

Minutes of the Meeting of Rosedale Parish Council held at the Reading Room on 13 November 2014

Members present:

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

In attendance: Three members of the public

06838 Apologies and declarations of interest

No apologies or declarations of interest were made.

06839 Questions and statements from the public

Colin Westwood showed the Council an information leaflet on Hutton-le-Hole and suggested that one be produced for Rosedale, showing maps of the village and dale and including information on local businesses, amenities and other areas of interest. He suggested that a small group be formed to put such a leaflet together. Councillors asked for this to be placed on the next agenda.

Mr Westwood also said that the Community Group could be easily revived if it was needed to help with the sports surface.

06840 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council Annual meeting held on 2 October 2014 be accepted as a true record.

06830 Clerk's report

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

- the Highways Department were reducing the amount paid for grass cutting from £471.49 to £12.12;
- that the Clerk had given a month's notice of his resignation, but was offering to stay until January to allow for a smooth handover;
- that a payment to HMRC of £30.80 should have been deducted from the Clerk's wages last month;
- that the Council had received a donation of £150 from Spaunton Court Leet as a contribution towards the Caretaker's costs;
- that the Clerk had informed the National Park Authority that the Council had no objection to the planning application listed on the agenda, after consulting Councillors outside of the meeting;
- that the National Park Authority had sent their Statement of Community Involvement, which could be downloaded from their website.

06831 Car park and sports surface

The Council noted the very informative discussion that had taken place with Hawson Simpson before the meeting, in which Mr Simpson had given details of the sources of funding he had obtained for a sports surface at Gillamoor.

Resolved: that Councillor Dale would discuss the matter with Richard Gunton, Director of Park Services at the National Park Authority, to find out what work would be required to make the the car park.

06832 Highways issues

Councillor Dale reported back on Highways issues. He said that the work on Battling Hills Road would be done this financial year after a design had been agreed; that signs, marker posts and road raising would be done on Daleside Road this financial year; that Richard Marr was still looking at salt bins, but that stone bins would probably not be allowed; that no action would be taken at the bottom of Chimney Bank unless Jacobs were paid to measure speeds; and that a plan for extra signage in the dale would be put together.

Resolved: to write to Councillor Val Arnold and Councillor Janet Frank protesting at the reduction in grass cutting.

06833 Village noticeboard

Resolved: to obtain more quotes for the noticeboard so that all quotes received could be opened in accordance with the Council's standing orders for the January meeting.

06834 Parish Liaison meeting 22 October

The Chair said that this meeting had mostly been about fracking, and that the speaker was happy to come and address other meetings on the subject.

06835 Resignation of Clerk

The Clerk clarified that provided that there were applications for the job, he was prepared for as long as it took to hand over to the next Clerk.

Resolved: to advertise the position as widely as possible.

06836 Finance

Cheques were written for the Caretaker's costs (£494.30) and to HMRC for the Clerk's tax (£30.80), to be deducted from the Clerk's next wages.

Resolved: that Councillor Dale would attempt to obtain a Christmas tree for the village;

that although it was intended that payment would come from the Christmas fundraising, the Council would contribute a maximum of £30 if necessary.

The Council noted the receipt of the donation from Spaunton Court Leet, although the Vice Chair said that it needed to be requested earlier in future as the meeting was the first Thursday in October.

The Council then considered the precept for the coming year. It was noted that the Council's reserves were decreasing, but that the Council did not wish to place an unnecessary burden on the public and suggestions were made that funds for the Caretaker's costs could be raised during the coming year.

Resolved: that the precept for the coming year would be set at £4700.

The Chair asked for her vote against to be recorded in the minutes.

00837 Planning applications

NYM/2014/0656/LB Application in respect of Listed Building consent for

construction of 2 storey rear extension and single storey utility room at Woodlands Farm, Thorgill West, Rosedale.

The Council noted that its decision of “no objection” had been passed on to the Authority.

00838 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 8 January 2015 at 7:30pm in the Reading Room.