

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on

Wednesday, 13th December, 2017.

Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. B. Warcup (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. P. Wood
Mrs. S. Tompkin
Mr. C. Shanks
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr P. Pennock
Mrs. A. Starkey
Ms. J. Hobson (Clerk)
Cllr P Lisseter

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr S Rhodes and Mrs E Potter.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2017, were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Representations

There were no public representations.

5. Matters Arising:

(i) Emergency Plan Cupboard (item 5i)

The Clerk presented the details of a suitable cupboard for housing the Emergency Plan within the meeting room of the village hall. The cost of the cupboard would be £85 (excluding VAT). It was agreed by all that the Clerk should go ahead and purchase the cupboard online.

(ii) Bosville Arms (item 5iii)

It was agreed with regret that, unless more people were to come forward to volunteer, this project would be dropped for now.

(iii) Defibrillator Project No 2 (item 5iii, 23 Aug 2017)

It was reported that the Tesco Bags of Help application was successful as well as the Lissett Community Wind Farm Fund application, although it was noted that no formal offer had actually been received from Lissett as yet. Together with the donation from the North Wolds Lions Club there was

now enough funding to proceed with the project. It was agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and formally accept the Tesco funding offer.

The area of land on Eastgate which currently houses the noticeboard and has a nearby lamp post was proposed as a suitable site with a suitable electricity supply. It was requested that the Clerk seek advice from ERYC about using the lamp post as a power source.

6. Post Office Service

Mrs Tompkin reported that there had been no improvements to the situation as reported at the last meeting. The Clerk reported that Councillor Jane Evison was continuing to pursue the matter with the Post Office and would keep us informed of any responses.

Mrs Tompkin agreed to write to the local MP about the situation.

7. Southside Lane

Mr Overfield reported that during a conversation with Mr Harrison it had been stated that the Parish Council had given permission for the gate to be put up across Southside Lane. It had also been reported that the land owner wished to downgrade the lane from a highway to a bridleway. It was agreed that the Parish Council had not given any permission for the gate, they had only discussed the matter after the gate had been put up and not before. It was requested that the Clerk write to Mr McDonald and send a copy to Mr Harrison which clarified the situation and also advised that any such developments should be discussed with the Highways department at ERYC.

As an aside issue raised in connection with the above subject, Mr Overfield reported that his daughter had been having issues with motorcyclists using the bridleways inappropriately. It was agreed that if Mr Overfield's daughter could supply the Clerk with more detailed information, the matter would be reported to Inspector Cocker.

8. Overview & Scrutiny Topics

The Parish Council had been given the opportunity to once again submit suggested topics for the Overview & Scrutiny Committees to scrutinise. It was agreed that the topics of gritting of the highways especially on school bus routes and rural crime being given a higher priority especially that involving anti-social behaviour be submitted.

Councillor Lisseter apologised for having to leave early, wished everyone a Happy Christmas and then left the meeting at 8.10pm.

9. Street Names

It was reported that the Parish Council had been asked to submit a bank of suitable/meaningful street names for use by developers in the future. No suggestions were put forward at this time.

10. Centrica Fund

The Chair reported that there had been a recent meeting regarding the Centrica project. At that meeting it had been reported that the Centrica project would not be going ahead. The site was up for sale during 2016 but there had been no interest or offers. The site will be decommissioned and returned to primarily agricultural land by 2019. All buildings and civil works will be removed and all wells would be plugged and sealed. It was noted that this is likely to mean there will be an increased number of heavy lorries coming and going for a couple of years.

There had been a proposal that the remaining Environmental funding be given to the three local Parish Councils as a lump sum of £25,000 per parish which would need to be spent over the next two years.

This was to be agreed by a small funding committee with each parish represented. The Chair suggested that members have a think about suitable projects.

The next liaison meeting would be in March or April 2018.

11. Driffield School Twilight Bus Donation

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received the usual donation request letter from the Driffield School Twilight Bus service asking if the Parish Council would consider their usual donation of £40. It was agreed by all that the Parish Council would donate £40 again this year.

12. Village Walkabout Satisfaction Survey

It was reported that a survey had been received for the Parish Council to complete regarding the village walkabout that had taken place in June. The Clerk read out the questions and would submit the responses accordingly. It was generally noted that the Parish Council could see the benefit of the walkabout but it was disappointing that most of the work highlighted had not been completed.

13. Precept

The Clerk had issued members with the budget for the forthcoming financial year which highlighted that the Parish Council were running at a deficit at the current precept amount and as such it was recommended that the precept continue to be increased each year to allow the reserves to build back up a little. It was agreed that the precept for 2018/19 be set at £3750, an increase of £500 on the previous year.

14. Payment of Accounts

Rudston Parish Council Transactions and Finance Statement for October & November

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current A/C</u>	<u>Deposit A/C</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening Balance	£560.73	£4533.02	£5093.75
Village Hall Hire	(£15.00)		
Alan Byfield (Long Street Noticeboard)	(£235.00)		
Transfer from Deposit Account	£1000.000	(£1000.00)	
ERYC Street Lighting	(£1024.24)		
Interest		£0.37	
Closing Balance	£286.49	£3533.39	£3819.88

The above transactions were received and approved by the members.

Two cheques were signed by the Chair and Vice-Chair: one for payment of £75 to Mr Chatterton for the grass cutting on Dark Lane and one for the £40 donation to the Twilight Bus service.

15. Planning Applications

17/03895/PLF - Westerly House, High Street, Rudston - erection of two storey extension to the rear.

It was agreed that a no objection comment be submitted.

16. Correspondence

(i) The Clerk handed round a Christmas card that had been received from ERYC.

17. Members Village Issues

Mr Warcup reported three issues. The grit box on the junction of Eastgate/Long Street was empty. A nearby resident was having to empty the Corner Garden bin. A few residents had made enquiries as to whether Rudston could have a Christmas tree with lights as other villages did. The Chair confirmed that this had been investigated once before and was too cost prohibitive. Mrs Starkey suggested that this may be something which the Centrica Fund could help to fund in the future.

The Chair reported that the Gypsy Race was smelling again both near the Playing Field and at Water Lane. It was requested that the Clerk get in touch with the Environment Agency again and also chase up the Village Taskforce team as the matter was brought up during the village walkabout.

18. Dates, Time & Place of Next Year's Meetings

The dates for the next year's meetings were set as follows.

All to be held in the Village Hall on at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 31st January 2018

Wednesday 28th March 2018

Thursday 3rd May 2018

Wednesday 27th June 2018

Wednesday 22nd August 2018

Wednesday 10th October 2018

Wednesday 12th December 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.