

Minutes of the Rosedale Parish Council Meeting held on 11 April 2013

Members present:

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

In attendance: Two members of the public

06471 Apologies and declarations of interest

No apologies or declarations of interest were made.

06472 Questions and statements from the public

No notice of any questions or statements had been received.

06473 Community Group update

No representative was present and no report had been received.

06474 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 March 2013 be accepted as a true record.

06475 Clerk's report

The Council noted the Clerk's report which said that:

- that the Caretaker was looking into suppliers for hanging baskets;
- that a member of the public had complained about items being returned to the sorting office rather than being delivered by the postal service;
- that the next Ryedale District Council Parish Liaison meeting would take place on 29 May;
- that the NYCC Ryedale Area Committee was looking for co-opted members;
- that the Caretaker had requested an increase in his hourly rate to £13.50 per hour;
- that the National Parks Authority LEADER scheme had now formally relinquished responsibility for the name signs and village pond, which had passed to the Parish Council.

06476 Hanging baskets

The Vice Chair said he would meet with the Caretaker to see if he had made any progress, and Councillor Storey offered to look into prices.

06477 Postal service

Resolved: that Councillor Gage would arrange to meet with the person in charge of the sorting office to discuss problems and look for a way forward.

06478 Daffodil bulbs

Resolved: that the Council would no longer plant daffodil bulbs in the dale; to explain this decision in the newsletter.

06479 "Road Closed" sign at Chimney Bank

The Council heard that the "Road Closed" signs had not always been put up and taken down promptly, and was often left untidily at the side of the road. The Council heard that the White Horse had offered to store the sign when it wasn't needed

Resolved: to contact Highways to find out who is responsible for putting up and taking down the sign, what would be the legalities of local volunteers putting the sign up, and if it would be acceptable to store it locally.

06480 Ryedale District Council Parish Liaison Meeting 29 May 2013

Resolved: That the Chair and Councillors Scarth and Storey would try to attend; that the issues of rural roads (potholes, salting and gullies) and mobile phone signals should be placed on the agenda.

06481 North Yorkshire County Council Ryedale Area Committee - nominations for co-opted member

The Council heard that candidates for this post did not need to be endorsed by the Council, and therefore felt it was a matter of personal choice.

06842 Finance

Cheques were written for the Caretaker's March 2013 costs (£133.49) and the Council's membership of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (£109). The Vice Chair informed the Council that he would be meeting with Bernie McLinden of the National Park Authority regarding verge management, and that the Caretaker would not be verge cutting before then.

The Council then considered the Caretaker's request for an increase in his costs from £10 an hour to £13.50. The Council believed that as the Caretaker was a self-employed contractor rather than an employee, it would not be possible to alter the contract in this way without putting it out to tender.

Resolved: that the Vice Chair would explain this to the Caretaker and ask how he would like to proceed;
to check with other parishes what they pay their Caretakers.

06843 Date and time of next meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7:30pm on 9 May. This would follow the Annual Parish Meetings of Rosedale East Side (7.00pm) and Rosedale West Side (7.15pm).