

Minutes of the Meeting of Rosedale Parish Council held at the Reading Room on 8 January 2015

Members present:

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

In attendance: One member of the public

06850 Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies from Trevor Dale were accepted by the Council.

06851 Questions and statements from the public

Peter Coote addressed the Council on the issue of salt piles. He said that he had been told that the Highways Department had changed its policies, and that as a result there were much fewer salt piles in the dale. He felt that considerably more salt was needed, and that the Highways Department did not seem interested.

The Chair thanked him for his comments and said that the Council was working hard on the issue.

06852 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council Annual meeting held on 13 November 2014 be accepted as a true record.

06853 Clerk's report

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

- the Clerk had not yet obtained the relevant quotes for the noticeboard;
- that a member of the public had renovated the No Parking signs at Hill Cottages at no cost, and that a Councillor had suggested sending a letter of thanks;
- that a Councillor had received comments from walkers asking if the sign on the village green meant that walking on the moor was not allowed outside of the walking festival, and was asking how many people attended the festival;
- that no applications had been received for the post of Clerk, but that there may be one before the meeting;
- that a new agreement had been reached on pay scales.

06854 Highways issues

The "road closed" sign on Chimney Bank was discussed, and the Vice Chair said he would tell the Caretaker that she could put it up and take it down again.

Resolved: to place an item in the newsletter regarding the salt piles, and asking people not to encourage anyone to go on Chimney Bank in wintry conditions.

06855 Car park

No progress was reported on this issue.

06856 Information leaflet

The Chair said that there would be Community Group meeting about this, and that anyone was welcome to attend.

06857 Repoprt on Heritage Lottery Fund

Councillor Storey said that the first phase, in which sites needing preservation were identified, was now completed, and the project had moved on to the second phase of getting surveys and estimates. She said that the kilns on both sides of the dale were in a dangerous state, and that the university intended to test the water to see if there were any dangerous discharges from the mines.

06858 Village noticeboard

The Clerk apologised for not having obtained the quotes. The Vice Chair offered to obtain them himself.

06859 Southern Area Forum meeting 10 February 2015

The Chair and Councillors Scarth and Storey said that they would try to attend the meeting.

06860 Renovation of No Parking signs at Hill Cottages

Resolved: to send a letter of thanks for this work.

06861 Walkers Are Welcome sign

Councillor Storey said that she would talk to Linda Chambers to see if the sign could be taken down for some of the year. She said that the last walking festival had attracted forty people over the two days.

06862 Appointment of a new Clerk

The Council heard that an application had been received from someone who was asking for a higher salary. The Council felt that this could not be done as the position had been advertised at a particular rate.

Resolved: to seek advice from the YLCA and re-advertise the position at a range of pay scales.

The Council thanked the Clerk for his work over the years.

06863 Finance

Cheques were written for the Caretaker's November and December costs (£396.43), the Clerk's third-quarter salary and expenses (£631.76), and to Henry Brown as the Council's contribution towards the Christmas tree (£30). The Council also noted the receipt of the Caretaker's grant for the year (£2221.09).

06864 Planning applications received

NYM/2014/0841/FL Application in respect of construction of replacement garage at 8 Hill Cottages, Rosedale

Councillor Richard Dent declared an interest in the application and did not vote.

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

06865 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 12 February 2015 at 7:30pm in the Reading Room.

