

Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council Meeting held on 11 March 2010.

Members Present

Councillors: Trevor Dale (Chair), Howard Hebron (Vice Chair), Linda Blackburne, Linda Sugars, Henry Brown, Sue Austermuhle, Angela Gage, Maisie Storey, Ena Dent, June Scarth.

In attendance: Richard Bray, Jon Zigmond, Kate Jones, Harry Gillies, Neil Hannah, Ruth Hannah.

05761 Questions and statements from the public.

The Clerk confirmed that no questions had been raised by the public not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

05762 Community Group update.

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of an update on the Parish Plan from Mr Colin Westwood. The Chair read the report noting progress on upgrading the Reading Room, affordable housing, a community website being driven by the Parish Council, and the History Society. Mr Westwood also listed several areas where little progress had been made and some of the reasons for that lack of progress. Mr Westwood suggested in the report that although the progress that had been made was pleasing, now might be a good time to reinvigorate and update the Parish plan.

The Clerk agreed to circulate a copy of the update report to the Councillors.

05763 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 February 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05764 Milburn Arms pre planning consultation.

The Chair welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

The Chair reported that a public meeting had been held on 22 February 2010 as agreed at the last meeting following the circulation of a letter and questionnaire by the Council to all residents. The venue had been changed to the Rosedale School to accommodate the expected level of interest and the Chair noted that over 120 attended the meeting. The Chair confirmed that the meeting was attended by representatives of the Havelock Academy and by Mr Teagle, the Estate Manager for the Rosedale Estate. The Chair reported the meeting went well and included a healthy debate where the views of the community were made clear. This was supported by two votes, one opposing the change of use of the Milburn Arms and a second welcoming the Academy to Rosedale, just not in the Milburn.

The Chair confirmed that until or unless an application was made, the Parish Council would remain neutral. He also confirmed that should an application be made then the views of the community would be sought by way of a further door to door letter.

Councillor Blackburne noted that the Parish Council was in danger of looking toothless by sitting on the fence and that it should make a decision on this matter and make its views clear.

Councillor Dent noted that the Council should not express an opinion until asked to do so if a formal application is made. The Chair confirmed this view.

Councillor Hebron advised the Council that he had already signed the book to declare an interest in this matter and would not take part in any future decision.

Councillor Gage asked if there would be a further meeting should an application be received. The Chair confirmed that a letter seeking the views of the community would be circulated and that a further meeting would be considered at the appropriate time.

Mr Gillies asked the Council who they represented. The Chair confirmed the Council represented the community in the parishes of Rosedale.

Mr Gillies raised the point of the Clerk and the Chair's prior knowledge of the possible application in 2009. The Chair confirmed this was information obtained in confidence.

The Chair confirmed that he had had a long conversation with Mr Bray and had agreed the Parish Council would consider any information collected by the Friends of the Milburn if an application was made.

Councillor Dent noted that Mr John Lindley from CPRE had expressed a view on the matter and that she had passed a copy of his letter to the Friends of the Milburn.

Mr Bray asked if, as a committee, the members should keep things secret. The Chair responded by saying that as information comes forward then the Council would consider it and then make it public.

Councillor Brown suggested that now was the time to put the events of the past behind us and to move forward. Mr Bray agreed we should all move forward.

Councillor Brown noted that the Parish Council must remain impartial at this stage but should collect information on this matter.

Mr Hannah suggested the Council should consider an on-line survey for residents of Rosedale. The Chair confirmed that should an application be made then a house to house letter would be delivered round to ensure all residents had the opportunity to express an opinion, not just those with internet access.

Ms Jones asked if propositions were put to the Parish Council would they consider them. The Chair confirmed that any propositions put to the Council would be considered.

Mr Zigmond indicated he was happy that the Parish Council could not express a view at this stage. Mr Zigmond said he was surprised that the Clerk had recently written to the Havelock Academy and to the Estate.

The Chair confirmed that these emails had been to thank the attendees for attending the public meeting and to ask for their thoughts after having received the views of the meeting. The Clerk agreed to circulate copies of the emails to the Council for review before passing copies to Mr Zigmond.

Mr Zigmond asked if any correspondence received or sent by the Parish Council on this matter could be contemporaneously passed on to the Friends of the Milburn. The Chair agreed the Parish Council would discuss this point.

05765 Street light at the Orange Tree/ Craven Garth road junction.

The Clerk confirmed that Ryedale District Council was investigating the possible reinstatement of the street light.

05766 First Responder scheme.

The Clerk confirmed the scheme had had a meeting between 15 local residents and the Ambulance Services on 2 March to complete the necessary paperwork to start the scheme and that training sessions were scheduled for March and early April.

05767 Highways issues.

The Chair advised the Council that the Highways Department had confirmed that work would start after Easter to repair the Castleton Road near Bottoms Farm.

Councillor Scarth reported that she understood Rosedale Bow Bridge (the bridge at the bottom of Chimney Bank) would be closed completely for six weeks for repairs to be made. The Chair reported that Highways had noted that it would have to be closed for a period but that they had agreed that it could not be closed during winter as access via Chimney Bank would not be possible or during the summer months as it would have an extremely detrimental effect on local business. The Clerk agreed to confirm this in writing and to clarify how long the closure would be for.

The Council noted that previous attempts had been made to ask satnav companies to ensure their routes noted the restrictions on Chimney Bank and the dangerous nature of the road in poor conditions. The Clerk agreed to make a further attempt to contact them.

The Chair noted the deterioration of the road to Pickering between Mill Farm and Yatts Farm. The Chair confirmed that his discussions with Highways had resulted in their agreement that this road could not be closed for repairs while any of the other roads out of the dale were closed.

The Clerk confirmed that the Highways Department still had not issued the licences for the construction of the new village name signs on Chimney Bank and Heygate Bank. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.

Councillor Hebron raised the point that some road edge sets around the dale had been dislodged and needed to be reset. Councillor Hebron agreed to ask the Caretaker to make a list of these to be sent to the Highways Department.

The Chair confirmed that the roadside salt heaps along the Thorgill road had now been replenished.

The Clerk notified the Council that the Highways Department had suggested they could replace the “Dale Head Only” sign at the turn off to Dale Head with a “Rosedale East” sign. The Council suggested that Highways be requested to provide a single sign with both names included. The Clerk agreed to communicate this to the Highways Department.

05768 Village Pond.

Councillor Hebron agreed to meet with residents to agree what needed doing to resolve the long running problems.

05769 Potential Leader Projects.

The Clerk reported no progress had been made in securing quotes for the replacement notice boards.

The Clerk noted the receipt of the new Tree Preservation Order for the Alder Carr Lane avenue and confirmed that now this was in place a further approach would be made to secure funding for a management plan for the trees in the avenue.

05770 Parish Council Website.

The Clerk advised the Council that work was progressing in populating the site with information and refining its structure. The Clerk also advised that the site contains a considerable amount of information relating to the History Society.

The Clerk asked the Council to agree to a cost of £20 to have the old site domain name transferred to another hosting company used by Ryedale District Council so it could be used as the address for the new site. The Council agreed to this cost.

The Clerk asked the Councillors to confirm that they agreed to have their contact details (names, postal and email addresses and home telephone numbers) published on the site. The Councillors agreed to this.

05771 Freedom of Information Act request.

The Clerk agreed to circulate the information to be disclosed under this request to the Councillors before it was released to Mr Zigmond.

05772 NYM NPA Design Guide 3 Trees and Landscape.

The Clerk noted receipt of a copy of the above guide and passed it initially to Councillor Blackburne for review and to be passed on to other Councillors.

05773 Rural Action Yorkshire Participatory Budgeting Meeting 18 March 2010.

The Clerk had circulated to the Council invitations for them to attend the above meeting. Councillor Dent agreed to try to attend.

05774 NYM NPA Tree Preservation Order – Alder Carr Lane Avenue.

The Council noted receipt of the above order. No other action was deemed necessary.

05775 National Association of Local Council's Good Councillor's Guide.

The Clerk circulated copies of the guide which sets out the duties and responsibilities of Councillors and gives some useful guidance to the running of Council meetings.

05776 Natural England's guide to the duty of regard for England's statutory landscape designations.

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of this booklet which the Council noted.

05777 Finance.

Three cheques were signed for the Caretaker's February and March 2010 invoice (£100.00), renewal of membership of the Yorkshire Local Council Association (£117.00) and the Clerks Qtr 4 salary and expenses (£308.13).

05778 New Planning Applications.

No new applications have been received by the Council.

05779 Planning Applications determined.

The Council received notification of the following planning decisions made by the Planning Authority after the publication of the agenda:

- NYM/2010/0023/FL Application for construction of sunroom extension to side elevation at Hall House, Thorgill – granted with conditions, and
- NYM/2010/0037/LB Application for Listed Building consent for construction of sunroom extension to side elevation at Hall House, Thorgill – granted with conditions.

Any Other Business.

The Chair noted that flooding continues into the new public toilet extension. Mr Bray confirmed that a majority of the run off was coming off the field adjacent to the block and appeared to be caused by a blocked culvert which when unblocked seemed to alleviate the problem. The Clerk agreed to communicate this to Ryedale District Council and ask them to address the issue. Copies are also to be sent to County Councillor Val Arnold and District Councillor Janet Frank.

Councillor Dent asked for a short meeting in private after the conclusion of the main meeting to discuss the conduct of Council meetings. The Council agreed to this.

Councillor Gage noted that the snow that had been pushed on to the Car Park outside the Chapel near Hill Cottages had caused the wall to become damp and that it has contained a quantity of grass turf. Councillor Dent agreed to look into this matter.

Councillor Brown advised the Council of a planning matter from Hartoft. Following the collapse of a shed due to snow in Hartoft the owner advised the NYM NPA that it was to be taken down and rebuilt to exactly the same specification as before. The Planning Authority advised the owner that if the building was dismantled completely then he would require planning consent to put it back up. It was later determined that this could be avoided by leaving part of the structure, namely the posts, intact thus ensuring it was treated as renovation and not rebuilding. Councillor Brown asked if any of the Council had come across this before. Several of the Councillors were aware of the difference between renovation and rebuilding in terms of planning requirements.

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of a closure notice for Heygate Bank for ditching work for two weeks sometime between March and October. The Council asked the Clerk to write to Highways to ensure this was not closed when any of the other roads were closed.

Mr Zigmond asked the Chair if copies of the meeting Agendas and Minutes could be emailed to him. The Clerk noted that these would be posted on the new website in due course. The Chair asked the Clerk to email them to him in the interim.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council was set for 7pm on **Thursday 8 April 2010** at the Rosedale Reading Room.

The Chair closed the main meeting and asked the members for a private meeting.

The Council then held a short informal meeting to discuss the issues of the protocol of future meetings and to discuss emails exchanged with the Havelock Academy and the Rosedale Estate manager. The Council resolved that it would be proper to discuss these matters in the presence of the public and agreed to call an **Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council** as quickly as possible. The Clerk advised that the earliest this would be possible was **Wednesday 17 March 2010 at 7pm in the Reading Room.** The Clerk agreed to arrange this meeting and publish an agenda.