

Minutes of the Rosedale Parish Council Meeting held on 10 January 2013

Members present:

Councillors: Ena Dent (Chair), Henry Brown (Vice Chair), Sue Austermuhle, Richard Dent, Angela Gage, June Scarth, Maisie Storey, John Sugden, Richard Wilkinson

In attendance: Four members of the public

06419 Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies from Councillor Jones were accepted by the Council. No declarations of interest were made.

06420 Questions and statements from the public

No notice of any questions or statements had been received.

06421 Community Group update

The Chair read an e-mail from Colin Westwood which said that the deadline for comments to the Parish Plan had been extended to late February.

06422 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 November 2012 be accepted as a true record.

06423 Clerk's report

The Clerk's report was noted by the Council. This informed the Council that:

- the National Park Authority had received an application for a certificate of lawful use from the campsite, and upon validation the Parish Council would be consulted;
- that there was confusion on what non-Council notices could be displayed on Council noticeboards;
- that an e-mail had been received from Karen Bentley of the supermobile service asking for ideas on how the service could be more widely used;
- that replies were still awaited from the National Park Authority and the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations regarding the Caretaker's status as a contractor;
- that an e-mail had been received from a member of the public complaining that the road mirror at the White Horse was too small;
- that so far, no information had been found on who was responsible for future upkeep of any of the benches in the dale;
- that the Parish Plan group was interested in responses to its draft report;
- that the National Park Management Plan was available.

06424 New Homes Bonus

The Council noted that the deadline for applications was nearing.

Resolved: that the Chair would get in touch with Councillor Janet Frank to see how things were progressing..

06425 Winter gritting arrangements

The Council noted that the Highways Department had said that no extra grit would be available for Rosedale unless payment was made.

Resolved: that Councillors would pass on any information about where salt heaps were and were not needed to the Vice Chair;
that the Chair would contact Councillor Val Arnold to establish if there were any legal or insurance problems with the Caretaker spreading grit.

06426 Campsite shop

The Council felt that no new action could be taken at this stage.

06427 Use of noticeboards

Resolved: to allow notices from local businesses to be placed on Council noticeboards, subject to a time limit and a disclaimer to be displayed on the boards.

06428 This Exploited Land

Councillor Storey reported back from this project, but stressed that she was not involved as a Parish Council representative. She said that the project was hoping to put up more information displays in the dale, set up guided walks alongside the Walkers Are Welcome group, and look at and expose some of the trods. However the funding might take two years at least.

06429 Supermobile

Resolved: to invite Karen Bentley to address the Council and public at 7pm on 14 February, before the Council meeting.

06430 Broadband

The Council heard that the Moorsweb upgrade was proceeding.

06431 Caretaker's status

The Council noted an e-mail from Bernie McLinden which said that funding would not be affected by whether the Caretaker was an employee or a contractor, and that his activities would probably be covered by the Council's insurance, although this would need to be confirmed.

Resolved: to continue to press for answers from YLCA and Aon Insurance.

06432 Road mirror

Councillor Storey informed the Council that she had inspected the mirror for safety and there were no problems.

Resolved: that, although the Council agreed that the mirror was too small, it could not justify using public money for further mirrors;
that there was no reason for removing the present mirror;
to ask the Caretaker to look at the vegetation on the corner to see if visibility could be improved.

06433 Litter bins

The Council noted an e-mail from Councillor Janet Frank, saying that she would look into funding for bins. The Vice Chair said that he thought he had found suitable replacements.

06434 Memorial benches

The Council noted that the replacement bench for Bill Stamper was now in place, and that Mrs Stamper had been informed.

06435 Parish Plan request for feedback

The Council noted this request.

06436 Lights for tree on green

Councillor Storey said that she was considering placing white lights in the tree on the green to illuminate it on special occasions, to be paid for through fundraising rather than public money, subject to permission being obtained and support from the public.

Resolved: to place an item in the newsletter asking for opinions from residents, to be sent to Councillor Storey.

06437 Potholes in Thorgill

The Council noted that a few potholes had been filled before Christmas, but had since been washed out.

Resolved: that the Vice Chair and Councillor Richard Dent would meet with Richard Marr to discuss this; that the Chair would discuss the matter with Councillor Val Arnold.

(Councillor Jones arrived at this point.)

06438 Southern Area Forum meeting 13 November 2012 feedback

Councillor Scarth reported back from this meeting. She said that the issue of road surfaces had been brought up at the meeting, as well as that of mobile phone coverage, and that new Community Sustainable Grants had been set up to promote habitat and wildlife, community building, and local history.

06439 Southern Area Forum meeting 13 February 2013

The Chair and Councillors Scarth and Storey said they would attend this meeting.

Resolved: to place on the agenda the issues of gritting and drainage, school taxi service, tenders without consultation, mobile phone coverage, and clearing of vegetation on Chimney Bank.

06440 Finance

Cheques were written for the Caretaker's costs for November and December (£390.03) and the Clerk's salary and expenses (£538.81) and tax (£72.20). The Council also noted that a cheque to the Forestry Commission for the Christmas tree (£40) had been agreed and raised outside of the meeting. It was noted that Anne Wright had suggested that she may have to charge for the electricity given the current economic climate.

Resolved: to write thank-you letters to Trevor Dale and Anne Wright for obtaining the Christmas Tree and supplying the power; that the Council would pay a reasonable charge for the electricity for the tree if asked.

06441 Planning decisions received

NYM/2012/0686/FL Application for erection of shed, yurt and wood pellet store at The Orange Tree, Rosedale East. Approved with conditions.

NYM/2012/0520/FL Installation of replacement timber double glazed windows and doors together with extension of lean-to, insertion of rooflights and change of roof material to lean-to and relocation of oil tank at 23 Rosedale Abbey, Pickering. Approved with conditions.

06442 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 14 February at 7:30pm at the Reading Room, with a possible presentation by Karen Bentley before the meeting at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.