedale Parish Council meeting held on 12 January 2012

Members present:

Councillors: Henry Brown (Vice Chair), Richard Dent, Angela Gage, Kate Jones, June Scarth, Maisie Storey, John Sugden, Richard Wilkinson

In attendance: Five members of the public

The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair.

06205 Questions and statements from the public

Notice of no questions or statements had been received.

06206 Declarations of interest and apologies

No declarations were made.

Apologies were received from the Chair and Councillor Austermuhle.

06207 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 November were accepted as a true record and signed by the Vice Chair.

06208 Community Group update

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

06209 Hydro project

Mr Ron Foster was invited to address the meeting on the subject of previous hydro power in Rosedale. Mr Foster told the Council that a corn mill in Rosedale had been driven by a water-wheel, serviced by water from two sources, and that lighting for the church and other properties in the village had come from hydroelectricity. He also said that he had an acquaintance who had been responsible for a hydro project elsewhere, who had been told that the project would pay for itself in eight and a half years.

The Vice Chair thanked Mr Foster for his information.

06210 Porfolio system

It was felt that this decision should not be made in the absence of the Chair.

Resolved: To defer the issue until the next meeting.

06211 Road mirror

The Council noted the Clerk's report on this subject.

Resolved: That the Parish Council would pay for and install a road mirror at the junction of the White Horse and Gill Lane, on condition that the landowner provides written permission and accepts full responsibility and liability.

The Chair arrived at the meeting at 7:40. The Vice Chair continued to chair the meeting.

#### 06212 Highways issues

The Council heard that Openreach had finished the work that had been left undone previously, but had not accepted responsibility for the blocked drain.

The Council heard of a forthcoming Government summit to attempt to stop sat-navs from sending drivers on unsuitable routes.

#### 06213 Winter gritting service

The Council heard that the Caretaker had collected equipment provided free by Ryedale District Council including shovels, gloves, high-visibility vests, a salt bin and a grit spreader, for use around the dale.

#### 06214 Broadband

The Council heard that the Clerk had been unable to obtain advice from BT on what services were available in Rosedale. The Council also heard that funds had now been released to Moorsweb to upgrade Rosedale.

Resolved: To write to the Chief Executive of BT expressing the Council's frustration.

#### 06215 Water running down Knott Road

The Council heard that the Highways Department had addressed this problem.

#### 06216 Gill Lane - drainage

The Council heard that the drains on the newly-tarmaced area of Gill Lane were not collecting the water that was running down it, and saw photos that appeared to demonstrate this.

Resolved: To send these concerns and photos to the Highways Department.

#### 06217 Christmas tree

The Council noted that a cheque had been signed outside the meeting for £40 for the cost of the tree, as was agreed at the last meeting. A vote of thanks was made to Trevor Dale, who was present at the meeting, for obtaining the tree and arranging to set it up.

Resolved: To write to Anne Wright thanking her for the use of her electricity.

#### 06218 Reading Room trustees

The Council heard that the Reading Room wanted a representative from the Parish Council as a trustee.

Resolved: That Councillor Ena Dent should be the Parish Council's representative.

#### 06219 Rosedale School

The Council heard of a plan to set up an "Early Birds" scheme so that parents would not need to take children out of Rosedale School in order to get to work. The Council also heard that the contract for the school taxi had been given to a firm in Grimsby, and would now be driven as a one-person scheme by someone in Pickering, despite over 40 years of excellent service by Mike Wilson. The Council also heard that a garden party was being organised to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Resolved: To write to North Yorkshire County Council expressing the Council's strong opposition to the change of contract;  
That the Chair would liaise with Kath Wallace on the jubilee celebrations.

#### 06220 Screen Waves

The Council noted a proposal from Screen Waves to arrange a film showing in the village, probably in the Reading Room.

Resolved: To check if this would be viable in the Reading Room, and if so, to ask Screen Waves for the film showing: otherwise to look into the school as a suitable location.

#### 06221 Reading Room lamp post

It was noted that the lamp post outside the Reading Room had been set back in place, but did not appear to be working.

Resolved: To press for the lamp post's full repair.

#### 06222 E-mail regarding tree on the village green

The Council noted an e-mail from a member of the public expressing concern that this tree required a tree surgeon.

Resolved: To send this request to the Estate manager and caretaker,

#### 06223 E-mail regarding postboxes at Thorgill

The Council noted an e-mail from a member of the public complaining about the boxes that had been fitted at Thorgill by the Post Office.

Resolved: To write to the residents whose post is placed in these boxes, to see if they would be in agreement for the Council to press for their removal and replacement with a proper delivery, or failing that, to be modified and correctly installed; and if so, to write to the Post Office requesting this.

#### 06224 Letter regarding pond at Kiln View

The Council noted a letter from Paul Metcalfe, stating his intention to apply for a LEADER grant to restore the pond at Kiln View, and requesting Parish Council support for this application in order to demonstrate wider community support. It was clarified that this would not cost the Council anything.

Resolved: To support this project and application.

#### 06225 Southern Area Parish Forum meeting 9 February 2012

The Council received notice of this meeting.

Resolved: That the Chair and Councillor Storey would attend this meeting, with the issues of mobile phone masts, broadband, and the school taxi service to be placed on the agenda;

That the date of the next Parish Council meeting would be changed to 10 February 2012 to allow Councillors to attend both meetings.

#### 06226 Finance

Cheques were raised for the Village Caretaker's salary for the last two months (£450.00) and for the Clerk's net salary and expenses (£491.88) and tax (£121.82). A cheque was also raised to Councillor Scarth for £70 as reimbursement for the YLCA training, in accordance with the decision made at the August 2011 meeting, minute 06123. Payment for "In The Chair" training was deferred as a new invoice was being drawn up.

#### 06227 Planning applications received

NYM/2011/0737/FL Application for subdivision to form 1 no. additional local occupancy dwelling (no external alterations) at Primitive Methodist Chapel, Rosedale Abbey. This application had been circulated outside of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order no 60, and as a result the Planning Authority had been informed that the Council had no objection to the application.

#### Next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Friday 10 February at 7.00pm in the Reading Room.