

**Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council Meeting held on  
13 August 2009.**

## **Members Present**

Councillors: Trevor Dale (Chair), Linda Sugars, Angela Gage, June Scarth, Ena Dent.

Apologies: Howard Hebron, Henry Brown, Sue Austermuhle, Linda Blackburne, Maisie Storey.

In attendance: Colin Westwood, Community Group (for part of the meeting).

**05617 Questions and statements from the public.**

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

**05618 Community Group update.**

Colin Westwood from the Community Group joined the meeting to update the Council on developments.

Colin noted that the “Artist in residence” is to exhibit his work in the Reading Room between 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of November.

Colin confirmed that a grant application was to be submitted shortly as discussed at the previous Council meeting.

Colin advised the Council of an informal meeting held on 12 August with representatives of the Danby and Castleton Parish Council to discuss affordable housing. The Chair noted that he had been present at the meeting along with Colin and Chris Warren from the Community Group. The Clerk was also in attendance. The representatives of Danby PC outlined their experiences of securing affordable housing in their parishes and the importance of setting the schemes up correctly in the first place with restrictions to ensure local people only have access to the property and that they are provided on a rent only basis. The Chair confirmed that any progress that was made would be done with the involvement of the community.

**05619 Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 July 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**05620 Road safety issues.**

The Clerk confirmed the receipt of several responses from residents to the Council’s letter on road safety. The Clerk agreed to summarise the responses for discussion at the next meeting.

**05621 Neighbourhood Watch.**

The Clerk confirmed the circulation of a letter to residents from PC Andy Marsden inviting residents to register interest in attending a meeting in September. The Clerk agreed to contact PC Marsden to assess the level of interest and if necessary arrange a date for the meeting.

**05622 Grass verge cutting.**

The Clerk circulated several letters and emails concerning the work done by our Caretaker cutting grass verges. After debate the Council resolved to ask the Ecology Officer from the National Park to meet with the Caretaker to agree a reasonable approach to verge maintenance that addressed the issues of road safety, wild flowers, wildlife and visual impact. The Clerk also agreed to communicate this to those who have expressed concern about current practices.

**05623 Matters outstanding with County Councillor Arnold.**

The Clerk confirmed a list of outstanding matters had again been sent to Councillor Arnold but again no reply had been received prior to the meeting. The Clerk agreed to continue following this up.

**05624 First Responder scheme.**

The Clerk advised the Council that further efforts had been made to progress this issue but due to absences at the Ambulance Services no progress had been made. The Clerk agreed to continue to follow up this matter.

**05625 Rosedale Public Toilets.**

The Clerk reported that RDC had confirmed that the work would be completed before the Rosedale Show on 15 August. The Clerk confirmed that RDC has advised that hot water is to be provided to the toilets but would not use solar power.

**05626 Highways issues.**

The Clerk reported a response had been received from the Highways Department indicating progress on some of the previously requested work including the damage to the fence on the ford at Dale Head.

The Chair raised the issue of the disruption experienced during the recent road patching work between Rosedale and Cropton. The Clerk agreed to contact Richard Marr at the Highways Department to ask that the patched roads in the area be completed with a tar and gravel overlay.

Councillor Scarth advised the Council of the collapse of a drain at the roadside on Thorgill Road between Hobb House Farm and Thorgill House. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways to ask for repairs to be undertaken.

**05627 Village name signs.**

The Clerk advised that no communication had been received from Park Ranger Dave Smith and agreed to chase him up.

**05628            Memorial Bench.**

The Clerk agreed to chase the Caretaker to review the current benches in the dale and identify any in a poor state of repair as a potential for replacement so a response could be provided to Mrs Jessop.

**05629            Planning definition of a ruin.**

The Clerk confirmed receipt of a response to this question put to the planning department at the National Park (NPA). The advice given was as follows: “the crucial difference when it comes to favourable planning guidance being given is whether the building is a good quality traditional building in a reasonable state of repair which can be converted without much in the way of rebuilding or alterations/extensions and relationship to existing dwellings and access arrangements. If such a building meets these criteria then we have ‘building conservation’ orientated policies which can favour their conversion.

However when it comes to what you might describe as ruins, there is seldom a good building conservation argument to retain and/or rebuild them. The national park has many ruins and they do not necessarily harm the character or appearance of the landscape indeed in some instances the introduction of a rebuild to create a dwelling with all the associated paraphernalia and comings and goings could have a far greater negative impact on the landscape than simply leaving the ruins in place or if unlisted re-using the stone for another project”.

**05630            Southern Area Forum meeting.**

The Chair reported on the Joint Forum meeting held on 4 August which included several useful presentations followed by a short meeting which raised no issues.

**05631            Ryedale Citizens Advice Bureau request for financial support.**

The Clerk advised the Council of the request for financial support which had been received from the Ryedale Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). The Council felt that as every effort was being made to limit expenditure it was not appropriate to offer financial support to the CAB. The Clerk agreed to write to the CAB with the decision.

**05632            Mencap request for financial support.**

The Clerk advised the Council of the request for financial support which had been received from the Scarborough branch of Mencap. The Council felt that as every effort was being made to limit expenditure it was not appropriate to offer financial support to this organisation. The Clerk agreed to write to Mencap with the decision.

**05633            Filming in Rosedale.**

The Clerk circulated a letter from a student film company advising the Council that filming was planned near Hill Cottages for a couple of half days and confirming that no damage and minimal disruption would be experienced.

**05634            Vehicle activated sheep warning signs.**

The Clerk advised the Council of a letter received from NPA advising of the trial siting of a number of mobile vehicle-activated “Slow Down” signs on the moors roads around Rosedale with a view to reducing the number of sheep deaths. The Council welcomed the trial.

**05635            Finance.**

A cheque was signed for the Caretaker’s July invoice (£477.18) by the Chair. As no second signatory was present the Council asked the Clerk to request a second signature outside the meeting.

**05636            New Planning Applications.**

The Clerk confirmed there were no new applications for the Council to consider.

**05637            Planning Applications determined.**

Three planning decisions have been advised to the Council:

NYM/2009/0212/FL Application for construction of raised decking with external staircase together with erection of toilet block (retrospective) at 12 & 13 Rosedale Abbey – granted with conditions.

NYM/2009/0347/FL Application for erection of a single storey side extension at Bank Farm House, Rosedale West - granted with conditions.

NYM/2009/0350/FL Application for construction of a detached garage/ store building at Bank Farm House, Rosedale West - granted with conditions.

**Any Other Business.**

The Chair proposed the formation of a sub-committee to progress the affordable housing project. The Chair proposed himself and Councillor Hebron. Councillor Gage proposed herself. The Council agreed the formation of the committee and accepted the proposed membership. The formation of this sub-committee will be ratified at the next meeting. The Chair agreed to regularly inform the Council of progress.

Councillor Dent asked if any progress had been made on the issue of a lack of lighting at the road junction at the Orange Tree. The Clerk confirmed this matter was still with County Councillor Val Arnold and agreed to contact her again for a progress report.

Councillor Gage advised the Council that the fence in the gap in the roadside wall between The Orange Tree and the Chapel had come down and that this represented a

danger to pedestrians. The Council asked the Clerk to contact the Headmaster of the Headlands School to request this fence is repaired.

**Next Meetings.**

It is proposed that the next meeting of the Parish Council should be held on **Thursday 10 September 2009** at **7.00pm** in the Rosedale Reading Room.

The date for the October meeting was also changed to **15 October** from 8 October.