

## **Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council meeting held on held on 9 December 2010**

### **Members Present**

**Councillors: Trevor Dale (Chair), Howard Hebron (Vice Chair), Linda Blackburne, Ena Dent, Angela Gage, June Scarth, Maisie Storey, Linda Sugars**

Apologies: Sue Austermuhle, Henry Brown

In attendance: 2 members of the public.

### **05946 Questions and statements from the public**

**Jon Zigmond noted that David Ross appeared to believe that he owns the village green as part of the estate, but that it didn't appear on the land registry. He therefore asked the Parish Council to find out who actually owned the green. The Parish Council agreed and asked the Clerk to make enquiries.**

Jon Zigmond also addressed the Council on the subject of hydroelectric schemes in Yorkshire, and suggested that this might be a profitable project: however the funds for a feasibility study would probably have to come from the National Park. Councillor Dent said that Councillor Janet Frank was involved in these schemes, and agreed to discuss this with her and invite her to a future meeting.

### **05947 Community Group update**

**Colin Westwood was invited to address the meeting. He said that the painting that had been donated to the Reading Room had been unveiled, and photos sent to the press. He also said that the History Society were planning celebrations next year for the anniversary of the railway line.**

Mr Westwood also talked about possible uses for the School House, and said that any use would have to be educational, community-oriented and provide funds for the school. He suggested that an open meeting should be organised so that the public could offer ideas. Councillor Gage asked why the Council couldn't explore overturning the rule that prevents it being used as housing, but the Chair said that the School Governors had already pursued this. Councillor Blackburne informed the Council of a new proposal by Lady Lumley's School to use it as an outdoor pursuits centre in conjunction with Rosedale School, and it was agreed that either Colin Westwood or the School should organise an open meeting.

Mr Westwood also informed the meeting that Chris Warren was no longer producing *Uphill Downtdale*. The Vice Chair asked if the Council could obtain funding for the newsletter in the magazine's absence, and Councillor Dent said that Councillor Val Arnold had money available for Parish Councils. The Council instructed the Clerk to ask Councillor Arnold if funding could be made available.

### **05948 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting**

**The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 November were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.**

### **05949 Village pond**

**No progress was reported on this issue.**

### **05950 Village signs**

**The Chair read a letter from Clair Shields which said that LEADER and the National Park Authority would fund the project. The Clerk was instructed to sign and return the forms, and to pass on the terms and conditions to the contractors.**

### **05951 Highways issues**

**Councillor Dent said that a resident had complained that water was flowing off estate land onto the road, which would be dangerous when it froze, and had asked the Parish Council to contact the estate on his behalf. The Council instructed the Clerk to ask Highways to contact the estate on the matter.**

Councillor Dent brought up the subject of gritting, and said that the current situation was unacceptable. She said that the gritter used to go up as far as Hill Cottages, and that in its absence people living in Rosedale East and Thorgill were being completely cut off. She said that she had contacted NYCC to find out who had decided that the road was Priority 3, and was told that these decisions were made by Parish Councils and were reappraised every February. The Council expressed surprise and disbelief at this, and the Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had never been asked to designate a road.

The Chair informed the Council that only salt bins would be refilled, not salt heaps, and that the contractors would not allow their workers to fill them without a gritter in front of them. He also said that roads designated as Priority 1 and 2 had their heaps replenished first, even though these were gritted first anyway.

The Council decided that the current situation was unacceptable, and Councillor Dent agreed to contact Councillor Val Arnold to find out who makes the decisions about road categorisation, with a view to sending a deputation.

### **05952 Improvements to village green**

**Councillor Blackburne said that she and Councillor Brown would put together a paper for discussion in the next meeting. The Clerk confirmed that he had received no response to the piece on the subject in the newsletter.**

The Chair read an e-mail from the National Park Authority allowing a memorial bench (which had been discussed in previous meetings) to be placed on the village green, but suggesting that the Parish Council should take charge of the project. The Clerk was instructed to write to David Smith at the NPA agreeing to this, and to Lynn Rodgers informing her of the decision.

#### **05953 Southern Area Parish Forum meeting - 16 November 2010**

**The Vice Chair reported that the meeting had largely concerned how the National Park Authority should spend its money in the light of the budget cuts, and that Parish Council had until 31 January to respond. The Clerk agreed to copy and circulate the consultation document to the Council so that it could be discussed at the next meeting.**

#### **05954 Overnight stays in car parks**

**The Chair read an e-mail from Bernie McLinden which said that the car parks were out of their jurisdiction. The Council felt that no further action needed to be taken unless it became a problem.**

#### **05955 Affordable Housing**

**The Chair said that following the site meeting in August, the National Park Authority had put together an information sheet with the various options and their opinions. The Chair had received this information from Colin Huby (Housing Enabler for Ryedale) and Mr Huby had suggested that this should now be put to an open day, where the public could ask questions about the project and its various options, and give their opinions, which would then be collated into a report for the relevant authorities. Mr Huby and the National Parks Authority had suggested that this open day should take place at the end of February or beginning of March. The Chair agreed to get back to Colin Huby to arrange and publicise this meeting.**

The Chair said that all comments and thoughts on the sites needed to be made at the open day with all the relevant authorities present to answer questions, rather than be subject to misinformation in the meantime, and asked if the subject could be kept within the Council meeting until then. However Mr Jon Zimmond said that he was not happy with this.

#### **05956 Undergrounding of overground electricity wires**

**The Chair read a letter asking for suggested sites where electricity cables could be "undergrounded". Councillor Storey suggested Thorgill, and it was agreed that Councillors would bring any ideas to the next meeting.**

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05957 Finance

A cheque was signed for the Village Caretaker's costs (£202.83) and the Clerk informed the Council that £100 had been received from Spaunton Court Leet towards these costs.

The Chair informed the Council that road and weather conditions had precluded obtaining a Christmas tree for the village, however Mr David Brown had kindly offered to donate a tree. The Council expressed their appreciation for this gesture and the Clerk agreed to write a letter of thanks.

It was agreed that the precept for the coming year would remain unchanged at £4070.

### **05958 Any other business**

The Clerk informed the Council that their request for a road sign to Rosedale Abbey at Hutton le Hole had been declined, as not all vehicles were able to negotiate Chimney Bank.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7.00 on Thursday 13 January in the Rosedale Reading Room.