

Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 May 2009.

Members Present

Councillors: Trevor Dale (Chair), Howard Hebron, Maisie Storey, Linda Sugars, Angela Gage, Ena Dent, Henry Brown, June Scarth.

Apologies: Linda Blackburne, Sue Austermuhle.

In attendance: 1 member of the public

05559 Election of Chair of the Parish Council.

Councillor Dale was proposed for the position of Chair of the Parish Council by Councillor Hebron and seconded by Councillor Dent. The proposal was carried and Councillor Dale accepted the appointment until the next Annual Meeting in May 2010.

05560 Election of Vice Chair of the Parish Council.

The Chair advised the Council that Councillor Austermuhle was not intending to stand as Vice Chair. Councillor Hebron was proposed for the position of Vice Chair of the Parish Council by Councillor Dale and seconded by Councillor Dent. The proposal was carried and Councillor Hebron accepted the appointment until the next Annual Meeting in May 2010.

05561 Questions and statements from the public.

The Clerk confirmed that two issues had been raised by members of the public.

- The Chair read an email from a Thorgill resident requesting confirmation of the duties of the Village Caretaker in respect of a drainage ditch in Thorgill. The Council asked the Clerk to seek confirmation of the exact problem being raised by the resident.
- The Council welcomed a local resident to the meeting. The resident raised the matter of the clearance of the grass verges in the dale by the Caretaker and the consequent impact on wild life and wild flowers in these areas. The resident also asked the Council to confirm the Caretaker was following County Council Policy in this area. Councillor Scarth advised the Council that she had received a complaint that the verges were being cut at the wrong time of year.

The Chair noted the improvement in road safety resulting from the cutting of the verges and Councillor Dent raised the issue of reduced levels of roadkill on roads with cut verges.

The resident acknowledged the road safety aspect but asked if just the areas adjacent to the roads could be cut with the rest left alone.

The Chair asked the Clerk to contact North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) to ask for guidance on this matter as it appeared that no such advice had been received for some years.

The Chair thanked the resident for her interest and committed to further investigate this issue.

05562 Community Group Update.

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

05563 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 9 April 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05564 Matters outstanding with County Councillor Arnold.

The Clerk conveyed Councillor Arnold's apologies for not being able to attend the meeting but advised the Council of a conversation with Councillor Arnold which included the following points:

- Work funded by Ryedale District Council (RDC) on the Public Toilets in Rosedale Abbey are due to start imminently with temporary facilities being made available in an adjacent field,
- The NYCC Highways department will be undertaking road patching work on the Hutton Le Hole to Rosedale road,
- Highways are also considering re-raising the earth barriers on the edge of the road coming down Chimney Bank to improve road safety. Further investigation is also being undertaken as to the possibility of placing chevrons on the bank to also aid road safety,
- Highways are also considering the suggestion that road side salt piles should be numbered to allow targeted replenishment,
- Road side salt piles will be replenished after the summer,
- Responses to other points will follow in due course.

05565 First Responder scheme.

The Clerk advised the Council that the Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) had been in touch and were looking at two possible communications solutions. YAS representatives were planning to visit Rosedale to undertake further investigations. No developments were reported with the mobile phone operators despite further email correspondence but the Clerk confirmed this was still being progressed.

The Clerk agreed to contact Yorkshire Forward to ask if they could assist in securing mobile phone coverage in the dale as a community project similar to the Moorsweb broadband project.

05566 Southern Area Forum (SAF).

The next meeting of the SAF is scheduled for 26 May at 7pm at the Reading Room in Rosedale. The Clerk confirmed the issue of stiles had been raised and included on the agenda. Councillors Gage, Dent and Storey agreed to provide refreshments for the meeting.

05567 Rosedale Public Toilets.

The Clerk reported that RDC had confirmed that the temporary toilets were being placed presently and that work on the toilet block would commence on 18 May lasting for around 14 weeks given reasonable weather. The work is being undertaken by MJ Builders and Plasterers of Scarborough.

05568 Highways issues.

The Clerk reported no further progress on highways issues other than those included in minute 05564 above.

05569 Village name sign (Chimney Bank).

The Clerk confirmed that contact had been made with the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYM NPA) requesting assistance in securing and possibly funding a village name sign similar to the ones on other roads into the village. The NYM NPA had confirmed the local Park Ranger would contact the Clerk to discuss. This had not happened before the meeting.

Councillor Brown confirmed that there was no village name sign on Heygate Lane. The Clerk agreed to include this in the discussion with the Park Ranger.

05570 Planning Application relating to Southside, Alders Road

The Chair read an email sent by the Clerk to the Senior Area Planning Officer at NYM NPA asking for details of the basis for the decision to allow changes to the planning application submitted in respect of developments opposite School Row and to indicate why the views of the Parish Council seem to have been ignored. The Clerk confirmed a response was still awaited.

05571 Dangerous motor cycle riding in the village.

The Clerk confirmed contact had been made with the Pickering Police and that they had expressed interest in further understanding the nature of the Parish Council's concerns and in working with the Council to resolve the problem. The Clerk was awaiting confirmation that PC Marsden would be able to attend the meeting in June.

05572 Equality and Human Rights Commission "Public Sector Duties".

The Clerk advised the Council that changes in the requirements placed on the Council to ensure it does not discriminate against any group are forthcoming and that current policies in place concerning this matter may need to be updated. The Clerk confirmed no action was required at present but that the Council should be aware this will change.

05573 RDC notification of changes to BT payphones.

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of a letter from RDC enclosing an advisory note from BT confirming its intention to convert several payphones in the district from cash to cashless facilities. This change is designed to reduce the cost of operation and the risk of theft and vandalism. The payphone at Hill Cottages is included on the list. Councillor Gage asked for a copy of the letter.

The Council asked the Clerk to contact BT and object to the conversion of the payphone on the grounds of the use by the children at the field centre, the lack of mobile coverage, the lack of a nearby shop selling phone cards and the number of walkers and other visitors using the area.

05574 Finance.

The Clerk presented the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2009 for completion and approval by the Council. The Clerk confirmed the Accounts had been internally audited with satisfactory results. The Return was completed and accepted by the Council and signed on its behalf by the Chair.

The Clerk pointed out the net increase in reserves of £783.67 during the year but also noted the over payment by the NYM NPA of £365.54 in the grant for the Caretaker. This sum is likely to be reclaimed in 2009/10.

A cheque was signed for the Caretaker's April invoice (£509.93).

A cheque was signed for the Council's insurance premium for 2009/10 (£289.48).

The Clerk agreed to arrange for the bank mandate to be changed to remove Councillor Austermuhle and add Councillor Hebron.

05575 New Planning Applications.

Three new planning applications have been received for consideration by 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. Councillor Brown declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision. The Council discussed this issue and resolved to object to the wood cladding finish to the toilet block as it is considered not to be in keeping with other property in the conservation area.
- NYM/2009/0246/FL Application for demolition of sheds and construction of a single storey extension at End Cottage, Chimney Bank, Rosedale Abbey. The Council resolved not to object to this development.
- NYM/2009/0259/NEW Application for formation of a wildlife pond in an existing wetland area at Low Bell End, Rosedale Abbey. The Chair declared an interest in this development and took no part in the decision. The Council resolved not to object to this development.

05576 Planning Applications determined.

One planning decision has been advised to the Council.

NYM/2008/0823/RM Application for reserved matters for erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and general purpose agricultural building at Southside, Alders Road, Rosedale – granted with conditions.

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of the Appeal Decision relating to an application made by Flower of May Holiday Park for the Rosedale Abbey Caravan and Camping Park. The Chair read the decision to the Council which varied three conditions previously imposed by the NYM NPA planning department.

Any Other Business.

Councillor Storey advised the Council that the memorial seat discussed in the two previous meetings had now been purchased by Mr and Mrs Dowson and placed in Thorgill. Councillor Storey confirmed that Mr and Mrs Dowson had also indicated they would maintain the seat at least for the foreseeable future.

Councillor Gage expressed concern about pedestrian safety on the narrow road between “Graze on the Green” and the Coach House Inn and suggested the introduction of a one way system to alleviate the need for vehicles to mount the kerb in order to pass oncoming vehicles. The Council discussed the matter but resolved that, given there had been no accidents on this piece of road and that the one way route would take traffic past the school, no action should be taken to further consider this change.

Next Meeting.

It is proposed that the next meeting of the Parish Council should be held on **Thursday 11 June 2009 at 7.00pm** in the Rosedale Reading Room.