

## **Minutes of the Rosedale East and West Parish Council Meeting held**

**on Thursday 9 April 2009.**

### **Members Present**

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

Apologies: June Scarth.

In attendance: County Councillor Val Arnold.

#### **05540 Questions to County Councillor Val Arnold.**

The Chair welcomed County Councillor Val Arnold to the meeting. Councillor Arnold confirmed that her Kirkbymoorside constituency covered the Rosedale parishes. Councillor Arnold conveyed the apologies from Councillor Janet Frank from Ryedale District Council (RDC) who was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health. The Chair asked Councillor Arnold to convey the Parish Council's best wishes to Councillor Frank for a speedy recovery.

Councillor Arnold thanked the Clerk for the advance notice of the main points of discussion raised by the Council. Councillor Arnold responded to each point in turn:

- The poor state of local roads – Councillor Arnold agreed that many of the roads were in poor condition. She confirmed that starting on Tuesday 14 April a general maintenance unit from the Highways department was starting a month long program of drainage, pothole and kerb patching in a wide area including Rosedale. The program is being managed by Richard Collier. Councillor Arnold agreed to discuss the program with Richard and identify what work was planned in Rosedale and when this work was to be scheduled and to convey this information to the Parish Council.
- Salt pile replenishment – Councillor Arnold agreed the replenishment of salt piles in rural areas had been poor in the recent winter period and sited the extreme weather causing high workloads and insufficient salt stocks as contributory factors. In the case of Rosedale the Highways department had also been confused by the fact there are two Daleside Roads, one on each side of the dale. Councillor Arnold confirmed that Highways were undertaking a review of the siting and replenishment of salt piles/ bins and agreed to ask them to pass a copy of the review report to the Parish Council for comments. Councillor Arnold also confirmed that the piles would not be replenished now until September or October.

Councillor Dent asked Councillor Arnold to investigate the use of a molasses coating on the salt which had allegedly had to be washed off prior to effective use leading to a significant financial waste. Councillor Arnold agreed to look into this issue and report back to the Parish Council.

Councillor Hebron suggested the individual salt piles or bins should be numbered so that they were easy to identify and would allow requests for the replenishment of specific bins to be requested. Councillor Arnold agreed to raise this point with Highways.

- Chimney Bank road safety – Councillor Arnold referred to a discussion with Highways where they suggested the siting of black and white chevrons to warn of sharp bends but where they also asked for input on this issue from the Parish Council. The Parish Councillors made several suggestions including:
  - the building up of the eroded bank on the outside edge of the main bend,
  - better signage warning of the steep slope, narrow bridge and the unsuitability of the road for certain vehicles with a diversion route from Hutton Le Hole probably via Lavington,
  - the use of reflective post markers to guide drivers in poor weather conditions,
  - the notification of the restrictions to SatNav system manufacturers, and
  - the possibility of closing the road in extreme weather conditions.

Councillor Arnold agreed to take the suggestions to the Highways department for investigation.

- Refurbishment of the Public Toilets – Councillor Arnold confirmed funding had been approved for the refurbishment, tenders had been awarded and that work was due to start on 27 April lasting for around 12 weeks. Councillor Arnold asked the Council if they could suggest a site for the temporary toilets needed for the duration of the work. The Council suggested the adjacent field and Councillor Arnold agreed to ask RDC's property manager to contact the tenant and seek his agreement. Councillor Arnold also agreed to confirm that planning consent was either unnecessary or was in hand and would ask the Property Manager to send a copy of the plans for the changes to the Parish Council for their information.
- Funding for a Children's play area and Reading Room improvements – Councillor Arnold advised the Council that the contact at RDC who can advise on possible grant funding would be Steve Mellalieu. The Clerk agreed to contact Steve and invite him to a future Parish Council meeting to meet both the Council and Community Group representatives. Councillor Arnold also made the Council aware that individual County Councillors had small discretionary funds available to support local initiatives but that these were now effectively frozen until after the next election in the summer.

Councillor Dent asked Councillor Arnold if she could enquire about the replacement of a street light on the junction of Daleside Road and the lane to Craven Garth as the lack of lighting at this junction is considered to be dangerous. Councillor Arnold agreed to follow up this request.

The Chair thanked Councillor Arnold for attending the meeting and for her positive responses to the points raised and looked forward to hearing from her on the outstanding items.

**05541 Questions and statements from the public.**

The Clerk confirmed none had been received that were not dealt with elsewhere in the agenda.

**05542 Community Group Update.**

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

**05543 Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting of 12 March 2009 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**05544 First Responder scheme.**

The Clerk confirmed no progress had been made with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service on this matter since the last meeting but a limited response had been received from the mobile phone operators. The Clerk confirmed this was still being progressed.

**05545 Southern Area Forum.**

The minutes of the meeting on Monday 9 February at Thornton Le Dale village hall were submitted to the meeting but there were no relevant points.

The Council noted that the next Forum meeting is scheduled for 26 May in the Reading Room. It was agreed that the arrangements for the forum meeting would be made at the next Council meeting. The Council asked the Clerk to submit an agenda item for that meeting relating to the use of stiles on local footpaths and the difficulty this causes for the less able bodied and for dogs.

**05546 Rosedale Public Toilets.**

This point was dealt with under minute 05540.

**05547 Highways issues.**

The Clerk confirmed that the Highways department had agreed to look into replacing the missing sign to Pickering at the bottom of Gill Lane in Rosedale Abbey village.

The other Highways issues were dealt with under minute 05540.

**05548 RDC – Register of Members' Interests.**

The Clerk confirmed that the “Notification by Member of a Local Authority of Registrable Interests” forms had been received from all but one Councillor who has now agreed to submit the form.

**05549 Memorial bench.**

Councillor Storey’s confirmed that contact had been made by Mr and Mrs Dowson and they were progressing with the purchase and siting of the memorial bench having obtained the relevant consents.

**05550 Rosedale Abbey Primary School playground access.**

The Clerk confirmed that letters had been sent to both the School Governors and the Church Warden concerning this matter. The Chair indicated that this matter was progressing well and would hopefully be fully resolved in the near future.

**05551 RDC Extraordinary Parish Liaison meeting.**

No Councillor was able to attend the meeting. The Clerk agreed to submit the minutes to the next meeting.

**05552 Planning query relating to Molly’s Farm Shop.**

The Clerk advised the Council that NYM NPA planning department had confirmed that planning consent for the changes to outbuildings at this location were required and were in hand.

Councillor Brown explained that the preparation of plans for the changes had been started some time ago but that due to the illness of the architect they were not submitted at the appropriate time.

**05553 NYM NPA response to request for better explanations of amended planning applications.**

The Clerk advised the Council of an emailed response to the query about the lack of details given concerning amendments made to revised planning applications. The Senior Planning Officer confirmed that a sheet detailing changes is normally sent out with amended plans to the Parish Council to assist Councillors to identify what changes had been made but acknowledged that in the case in question this had been very brief and had not explained why the changes were being made.

The Council expressed concern that in the case of the application NYM/2009/823/RM Southside, Alders Road, a considerable effort was made at the time of the original application to ensure minimum impact from this potential development and believes this has been significantly undone by the latest changes to which the Parish Council had objected (minute 05514 February meeting). The Council asked the Clerk to raise this point with the Planning Department again.

**05554 NYM NPA Development Framework Core Strategy.**

The Clerk advised the Council of the receipt of this document and agreed to circulate it for review.

**05555 RDC Civic Service invitation.**

The Clerk advised the Council of an invitation to a Civic Service. The Chair declined the invitation.

**05556 Finance.**

A cheque was signed for the Caretaker's March invoice (£365.00), for the annual subscription to the Yorkshire Local Council Association (£100.00) and to Interdirect Limited for the 2008/ 09 hosting of the Parish Council website (£176.25).

**05557 New Planning Applications.**

Two new planning applications have been received for consideration by the Council.

NYM/2009/0088/FL Application for construction of a rear extension and conversion of outbuildings to home office at High Thorgill Farm, Rosedale – no objection was raised.

NYM/2009/0193/FL Application for construction of a single storey side extension at Red House, Rosedale Abbey – no objection was raised.

**05558 Planning Applications determined.**

One new planning decisions has been advised to the Council. NYM/2009/0056/FL Application for siting of an oil tank (retrospective) at The Oaks, Gill Lane, Rosedale Abbey – granted with no conditions.

**Any Other Business.**

Councillor Hebron asked that any work appropriate to the Village Caretaker be communicated to himself to be passed to the Caretaker at their weekly meeting. The Clerk agreed to add this to the Uphill Downtdale notes.

Councillor Blackburne raised the matter of the silting up of the village pond and the problems associated with a lack of water flowing into it. Councillor Hebron agreed to investigate options that might be available.

The Chair advised the Council that he had been approached by a resident to complain about the danger at times of poor visibility of meeting delivery lorries on the road from Hutton Le Hole. The Council acknowledged that while the relative narrowness of the road would exacerbate this problem there was no action the Council could take to reduce the risk other than remind drivers to exercise care in poor conditions. Warnings are already in place relating to the unsuitability of the road for large vehicles but it would not be practical to impose a complete ban.

The Council have been asked if they can continue the program of daffodil planting as the results are considered to be very beneficial. The Chair agreed this could be looked at in September.

The Council resolved to have the hanging baskets made up again this year and Councillor Hebron agreed to ask the Caretaker to collect the baskets. Councillor Sugars agreed to arrange for them to be made up.

The Clerk agreed to approach the NYM NPA to enquire about the provision of a "Rosedale Abbey" sign to be placed on Chimney Bank in a similar style to the ones on the other routes into the village.

Councillor Brown advised the Council of the significant number of motor cycles which came into the village over the last weekend, some of whom were riding quickly and in a dangerous manner. The Clerk agreed to contact the Police Community Liaison Officer to investigate if any preventative action could be taken.

### **Next Meeting.**

It is proposed that the next meeting of the Parish Council which will be the AGM should be held on **Thursday 14 May 2009** at **7.30pm** in the Rosedale Reading Room. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meetings for the East and West Side Parishes at 7.00pm and 7.15pm respectively.