

Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council meeting held on
held on 9 June 2011

Members Present

Councillors: Trevor Dale (Chair), Howard Hebron (Vice Chair), Sue Austermuhle,
Linda

Blackburne, Henry Brown, Ena Dent, Angela Gage, June Scarth, Linda
Sugars

Apologies: Maisie Storey

In attendance: 3 members of the public

06052 Questions and statements from the public

Ruth Hannah made a statement on the subject of allotments. She said that too little progress had been made, the proposed sites were unsuitable, and that the Council needed to adopt a “can-do” approach.

Kate Jones made a statement expressing concern that the Council was ignoring public comments when they were the first level of government, and confusion that the Council was attempting to set up a working party on the subject of affordable housing after deciding not to discuss the subject until a planning application was received.

Neil Hannah made a statement expressing concern that the affordable housing project needed to be discussed openly, but that this appeared to have been suppressed by the recent resolution not to discuss the matter until a planning application was received, which was passed without debate. He suggested that the formation of the working party should be left to the next Council.

The Chair thanked the public for their statements.

06053 Community Group update

No representative was present and no report had been received.

06054 Minutes of previous meetings

As Councillors disagreed on what should be in the minutes, the Clerk said that the purpose of the minutes was to record Council decisions, not the discussions that led to them, and that best practice was to produce much shorter minutes.

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Meetings for the East and West Side held on

12 May 2011 be accepted as a true record;
that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 May 2011 be redrafted in much shorter form in accordance with best practice, and that all future minutes be drafted in this manner;
that the redrafted minutes be submitted to Councillors for signing outside of the meeting, before the election on 9 June.

06055 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
The Council heard that there was a legal obligation to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on or before 1 July.

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 30 June, and that this will be a full meeting.

06056 Hydroelectric project
The Council heard that no representative from Mann Power was available to talk about the project, that a Feasibility Study would cost nearly £1500, and that the Clerk was attempting to obtaining funding for this in accordance with previous Council decisions.

06057 Affordable Housing Working Group
Resolved: that this business be deferred until after the election.

06058 Allotments
The Council noted the list of ten members of the public who were interested in allotments, which had been received since the last meeting.

Resolved: to contact the Court Leat to find the procedure for obtaining potato garths;
to put a piece in the newsletter asking if anyone had spare land that could be used formally or informally by others.

06059 Bow Bridge refurbishment
The Council heard that the contractors hoped to finish this work by the middle of next week (commencing 13 June) but that there were no plans to resurface Chimney Bank before the road was reopened, although the Chair would continue to press the Highways Department for this.

Resolved: to contact the Returning Officer at Ryedale District Council to press for alternative arrangements if the bridge is not open for the election on 16 June.

06060 Highways issues
The Council heard that although Daleside Road was closed for jet patching, it would

still be possible for traffic to get through, and the road would be open on 16 June for the election.

The Council also heard that repainting the white line at the bottom of Chimney Bank was still on North Yorkshire County Council's agenda, although there had not been time to do it last time they were here; and that a cyclist had been hurt in an accident on Chimney Bank last Friday.

06061 Improvements to village green
No progress was reported on this issue.

06062 Community Access Improvements scheme
The Council noted an e-mail from Martyn Williams, asking for volunteers to help with the scheme on 19 and 20 July, and asking for publicity for the project.

Resolved: to put a piece in the newsletter on this subject.

06063 Village signs
The Council noted an e-mail from Clair Shields saying that she would try to get in touch with the ground contractor, as there seemed to be confusion on who was doing what.

06064 Village pond
Kate Jones was invited to address the meeting, and said that Paley's had been to the site and would provide a quote.

06065 Broadband
The Council heard that Moorsweb had been unable to secure funding to upgrade the Rosedale part of the network, but that there had been a good response from local businesses when asked to contribute. It was stressed that Moorsweb had not contacted the Council for help.

Resolved: to contact Barry Sunley from Moorsweb, with a view to placing a piece in the newsletter on this subject.

06066 Hill Cottages noticeboard
The Council heard that there was a demand from residents at Hill Cottages for a noticeboard.

Resolved: that Councillor Brown would contact Taylors to see if the old noticeboard could be repaired.

06067 Light at Orange Tree
No progress was reported on this issue.

Resolved: to contact the relevant authorities again on this issue.

06068 Parish Liaison meeting
The Council was given notice of a Parish Liaison meeting at Ryedale House on 15 June.

06069 Finance
Cheques were signed for the Village Caretaker's costs (£360.30), to Mary Cornforth for the Hanging Baskets (£153.00) and to Andrew Bosmans for the Internal Audit (£65.00).

The Council noted the Internal Auditor's report. The Auditor completed the audit without qualification, but advised that the Council should produce a budget and suggested that there may be an issue in reclaiming VAT as a third party, which he was looking into.

Resolved: that the Annual Return be approved and submitted to Mazars;
that Andrew Bosmans be reappointed as Internal Auditor for 2011-12.

The Council also noted the VAT refund for 2010-11 of £42.41.

06070 Planning decisions received
NYM/2011/0187/FL Application for permanent retention of agricultural show equipment store at Milburn Sports Field, Heygate Lane, Rosedale Abbey. Granted with conditions which were noted by the Council.

NYM/2010/0971/FL Use of land for the siting of 6 no. camping pods - Rosedale Abbey Caravan & Camping Park. The Council noted a letter from the National Park Authority giving reasons for the decision, which was itself noted at the last meeting.

NYM/2011/0225/FL Application for installation of replacement 2 no. white timber double glazed first floor windows to front elevation at 3 Rosedale Abbey, Pickering. Granted with conditions which were noted by the Council.

NYM/2011/0191/FL Application for replacement pitched roof to existing rear extension at 8 Thorgill Cottages, Atkinson Row, Thorgill. Granted with conditions which were noted by the Council.

06071 Any other business

All Councillors offered their thanks to the Chair, Vice Chair and Councillor Sugars, who were standing down from their positions.

The Council heard that there had been a complaint that the newsletter had been produced late this month. The Clerk promised to produce it in better time in future.

The Council heard a complaint that wild flowers were being cut by the Village Caretaker too soon, however the Council felt that the Caretaker was fully aware of the guidelines on this matter and followed them exactly.

The Council heard that there was some doubt as to whether the car park belonged to the Reading Room or to School Row, and that the Reading Room committee was looking into this.

The Council heard that the Caretaker had complained about the amount of dog mess on Chimney Bank, and the Clerk agreed to look into the provision of another bin.

The Council also heard that permission had been granted to remove sycamore trees in the village, although it was not clear who owned the land.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7.00 pm on Thursday 30 June.