

# Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council Meeting held on 14 January 2010.

## Members Present

Councillors: Trevor Dale (Chair), Howard Hebron (Vice Chair), Linda Blackburne, Ena Dent, Linda Sugars, Henry Brown, June Scarth.

Apologies: Sue Austermuhle, Angela Gage, Maisie Storey.

### **05714 Questions and statements from the public.**

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

### **05715 Community Group update.**

No one was available from the Community Group to attend the meeting.

### **05716 Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 December 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

The Council noted Councillor Austermuhle's absence from recent meetings and accepted and approved the reasons given for this absence.

### **05717 Standing Orders.**

The Clerk had circulated a proposed set of Standing Orders of the Council for consideration by the Council. The Clerk noted the two changes related to the updating of the Code of Conduct previously adopted by the Council and a new order allowing the Council to consider planning applications received after the publication of the agenda but before the meeting should delaying their consideration not be possible within the permissible timeframe set by the Planning Authority.

The Council resolved to adopt the new Standing Orders.

### **05718 Financial Regulations.**

The Clerk had circulated a proposed set of Financial Regulation of the Council for consideration by the Council. The Clerk advised the Council that no previous set of Financial Regulations could be found and that the proposed set was taken from the Local Council Clerks Society standard format and suitably amended to meet the current practices of the Council.

The Council resolved to adopt the Financial Regulations.

### **05719 Road safety issues.**

The Clerk advised the Council of a further response from the Highways Department confirming that two “School” warning signs were already in place adjacent to the School and that it was not thought appropriate to place more signs. The Clerk notified the Council that a consultation document had been received from the Department for Transport asking for comments on the guidelines for the imposition of 20 mph speed limits especially where there was local concern about the dangers of speeding. The Clerk agreed to respond to the DfT indicating that more notice should be taken of local concerns.

The Council noted that this was not a short term solution but may lead to opportunities in the future.

**05720            Affordable Housing.**

The Clerk confirmed that Colin Huby, the Rural Housing Enabler had asked if the Council could confirm that there was no existing social housing in the Parish. The Council confirmed this. The Council asked the Clerk to invite Colin Huby to the February Council meeting to bring the Council up to date with the results of the recent housing needs survey.

**05721            Street light at the Orange Tree/ Craven Garth road junction.**

The Clerk confirmed that Ryedale District Council had responded advising that responsibility for street lighting was the Highways Department of the County Council. The Clerk agreed to approach Highways.

The Chair suggested writing to the residents of the Orange Tree asking if they would be prepared to have the street light reaffixed to their house as this might resolve the problem associated with the supply of power.

**05722            First Responder scheme.**

The Clerk advised the Council that the Ambulance Service had been asked to indicate a date when the next meeting could be set up and to confirm the content of that meeting. Once this was known the Clerk confirmed a letter would be sent to those who had expressed an interest in being involved and further posters would be put up.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Ambulance Service to confirm what insurance arrangements would be required for the scheme and whether there was any ongoing funding requirement.

**05723            Highways issues.**

The Clerk advised the Council of a note from a resident asking if representations could be made to the Highways Department to repair the serious erosion at the side of Knott Road past Bottoms Farm. The Chair confirmed that this road had been closed following inspection by Highways Department representatives and that repair work had been planned prior to the current period of bad weather. It is understood the road will remain closed until the repair work is complete.

The Clerk agreed to write to the resident confirming these details.

The Chair raised the issue of the height of the road side banks that have been built up on Chimney Bank. It was agreed these were too low and the Chair confirmed the Highways Department have advised they will investigate the possibility of building them up further once the weather improves. Councillor Brown noted that two cars had gone over these banks in the last month and was concerned that drivers were attempting to use Chimney Bank in unsuitable conditions. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to ask them if it would be possible to put snow gates on this road or for "Road Closed" signs to be used in poor conditions.

The Clerk advised the Council of a letter from the Leader of North Yorkshire County Council updating the Parish Council on the current severe winter weather's impact on road clearance. This confirmed that only priority roads were being gritted with some lower priority routes only being gritted on slopes and bends. Many routes were not being treated at all. The letter also confirmed that the salt piles would not be replenished until the current shortage of salt was over.

The Chair However noted that Highways had confirmed to him that the road to Pickering was a priority route and that he had got them to agree to try to replenish some of the salt piles.

Councillor Gage had asked the Clerk to raise the issue of the clearance of snow and ice from the hill past Plane Trees. The Council did not believe there was any action it could take.

#### **05724 Village name signs.**

The Clerk confirmed that written confirmation allowing the project could proceed had been received from the Highways Department although the formal licences were still outstanding.

#### **05725 Rosedale Public toilets.**

The Clerk noted that Ryedale District Council had confirmed that the hay racks that used to be located on the toilet block could not be found at the Contractors and were believed to have been stolen from the site during the work. They also confirmed that they were aware of the flooding issue in the new disabled toilet and that they had contacted Highways to ask them to address the road drainage problem that was causing it. No response had yet been received.

#### **05726 Memorial Bench.**

The Clerk confirmed the bench at the top of Chimney Bank did not appear to need replacing. Councillor Hebron agreed to ask the Caretaker to make the necessary minor repair and to varnish the bench when the weather improved. No other alternative sites for the proposed memorial bench had been identified.

#### **05727 Village Pond.**

Councillor Hebron reported no action had been possible since the last meeting.

**05728 BT invitation to adopt the red phone box at Hill Cottages.**

The Clerk advised that BT had confirmed that if the box was not adopted then it would remain in use subject to the normal commercial reviews.

The Clerk was asked to write to MP Anne McIntosh to ask her to support the retaining of this local service.

**05729 NYCC Budget and Council Plan Consultation.**

The Clerk noted the receipt of an email from NYCC thanking the Council for its response to the consultation.

**05730 Potential Leader Projects.**

The Council agreed the Clerk could apply for Leader funding to replace the notice boards in the village and at Hill Cottages.

**05731 Safer Neighbourhood Newsletter.**

The Clerk noted receipt of the newsletter that had been passed to Councillors and posted on the notice boards.

**05732 Ryedale District Council (RDC) Parish Update Newsletter.**

The Clerk noted receipt of the newsletter which contained an article about the support by RDC of Parish Council's websites. The Clerk noted ongoing problems with the current site and confirmed that he had approached RDC for help in setting up a new site. This would be cheaper to run and RDC would provide training and support.

**05733 Chapel Car Park.**

Councillor Gage asked the Clerk to note that she had been asked if it would be possible to ask the snow ploughs to clear the Chapel car park near Hill Cottages as it had resulted in many cars parking on the narrow road during a recent service. The Council did not believe this would be possible as there was little available space for the snow to be ploughed to in any case.

**05734 NYM Local Development framework – Consultation on Draft Renewable Energy and Housing Supplementary Planning Documents,**

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of these documents and agreed to retain them for reference.

**05735 Eboracum Motorcycle Club Trials – 7 February 2010.**

The Clerk circulated a draft notice to go on the notice boards notifying resident of the event. The Council agreed for it to be posted subject to a minor change.

**05736 Finance.**

Cheques were signed for the Caretaker's December invoice (£169.04) and for the Clerk's quarter three salary and expenses (£303.47). As only one signatory was present at the meeting it was resolved that a second signatory could sign the cheques outside the meeting.

**05737 New Planning Applications.**

One new planning application was included on the agenda. This was NYM/2009/0844/CU Application for change of use of land to form tea garden at Dale Head Farm, Rosedale. The Council had no objections to the application.

A second application was received after the agenda had been published. The Council agreed to consider this application as to delay it to the next meeting would exceed the timetable set by the Planning Department. The application was NYM/2010/0007/NM Application for non material minor amendment to planning permission NYM/2006/0926/FL to allow lowering of cill to western elevation to floor level and replacement windows and doors at Low Farm, Thorgill, Rosedale Abbey. The Chair declared an interest in this application, signed the book accordingly and asked the Vice Chair to take over for this item. The Council had no objections to the application.

**05738 Planning Applications determined.**

The Council had received no notification of planning decisions made.

**Any Other Business.**

Councillor Scarth advised the Council that a recent Ringmaster message had indicated there was free First Aid training available. Councillor Scarth agreed to investigate this further and to report to the next meeting.

The Clerk notified the Council of a letter from the National Park Authority confirming they are reviewing the tree preservation orders on trees in the avenue on Alder Carr Lane. The Council noted the review but did not feel it needed to comment.

The Council did however feel that the avenue is a valuable local asset and should be protected. The Clerk was asked to contact the National Park Authority to investigate whether any funding was available to undertake any required surgery on the trees. The Clerk also agreed to investigate Leader funding for the same work as an alternative.

**Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was set for 7pm on **Thursday 11 February 2010** at the Rosedale Reading Room.