

Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council meeting held on
held on 12 May 2011

Members Present

Councillors: Trevor Dale (Chair), Sue Austermuhle, Linda Blackburne, Henry Brown, Ena

Dent, Angela Gage, June Scarth, Maisie Storey

Apologies: Howard Hebron (Vice Chair), Linda Sugars

In attendance: 12 members of the public

06030 Questions and statements from the public

A written statement from Colin Westwood was read by the Chair. Mr Westwood raised the issue of the Reading Room, stressed that the running costs were barely being covered, and invited everyone to the Reading Room AGM on 6 June at 7:30pm. He also raised the issue of affordable housing, and said that the correct procedure had been followed and that the Parish Council should just get on with it.

Jon Zigmond then made a statement. Firstly, he said that since offering to be the Internal Auditor at the last meeting, he had done some research and had concluded that he could not take on the role. Secondly, he asked the Council to publicise and support the Broadband North Yorkshire campaign. Thirdly, he thanked all the Councillors and the Chair on behalf of all Rosedale residents for their work over the years.

Ruth Hannah then asked whether agricultural land needed planning permission to be converted to allotments. The Chair responded that this was a grey area and that this would be dealt with later in the meeting.

The Chair thanked everyone for their questions and statements.

06031 Community Group update

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

06032 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 April 2011 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

06033 Resolution on Affordable Housing

A proposal was received from Councillor Blackburne that last month's resolution on affordable

housing had been a breach of standing orders and should be struck out. The Chair ruled that last month's resolution was valid and that therefore the new proposal could not be voted on.

A vote of confidence in Councillor Dent was taken at her own request, and passed by five votes to two.

06034 Allotments

The Chair and the Clerk said that they had not received details of the residents who wanted allotments.

The Chair read an e-mail from the National Parks Authority which said that change of use for allotments was a grey area, as sheds and footpaths may need planning permission, and there may be other constraints.

Councillor Dent said that she had had advice from the NFU that the law is complex, that there is a duty on the Council to provide allotments if there is a need, that local residents had no right to choose the site, and that it was highly unusual to resort to compulsory purchase or renting. She also said that she had spoken to the Court Leat, who had said that there were five potato garths in the vicinity of Thorgill, and that these could be reopened as allotments if there was a need. She said there were also sites at the top of Chimney Bank and one leading onto the moor, and a spare one at Hutton-le-Hole.

06035 Bow Bridge

The Chair said that he had met the site manager at Bow Bridge, and had been told that the work was going to plan, however on the first night the barriers had been taken down and vehicles driven over, and that someone had illegally ridden a moped on the footway. The Chair had also asked if the bridge could be open for the bank holiday, and was told that although this could not be guaranteed, they would do their best.

Kate Jones was invited to address the meeting. She said that the Business Group had produced three different signs at a cost of £22 each + vat. The Village Caretaker agreed to put them up.

The Clerk said that there had been complaints about work taking place on the diversionary route, however he had been told by Jacobs that this was nothing to do with them and that they would have it stopped at once.

The Chair said that the National Park Authority had complained that the safety bank on Chimney Bank had been built over a footpath, and that a cutting had therefore had to be made through it, even though this would weaken the bank. He also said that the bank could not be sprayed with grass seed to stop it washing away, as it was an SSSI and that seed could not be brought in from outside.

06036 Highways issues

The Chair said that there were many problems with roads, but that because of financial constraints roads would only be patched at the moment. He suggested that the Highways Department should continue to be reminded of the problems with the worst roads in Rosedale after every meeting.

06037 Improvements to village green

Councillor Blackburne said that she had asked Scottish Coal for a miner's wagon, and was waiting to hear back.

Councillor Storey said that she had spoken to Pickering Railway Station, who had suggested that the Council should ask around Rosedale itself, in case anyone had anything of interest on their land. The Clerk agreed to put this in the newsletter.

Councillor Brown said that he was hoping to meet with Ms Rodgeron about the memorial bench on the 21st.

06038 Community Access Improvements

The Chair read an e-mail from Martyn Williams saying that he was happy to walk the route, and that he was currently contacting landowners and tenants, and would get back in touch when he had some idea of the costs.

06039 Hydroelectric project

The Clerk agreed to find someone to address the Council on this subject. He also said that he had got in touch with Rosie Hughes to establish what kind of "carbon footprint" event she had in mind.

06040 Village signs

The Clerk was instructed to contact Clair Shields to find out what was happening on this issue.

06041 Village pond

Councillor Brown said that he had contacted Paley's, but had not yet had an answer, and would get back in touch.

06042 Southern Area Forum meeting

Councillor Storey said that there had been a talk from Richard Marr about gritting. He had

confirmed that the Council would provide grit at a cost of £100 for ten tons. However if local

farmers were to distribute the grit, red diesel would be used on the roads, which was illegal.

The meeting had also been addressed by Chris France, the Director of Planning at the National Park, on the subject of the proposed Localism Bill. He said that under the proposed

legislation, Local Authorities would have to make their default response to planning applications yes rather than no, He also said that Regional Authorities would be abolished

and replaced by Neighbourhood Forums consisting of Parish Councils. The National Parks

Authority would not be affected, but had a duty to cooperate to allow disused farm buildings to

be used for housing. There would also be stronger planning enforcement, with the right to

remove advertising, flyposting and advertising boards.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Rob Dring, Chris Barraclough and Sean Myers, to see if

they would be happy to grit the roads, if red diesel were to be permitted on the roads to allow

it.

The Clerk was also instructed to write to the local MP Anne McIntosh, to put pressure on for

the relaxation of the red diesel rule.

The next meeting was to be the joint Forum on 31 July.

06043 Arrangements for Parish Council elections

The Clerk reminded all present of the dates for nominations for the elections, and handed out

nomination papers.

06044 Reading Room bench and car park

Councillor Gage said that the Village Caretaker had brought to her attention the state of the

bench outside the Reading Room, and was interested in Elsie Dent's name going on it. It was understood that the Vice Chair was looking into it. Councillor Gage also noted that the land for the car park was given to the Reading Room, not for School Row, and asked that people who have their own parking use it. Councillor Scarth agreed to put this on the agenda of the Reading Room committee.

06045 Hill Cottages noticeboard and electric cables
Councillor Gage said that residents of Hill Cottages wanted a noticeboard. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting. Councillor Gage also said that NEDL had now wrapped some of their cables in bright yellow tape, even though they were in someone's garden. The Chair said that the Council did not have the right to remove this tape.

06046 Parish members of the National Park Authority
The Chair read a letter asking if any Councillors would like to stand as a Parish Member for the National Park Authority. No Councillor expressed an interest.

06047 Strimming of grass verges
The Council noted a letter from a member of the public, requesting that the Council remember the guidelines on strimming, and in particular that there should be no strimming until the wild flowers had seeded.

06048 Finance
As the Vice Chair was not present to sign the Village Caretaker's timesheets, the Council agreed to raise a cheque for £390 outside the meeting. A cheque was signed for Aon (£381.86) to renew the Council's insurance policy. Payment for the hanging baskets was deferred until the next meeting as no invoice had been received.

The Council resolved to appoint Mr Andrew Bosmans as Internal Auditor. The Clerk said that in future he intended to inform the Council of progress against their budget three times a year, and that there would be a review of the audit process annually.

06049 Planning applications received
NYM/2011/0225/FL Application for installation of replacement 2 no. white timber double glazed first floor windows to front elevation at 3 Rosedale Abbey. The Council had no objection to this application.

NYM/2011/0191/FL Application for replacement pitched roof to existing roof extension at 8 Thorgill Cottages, Atkinson Row, Thorgill. The Council had no objection to this application.

06050 Planning decisions received
NYM/2010/0971/FL Application for use of land for the siting of 6 no. camping pods at Rosedale Abbey Caravan & Camping Park, Rosedale Abbey. Granted with conditions which were noted by the Council.

06051 Any other business
The Chair noted that the formation of a working party for Affordable Housing would have to be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillor Storey asked if the planning permission for the campsite toilets included tree planting and landscaping. The Clerk agreed to write to the National Park Authority to ask if the agreed landscaping had been conformed to.

Councillor Austermuhle asked if the Reading Room Committee could work out a cost per hour if they were short of money. Councillor Scarth said that the Constitution said that it should be affordable for everyone. There was a suggested donation which had not gone up in three years, but that there needed to be more people using it. The Clerk agreed to promote this in the newsletter.

Councillor Dent asked if anything had happened about the light at the Orange Tree. The Clerk said that he had recently got in touch about this issue, but had received no reply, and that he would continue to pursue the issue.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7.00 pm on Thursday 9 June.