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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 9th October 2019.

Present: Mr. B. Warcup (Chairman)
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. I. Simmonds
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mrs. S. Rhodes
Ms. J. Hobson (Clerk)

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs Tompkin, Mrs Potter, Mr Rawlings and Mr Shanks

The Chair confirmed that Mr Shanks would now breach his duty as a Parish Councillor by failing to attend any meeting of the council for a period of six consecutive months from the last elections. It was agreed by all that the reason for Mr Shanks' absence was to be approved as reasonable and as such Mr Shanks would remain as a member of the Parish Council.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting 21st August 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

4. Public Representations

There were no members of the public present.

5. Matters Arising:

- (i) Church Steps

The Chair suggested that in the absence of Mr Shanks, this topic be moved to the next meeting, this was agreed by all.

- (ii) Bosville Arms

Mr Simmonds reported that negotiations between the private investor and the owner had ceased with no agreement being made. Mr Simmonds had sent an email to the owner on behalf of the community expressing an interest in purchasing the site. The Bosville Arms Committee would proceed with fund raising.

- (iii) Corner Garden Sustainability

The Chair confirmed that he still had not managed to make contact with Mr Jon Traill from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust despite his repeated attempts to do so. It was noted that this was a disappointing situation.

The Chair thanked Mr Smallwood for all his efforts on this project and for his kind donation of all the bird feed that Mr Smallwood had purchased last winter.

(iv) Playing Field Bridge

Mr Wood and Mr Overfield reported that they had not had chance to paint the bridge as it was proving difficult to pin down a suitable time when the weather was agreeable and when the bridge would not be in use so that the paint could dry. However, it was reported that the bridge was now in a worse state and would probably be better replaced rather than just painted. It was also noted that the steps and the fence at the back of the playing field were unsafe and required some attention. It was requested that the Clerk contact the Playing Field Committee to ask them to take action on these two matters.

6. Clerk's Position

The Chair confirmed that there had now been several applicants for this position. It was suggested that the Chair along with the Chair at Burton Agnes PC take the lead on the recruitment of a suitable Clerk and only consult the rest of the members if there was any disagreement between the two Chair's, this was agreed by all.

7. Street Lighting

The Chair reported that the Clerk had, as requested, sought a quotation for the replacement of the streetlights with LED bulbs. ERYC Street Lighting Team had since stated that the older style lighting within Rudston was no longer supported by the manufacturers and as such would need to be replaced over the next few years. The cost quoted by ERYC to replace the lanterns would be in excess of £5000, however, ERYC had suggested that the Parish Council consider switching from an SL2 Service Level Agreement to a SL1 Service Level Agreement as this would mean that the lanterns would be replaced as and when necessary. The Parish Council were currently paying £2382.76 per year for the SL2 agreement plus electricity. The cost of the SL1 Agreement would be £2093.18 per year and would come down as old lanterns were replaced. It was noted that having the electricity supplied through ERYC had the advantage of bulk buy discounts which means cheaper tariffs. It was agreed by all that the Parish Council switch to the SL1 agreement with ERYC. A copy of the agreement was duly signed by Mr Warcup as Chairman.

8. Grass Cutting/Gates

The Chair read out a letter received from Mr Chatterton stating that it was he who had been cutting the grass and trimming back bushes and overhanging branches for the past 15 years. As there was some confusion as to who was paying for this service Mr Chatterton would not send a bill in to the Parish Council this year, doing the work for the benefit of the village. Mr Chatterton suggested that the Parish Council find someone else to fulfil the work from next year. Mr Chatterton also suggested that Mr Simmonds speak directly with Mr Macdonald regarding the gates. It was requested that the Clerk write a letter in response to Mr Chatterton thanking him for his work and stating that the Parish Council would make alternative arrangements from next year. Mr Simmonds and Mr Overfield agreed to speak with Mr Macdonald regarding the gates.

9. Brown Signs – Thorpe Hall

The Chair read out a letter received from ERYC in response to the Parish Council's request for Brown signs to be erected showing the way to Thorpe Hall. The letter stated that it was up to the owners of Thorpe Hall Caravan and Camping Site to purchase their own brown tourist signs. Mr Simmonds and Mr Overfield agreed to speak personally to Mr Macdonald at Thorpe Hall about this matter.

10. Planning Applications to be Considered

There were no new planning applications to be considered. It was reported that notification of an appeal had been received for Planning Application Ref 19/00040/CLREF – Certificate of lawfulness for the continued use of land as domestic curtilage at Westcroft Farm.

11. Payment of Accounts

Rudston Parish Council Transactions and Finance Statement for Aug & Sept

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current A/C</u>	<u>Deposit A/C</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening Balance	£191.75	£4023.44	£4215.19
Transfer of funds	£1000.00	(£1000.00)	
Tennis Club Resurfacing – from Tennis Club to PC	£2407.30		
Bowls Club Insurance Contribution	£40.88		
Tennis Club Resurfacing - Invoice Paid by PC	(£2407.20)		
Interest received		£1.95	
VAT Element Reimbursed to Tennis Club	(£401.20)		
Closing Balance	£831.53	£3025.39	£3856.92

Corner Garden Bird Feed Kitty (included in the balances above):

Balance remaining from Caythorpe Grant	£37.50
Plus anonymous donation received Aug 2018	£50.00
Plus donation received from Mrs Tompkin	£25.00
Plus donation received from Mrs Oliver	£100.47
<u>Balance as at 04 Oct 2019</u>	<u>£212.97</u>

The above transactions were received and approved by the members.

12. Correspondence

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council about the forthcoming Cluster Meeting to be held on Thursday 10th October at Foston Village Hall.

13. Members Village Issues

Mr Overfield reported that there was a dip on Water Lane which was full of muddy water and had been approached by a resident to ask if anything could be done about this. The Chair confirmed that this issue was repeatedly brought up at the Village Walkabouts but nothing ever seemed to get done. It was requested that something be put in the newsletter to ask for volunteers to help clear the problem.

Mr Rhodes reported that he had been asked by a resident whether horses were allowed to go on the path at the back of the field which he currently rents from the Parish Council. It was confirmed that this path was a bridleway which meant that horses were permitted to use the path but there were several sets of gates along the path.

The Chair reported on two issues raised via Mrs Tompkin. The first issue being the state of the footpath on the way up to the Church which had now become so dangerous it was proving safer to walk on the road. It was noted that this issue was another which was repeatedly raised at the Village Walkabouts, but which never seemed to get any attention from ERYC. It was requested that the Clerk contact Cllr Evison for some help with the matter.

The second issue was the speed of the traffic (including tractors) using Long Street. The Chair agreed to speak with Burton Agnes Renewables on the matter and see if any system of identifying speeding tractors could be put in place as was previously discussed but not initiated.

Mr Smallwood reported that the bin at Corner Garden was still not suitable for the amount of waste being collected and the bin was not been emptied regularly enough. The Chair confirmed that he had been assured that this bin would be emptied at the last Village Walkabout. It was requested that the Clerk chase this up. It was suggested that a lockable brown wheelie bin on a steel post like those found in many laybys might be more suitable. It was requested that the Clerk get a cost for one of these bins for consideration at the next meeting.

Mrs Starkey asked if there had been any further news from the Tree Protection Officer. Having heard no more on the subject, the Clerk agreed to chase this up again.

14. Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th December 2019, at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm