

Rosedale East and West

Parish Council Report – May 2009

On 14 May 2009 the Parish Council held three meetings on one night! These were the Annual Parish Meetings for the East and West Side Parishes followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The Annual Parish Meetings have to be held each year and are the opportunity for the local residents to be updated on what's been happening in the Parish Council during the last year and to ask questions of the Councillors. These meetings were very unfortunately poorly attended. The Council will try to make more local residents aware of these meetings next year.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council has to be held in May each year and is a normal monthly meeting with the exception that the Chair and Vice Chair have to be elected for the coming year.

The key issues discussed included:

- 1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair** – the Council is pleased to announce that Councillor Trevor Dale has been re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council. Councillor Austermuhle, the outgoing Vice Chair, has decided not to re-stand and the Council thanks her for her service as Vice Chair since she took on the role in August 2004. The Council is pleased to announce that Councillor Hebron has been elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council.
- 2. Rosedale First Responder Scheme** – we are hopeful that the problem of communications may be solved – the Yorkshire Ambulance Service are considering a couple of options which may resolve the problem. The various approaches made to the mobile phone operators are proceeding very slowly with none of them expressing any interest in helping out.
- 3. Rosedale Abbey Public Toilets** – you may have seen that work has started in the placement of temporary facilities. Real work is supposed to begin next week and should run for 14 weeks.
- 4. Village Caretaker** – Our caretaker continues to do an excellent job for us all. We have had some comments about the cutting of the grass verges which we are looking into. Concern has been expressed that the cutting back being done is damaging wildlife and wild plants. The Council is taking advice from the County Council on best practice and will ensure this advice is followed.

The Council thanks all those who have made their comments known to Councillors or to the Caretaker himself. This is a service for residents and visitors alike so we need to ensure it is delivering what we all want.

- 5. Hill Cottages Payphone** – the Council has been made aware that BT are planning to make the payphone at Hill Cottages into card only operation i.e. no cash. The Parish Council has objected to this with BT. If you want to add your weight to

this argument please contact BT at bt.authorisation.team@bt.com quoting payphone number 01751 417211.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11 June 2009 at 7.00pm in the Updale Reading Room. If you have any points you would like to raise please contact one of the Councillors or the Clerk who will all be happy to help.

Rosedale East & West Parish Councillors

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