

Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council Meeting held on 5 February 2009.

Members Present

Councillors: Trevor Dale (Chair), Linda Blackburne, Ena Dent, June Scarth, Sue Austermuhle, Howard Hebron, Maisie Storey.

Apologies: Linda Sugars, Angela Gage, Henry Brown.

05498 Presentation by Mr John Clayton, Tree and Landscaping Officer, Ryedale District Council (RDC) – Ancient trees.

The Clerk apologised to the Parish Council on behalf of Mr Clayton as he was unable to attend the meeting due to the weather. The Clerk confirmed that Mr Clayton would be invited to the March meeting.

05499 Questions and statements from the public.

The Clerk confirmed none had been received that were not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

05500 Community Group Update.

No representative of the Community Group was available to attend the meeting.

05501 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 8 January 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05502 First Responder scheme.

The Clerk confirmed no progress had been made on this matter since the last meeting. Councillor Austermuhle circulated an email received from Mr Gary Housden, Head of Planning at RDC, in which he confirmed his support for any attempts by the Parish Council to encourage the mobile phone operators to provide a service in the dale. Mr Housden also provided contact details for the mobile operators. The Clerk agreed to contact the mobile operators and ask them to consider providing a service.

05503 Southern Area Forum.

The Clerk confirmed that the next Forum meeting was scheduled for Monday 9 February at Thornton Le Dale village hall. Councillor Storey agreed to attend on behalf of the Council in place of Councillor Blackburne who had previously agreed to attend.

05504 Rosedale Public Toilets.

Councillor Dale circulated the tender notice from the Gazette and Herald newspaper relating to the proposed work on the public toilets.

05505 Waste recycling.

The Clerk confirmed that correspondence had been entered into with both Anne McIntosh (MP for the Vale of York and Shadow Minister for the Environment) and John Greenway (MP for Ryedale). Replies have been received from both MP's and were circulated to the meeting. Miss McIntosh agreed to raise the matter of domestic and trade recycling with the Minister for the Environment and with the Chief Executive of Ryedale District Council. Mr Greenway's response included a letter from John Brown of RDC where he indicated no immediate solution was possible but that he was hopeful that progress would be made in 2009/10.

The Clerk also circulated an invitation from North Yorkshire County Council to a food waste reduction awareness training session on 24 February. No Councillors were available to attend.

05506 Parish Council Report.

The Council noted the new format of the newsletter now called the Parish Council Report.

05507 Highways issues.

The Clerk circulated letters from Mr David Loxley, Chair of the Hartoft Parish Meeting, relating to their efforts to have the roadside trees cut back and drains cleared on the Pickering road. Mr Loxley also referred to the matter of road maintenance including the issue of the lack of roadside salt stocks. He was advised that the best way to further these matters was to write to MP's asking them to put pressure on the County Council to allocate additional budgets to these areas. The Clerk agreed to write to both local MP's on this matter. Mr Loxley has agreed to inform the Clerk of any developments.

The Clerk confirmed that emails have been sent to Richard Marr at the Highways Department asking for a response to various highways related issues previously discussed by the Parish Council. Mr Marr has indicated the points raised are being investigated by his Inspector.

The Clerk confirmed that a response had been sent to the local resident who had previously sent the Parish Council a copy of a letter sent to the Highways Department.

05508 Memorial tree planting.

The Clerk confirmed that Mrs Brunton was in touch with the Church to discuss the possibility of planting a tree in the churchyard in memory of her father.

05509 RDC – Register of Members' Interests.

The Clerk circulated “Notification by Member of a Local Authority of Registrable Interests” forms for the Councillors to complete. The register of Members’ Interests are maintained by RDC for local Parish Councils in the district. The Clerk agreed to send copies of the forms to the Councillors absent from the meeting.

05510 North York Moors National Park Authority (NYM NPA) training event.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council of an invitation to attend a Planning training day on 4 March designed to keep Parish Councillors up to date with planning and development policy and controls. Councillors Dale and Hebron agreed to attend and to brief the Parish Council at the next meeting.

05511 Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) branch meeting.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council of the next YLCA branch meeting scheduled for 17 February and circulated the agenda. No Councillors were available to attend.

05512 Rural Services Network.

The Clerk circulated an email from the Rural Services Network that described itself as a not-for-profit membership organisation formed to argue the case for rural services and their financial support. The email offered free membership for the Parish Council. The Council agreed that membership should be applied for and asked the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

05513 Finance.

A cheque was signed for the Caretaker’s January invoice (£325.00).

05514 New Planning Applications.

The Parish Council considered application NYM/2008/0823/RM Amended details relating to application for reserved matters for erection of an agricultural worker’s dwelling and general purpose agricultural building at Southside, Alders Road, Rosedale East. The plans related to changes to plans previously considered and appeared to involve the movement of the buildings forward on the plot making them more visible and intrusive. After discussion the Council resolved to object to the changes on the grounds that the change made the development more intrusive both to residents of School Row and from the road past the site. The Parish Council believes the originally agreed plans were appropriate and objected to the proposed changes.

The Parish Council also asked to Clerk to convey to the NYM NPA planners that it had been unhelpful not to be provided with details of the specific changes in the revised proposals and the reasons for those changes.

One application was received after the publication of the agenda and due to the short time scale available to respond the Chair agreed to consider the application at this meeting.

The application NYM/2009/0056/FL is for the siting of an oil tank (retrospective) at The Oaks, Gill Lane, Rosedale Abbey. Councillor Blackburne declared an interest in the application and signed the Declaration of Interests book accordingly. She took no part in the decision making process. The Parish Council discussed the application and resolved to make no objection.

05515 Planning Applications determined.

No new planning decisions have been advised to the Council.

Any Other Business.

Councillor Dale conveyed a note from Councillor Gage advising the Parish Council that the telephone box at Hill Cottages had finally been repaired and cleaned.

Councillor Scarth asked the Council to recognise local resident Kevin Wilson for his efforts at manually gritting the various sections of road around the Thorgill road end near the White Horse Farm Hotel. The Clerk agreed to write to Mr Wilson.

Councillor Dale advised the Parish Council that the motorcycle trial scheduled for 8 February had been cancelled due to the condition of the ground following the recent bad weather.

Next Meeting.

It is proposed that the next meeting of the Parish Council should be held on **Thursday 12 March 2009 at 7.00pm** in the Rosedale Reading Room.