

Minutes of the Rosedale Parish Council Meeting held on 8 November 2012

Members present:

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

In attendance: Four members of the public

06402 Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies from Councillor Gage were accepted by the Council. The Chair and Councillor Richard Dent declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application from the Orange Tree.

06403 Questions and statements from the public

No notice of any questions or statements had been received.

06404 Community Group update

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

06405 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 October 2012 be accepted as a true record.

06406 Clerk's report

The Clerk's report was noted by the Council. This informed the Council that:

- Aon had replied to say that the work done by the Caretaker would not be covered by the Council's Public Liability Insurance, but that the Council would be covered for work done for them;
- that the National Parks had said that the tree on the riverbank at the bottom of Chimney Bank would probably be the responsibility of the landowner;
- that the memorial bench to Frank Hebron was being looked at by the family, but the Lions Club had said that the Millennium Bench had become the property of the Parish Council and that they were not responsible for its upkeep;
- that the YLCA had given advice that the Parish Council should not get involved in issues of competition between the campsite shop and Abbey Stores, but may have a role in ensuring that planning rules had been correctly followed. A letter from Anne Wright asking the Council for help in opposing the expansion of the shop was attached separately;
- that the Clerk had contacted North Yorkshire County Council to emphasise that Rosedale wanted to be considered for superfast broadband, and that NYCC had replied that they felt that Moorsweb would be the best solution.

The Clerk said that he would include original e-mails in future reports as well as replies.

06407 New Homes Bonus

The Council heard that Councillor Janet Frank had said that using the New Homes Bonus for the Rosedale Walking Festival would not be considered favourably as it would not be for the benefit of the whole community, but was looking into using the money to provide CPR training for all the parishes.

06408 Road safety

The Council heard that the tree on the riverbank at the bottom of Chimney Bank was no longer there. The Council also heard that the Ross Estate's caretaker intended to cut back the hedges at the Milburn within the next week.

06409 Broadband

The Council noted that the Moorsweb Rosedale upgrade was now underway.

06410 Jubilee clock

No progress was reported.

06411 Emergency Planning Group

The Council heard that the group would hold a meeting in a few weeks, hopefully to include Maggie Farey and Katie Speed, and were looking for someone to lead the project.

06412 Litter bins

The Council heard that Streetscene had suggested using wall-standing sackholders to attach to the beehive bins.

Resolved: that the Vice Chair would look into this and other ideas; to contact Councillor Janet Frank to see if she had any ideas, or if any funding was available.

06413 Campsite shop

Resolved: to ask the National Parks Authority if planning permission was needed for the expansion of the shop; to write to both Anne Wright and the campsite to inform them of what the Council was doing.

06414 Memorial benches

Resolved: to find out if the Council had previously accepted responsibility for any memorial benches; that the Council would pay for the replacement of Bill Stamper's memorial bench, but was not adopting it or accepting responsibility for its upkeep.

06415 Parish Liaison Meeting 17 October 2012

The Chair and Councillor Scarth had attended this meeting. It was reported that:

- several Parish Councils had complained about a lack of response regarding planning;
- that Richard Marr of the Highways Department had promised to come to Rosedale to look at ways to deposit two larger heaps of salt for use on public roads;
- that Streetscene had said that there was still some winter maintenance equipment left, and that the new recycling system would be rolled out to 96% of Ryedale by the end of the month;
- that the Boundary Commission had decided that constituencies in North Yorkshire would remain unchanged, although the consultation period had not yet ended.

06416 Finance

Councillor Jones asked three questions about the Caretaker: was he seeking more

payment from the Council; should he be treated as an employee; and if he is not an employee, should his contract be put up for tender annually?

Resolved: to find the answers to these questions before the next meeting;
to ask Aon to clarify their answer on whether the Caretaker was covered by the Council's insurance.
that as the Vice Chair had not had time to collect the Caretaker's invoice, a cheque for his October costs could be raised outside of the meeting.

The Christmas tree was also considered.

Resolved: that Councillor Richard Dent would ask Trevor Dale to obtain a Christmas tree for the village, which the Council would pay for;
to write to Anne Wright asking for permission to use her power supply for the lights.

A cheque was written to Duncombe Sawmill (£185) for the replacement memorial bench.

The Council noted the new financial forecast.

The Council then discussed the parish precept for the next financial year. It was proposed that the precept should increase. The Vice Chair and Councillors Austermuhle, Jones, Storey, Sugden, Wilkinson voted in favour, the Chair and Councillors Scarth and Richard Dent voted against. Councillor Jones asked that these votes be recorded in the minutes.

Resolved: that the parish precept should be increased for the next financial year.

It was then proposed by Councillor Scarth and seconded by Councillor Jones that the precept be set at £4500.

Resolved: that the precept for the next financial year should be £4500;
to place an item in the newsletter explaining this in simple terms, including the average increase per household.

06417 Planning applications received

NYM/2012/0686/FL Application for erection of shed, yurt and wood pellet store at The Orange Tree, Rosedale East.

Resolved: that the Council had no objection to this application.

06418 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 10 January 2013 at 7:30pm in the Reading Room.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.