

**Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council Meeting held on
22 October 2009.**

Members Present

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

Apologies: Sue Austermuhle, Linda Sugars, Henry Brown.

In attendance: Duncan Herd (Community Group), David Loxley (Chair of Hartoft Parish Meeting).

05663 Questions and statements from the public.

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

05664 Community Group update.

There was no update on the general activities of the Community Group given to the meeting.

05665 Affordable Housing.

Councillor Hebron updated the Council on the meeting of the subcommittee formed to address this matter held on 5 October 2009. This meeting had agreed to update the survey of needs for affordable housing that had previously been undertaken in 2006. David Loxley agreed that the survey should include Hartoft Parish to establish if there was a requirement for affordable housing in the Parish which could be satisfied by a development in Rosedale Abbey, should this occur. The Clerk had circulated a draft letter to accompany the survey questionnaire document which was agreed by the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Colin Huby, Rural Housing Enabler at Ryedale District Council, to start the survey.

Councillor Hebron confirmed that the Village Caretaker would be asked to deliver the questionnaires to every household in the Rosedale and Hartoft Parishes as soon as they were ready.

The Clerk agreed to invite David Loxley to future subcommittee meetings.

05666 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 September 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05667 Road safety issues.

The Clerk confirmed that the Highways Department had been contacted regarding the speed restriction and warning signs but that no response had been received. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.

05668 Neighbourhood Watch.

Councillor Hebron noted that there had been a reasonable turnout at the meeting on 14 September 2009 but that to date no one had offered to coordinate the local scheme. The meeting however agreed that most residents undertook informal neighbourhood watch activities already but that to formalise this would be better.

05669 Street light at the Orange Tree/ Craven Garth road junction.

The Clerk noted that efforts were still underway to identify the appropriate point of contact at Ryedale District Council responsible for street lighting.

05670 First Responder scheme.

The Clerk advised the Council that the Ambulance Service had again suggested a system using landlines was possible and that they would work on developing this model. The Clerk agreed to continue to push the Ambulance Service to move this project forward.

05671 Highways issues.

Councillor Storey advised the Council that the collapse of a drain at the roadside on Thorgill Road between Hobb House Farm and Thorgill House was getting worse and needed attention. The Clerk confirmed that the Highways Department had been contacted but agreed that further contact was necessary given the hazard the drain posed and the further deterioration.

The Clerk also agreed to follow up the outstanding question already posed to the Highways Department regarding the coating and gravelling of the road to Pickering follow the patching work already undertaken.

05672 Village name signs.

The Clerk confirmed contact had been made with the Highways Department who have agreed to issue the appropriate licences for the two signs to be erected on the selected sites. The Clerk also confirmed that the National Park Authority had confirmed that no planning application or advertising was necessary for these signs. The Clerk noted that a response was still awaited from Mr Winn-Darley in respect of siting of the Chimney Bank sign on his land. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.

05673 Memorial Bench.

Councillor Hebron indicated he still awaited a response from the Caretaker on the state of the current benches in the dale and he agreed to chase this up so a response could be provided to Mrs Jessop.

05674 Development Plans at the Headlands Field Centre.

Councillor Gage confirmed the damaged gate had been repaired. The Clerk read an email from the School's Premises Manager indicating that the previously agreed plans to develop access and parking at the Centre were still expected to be started within the time limit of the consent.

05675 Village Pond.

Councillor Hebron confirmed that the Caretaker had surveyed the pond's water feed and concluded that there was insufficient water flowing due to the low rainfall level to clear the build up of silt in the pipes. Councillor Hebron agreed to ask the Caretaker to review the situation further after the next period of significant rainfall. Dependent on the results of this survey it may be necessary to consider tapping into alternative drains to improve the water flow.

05676 Hill Cottages road edge repairs.

Councillor Gage reported that the repairs to the edging stones had been completed by the Highways Department.

05677 Spaunton Court Leet funding request.

The Clerk confirmed that an application had been made to the Court Leet for a contribution to the costs of the Caretaker's activities on Spaunton Estate land but that no response has yet been received.

05678 Rural Manifesto response.

The Clerk had circulated a response sent on behalf of the Council to the Rural Services Network in reply to their request for contributions to their new manifesto. The Council approved the document.

05679 NYM NPA Planning Parish Training.

The Chair confirmed he had attended the training session which had focussed on the enforcement of planning restrictions, on affordable housing and on the use of holiday lets as long term rental property. The Clerk circulated two Design Guide documents prepared by the Planning Department on the general principles of design and on extensions and alterations to dwellings. The Council asked the Clerk to obtain further copies.

05680 Future Council Meeting dates.

The Clerk had circulated a timetable of proposed meeting dates for 2010 which the Council agreed.

05681 Change in Footpath route – Woodlands Farm.

The Council noted the confirmation of the previously discussed footpath route change.

05682 NYCC Winter Service – Salt Bins and Heaps.

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of a sample scorecard which the Highways Department are intending to use to assess whether salt bins and heaps are required in their present location. Any bins or heaps that do not score sufficient points will not be replenished in future. The Council resolved to await the outcome of the review and consider its position at that time.

The Council asked the Clerk to convey their appreciation to the Highways Department for the recent replenishment of the salt heaps.

05683 Southern Area Parish Forum Meeting.

The Clerk advised the Council that the next Southern Area Forum meeting was scheduled for 7pm on 10 November 2009 at the Darley Memorial Hall in Lastingham.

05684 Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) Regional Waste Conference.

The Clerk advised the Council that the YLCA were holding a conference on waste management and climate change on 6 November 2009 at the Pavilions, Harrogate.

05685 Temporary Road Closures - Heygate Bank and Chimney Bank.

The Clerk advised the Council that notices had been received confirming the temporary closure of the two roads for resurfacing and repair work at various times in the next three months.

05686 Tree felling at Copper Beeches in Rosedale Abbey.

The Clerk confirmed that the National Park had advised the Council that a wind damaged large beech tree was being felled in the village at short notice.

05687 CPRE AGM invitation.

The Clerk notified the Council that an invitation had been received from the Campaign to Protect Rural England to their AGM on 31 October 2009 at the National Park offices in Helmsley.

05688 Finance.

Cheques were signed for the Caretaker's September and October invoice (£450.04), for the Clerks 2nd quarter salary and expenses (£306.59), for a donation to the Royal British Legion for a wreath (£30.00) and for a donation to the Reading Room Committee for the use of the Room for Council meetings (£120.00).

The Council noted the increase in Clerk's salary rate of 1.29% which had been confirmed by the Society of Local Council Clerks and the receipt of the second instalment of the Parish Precept of £2,035.00 from Ryedale District Council.

05689 New Planning Applications.

No new planning applications had been received for consideration.

05690 Planning Applications determined.

NYM/2009/0400/FL Application for variation of conditions 3 and 4 of NYM/2008/0066/FL to allow for an extension of season for caravan site use from 14 February to 14 January in the following season at Rosedale Caravan and Camping Park, Rosedale Abbey – granted with conditions.

NYM/2009/0500/CU Application for retrospective change of use of residential dwelling to Guest House at August Guest House, 3 Plane Trees, Rosedale East - refused.

Any Other Business.

Councillor Scarth made the Council aware that there had been reports of rats being seen in the centre of the village and that steps had been taken to resolve the problem.

Councillor Scarth also advised the Council that the public toilet lights had been reported to be on at night but that the timer had now been altered to turn them off. Councillor Hebron agreed to check the street lights in the village and report any which were broken to the District Council.

Councillor Hebron advised the Council that at a meeting held on 23 September 2009 with the National Park it was raised that Leader funding for additional work undertaken by the Caretaker outside his normal duties was available. Councillor Hebron asked the Council to identify any additional activities that would be beneficial and to let him know.

The Council approved the signing of a cheque for the purchase of the village Christmas tree prior to the next meeting if it was necessary.

The Clerk advised the Council that a further email had been received complaining about the excessive strimming undertaken by the Caretaker. Councillor Hebron agreed to raise this with him.

The Clerk asked the Council to approve the controlled temporary release of old Council records to the History Society for research purposes. Approval was granted.

Next Meeting.

The Council noted that the date for the November meeting had changed to **Thursday 3 December 2009** from 12 November 2009.