

Minutes of the Rosedale Parish Council Meeting held on 13 June 2013

Members present:

Councillors: Ena Dent (Chair), Henry Brown (Vice Chair), Sue Austermuhle, Richard Dent, Angela Gage, Maisie Storey, John Sugden, Richard Wilkinson

In attendance: Two members of the public

06486 Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies from Councillor Jones and Councillor Scarth were accepted by the Council. No declarations of interest were made.

06487 Questions and statements from the public

No notice of any questions or statements had been received.

06488 Community Group update

An amended final paragraph was read out from the report from Colin Westwood which was received at the last meeting, which paid tribute to the many community groups in the dale.

06489 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 May 2013 be accepted as a true record; that the minutes of the Parish Meetings for Rosedale East and Rosedale West, held on 9 May 2013, be accepted as a true recorded, subject to full acceptance at the next Parish Meetings.

06490 Clerk's report

The Council noted the Clerk's report which said that:

the National Park Authority had issued new guidance about management of roadside verges, which was likely to result in considerably less strimming;

the Council's request for a speed reduction in Rosedale East had been sent to Richard Marr at the Highways Department, who had passed it on to his colleague Melanie Farnham;

the National Park Authority had asked the Council for information and opinion on the use of Northdale Rigg by motorised vehicles;

and that the Internal Audit had been successfully completed.

06491 Traffic speeds

The Council noted the response from Richard Marr.

06492 Verge management

The Council noted the new guidelines on verge strimming, but felt that this was causing safety problems for walkers and horses.

Resolved: that the Vice Chair would get in touch with Bill Shaw at the National Park Authority to see if he had any suggestions, and to ask him to attend the next meeting to discuss the new guidelines;

to place an item in the newsletter asking residents for their opinions.

06493 Consultation on UUR Northdale Rigg

Resolved: to respond that the Council had no information on the use of the road.

06494 Collapsing road at Brick Cottage

The Council noted concerns that the road at Brick Cottage was subsiding, and would require major work if it was not fixed soon.

Resolved: to contact Ian Birkett at the Highways Agency requesting that he look into it.

06495 Benches

The Council noted the National Park Authority's policy of discouraging new benches.

Resolved: that the Chair would bring up the issue of the bench outside the Reading Room with the Reading Room committee, and would talk to Howard Hebron about it.

06496 Ryedale District Council Parish Liaison meeting 29 May 2013

This was deferred to next month as Councillor Scarth was not present to report back.

06497 NYMNPA Southern Area Forum meeting 10 July 2013

Resolved: that the Chair and Councillors Scarth and Storey would try to attend; to place the issues of verge cutting and benches on the agenda for this meeting.

06498 Finance

Cheques were signed for the Caretaker's May costs (£431.66), to Aon for the renewal of the insurance (£358.04), and to Andrew Bosmans for the internal audit (£70).

The Council noted the successful completion of the internal audit.

Resolved: to accept the audit form, and for the Chair to sign the form after the meeting; to reappoint Andrew Bosmans as internal auditor for the current financial year.

The Council also noted the receipt of the VAT refund (£204.60) and the grant from the New Homes Bonus for Caretaker's equipment (£100).

06499 Date and time of next meeting

Resolved: to change the date of the next meeting to 4 July, at 7:30pm in the Reading Room.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.