

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 14th December, 2016.

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mrs. S. Tompkin
Mr. B. Warcup
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. J. Moorfoot
Mrs. E. Potter
Mr. R. Overfield
Mrs. A. Starkey
Ms. J. Hobson (Clerk)
Mr. P. Slack (Public Member in attendance to make a public representation)
+ 3 people observing

Apologies: Mr. C. Shanks

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October, 2016, were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Representations

The Chair invited Mr Slack to speak for 5 minutes. Mr Slack reported that he had attended in order to establish the council's views on the planning application for 7 dwellings at land north of Donna Farm House and to also air his own concerns. He had 2 main concerns – the access through Donna Fields and the effect of the increased traffic on the existing infrastructure.

5. Matters Arising:

i) Defibrillator (item 6 i)

The Chairman reported that he had received the defibrillator and had spoken to a local electrician about wiring up the equipment but was awaiting a price for this. He suggested that there were three stages to complete the installation of the equipment before it could be of use to the village – installation, administration and training. There would then be the ongoing regular maintenance to deal with.

Mr Warcup agreed to install the equipment but would require some help. Mrs Starkey agreed to maintain the equipment once fitted – this would involve regular checking of the battery and recording of such checks. A large part of the administration with regards to Health & Safety documents etc... would be taken care of by The Community Heartbeat Trust as part of the package purchased. Training was also part of the package purchased.

(ii) Emergency Plan (item 6 v)

The Chairman requested that this subject be carried forward to the next meeting. Agreed.

(iii) Corner Garden (item 6 v)

The Chairman reported that work was almost complete. He was still awaiting the signs but once these were fitted Centrica would be coming to take a photo. Mr Smallwood reported that the waste bins were an issue being overly full. It was requested that the Clerk speak to ERYC about getting the bins emptied on a regular basis.

(iv) Pathways re Corner Garden (item 7 i)

The Chairman reported that the Vicar and others were trying to obtain a plan of where the Church boundaries were as opposed to ERYC land. This was taking some time but once this has been established action would be taken to amend the path.

(v) Internet Banking

The Clerk confirmed that the Internet Banking was set up but HSBC now required a form signing to set the daily payment limit. This was set at £5000. The form was signed by two account signatories.

(vi) Twilight Bus Donation

The Clerk asked for confirmation that the council were in agreeance over donating £40 to the Driffield School Twilight Bus Service, a cheque for which was to be signed later in the meeting. Agreed.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes

(i) Westcroft (item 6v, 24th Aug 2016)

Following the news that planning permission had been granted for the above application the Chairman had e-mailed some questions to Stephen Hunt, Head of Planning regarding the decision as they contradicted previous conditions imposed on the property. Only an acknowledgement of the e-mail had been received to date.

(ii) High Street Bin (item 6vi, 24th August 2016)

The Clerk read out an e-mail response received from ERYC regarding the removal of the waste bin in question. This response suggested that ERYC had not taken any ownership of the bin despite the fact that they had removed it. ERYC would not be funding any replacement so if this was required the Parish Council would have to fund this. The approximate cost for purchasing and installation was given as £420.

Mr Warcup reminded the council that during the last Streetscene Village Walkabout the officer agreed that emptying the bin would be ERYC's responsibility. It was therefore requested that the Clerk respond to this e-mail pointing out that fact.

Mrs Starkey raised a related matter regarding dog waste. One of her neighbours had been forced to remove a bag of dog waste found near to her property as it had just been left there. Mrs Starkey pointed out that perhaps the lack of a suitable bin within the village was partly to blame. It was requested that the Clerk also raise this issue with ERYC.

7. Wren's Community Action Fund

The Chairman informed the council that a fund had opened up which may be of interest to the village with regards to supporting outdoor projects. The application deadline is 22nd Feb 2017. However, some match funding would be required if anyone had any ideas of suitable projects. It was requested that the Clerk send a copy to the village Playing Field Committee and the Village Youth Club.

8. Planning – 7 Dwellings at Land North of Donna Farm House

The council discussed their concerns over the sewage treatment, access and general size and suitability of the development within the village. The Chairman requested the decision be put to a vote, the result of which was a majority vote in objection to the proposal. The Chairman confirmed that a "Strong Objection" comment would be submitted to the planning department.

9. Landscape Character Assessment

The Chairman summarised the details of a consultation which the Parish Council had been given the opportunity to respond to regarding the ERYC Landscape Character Assessment update. The Chairman concluded that this was not of particular relevance to the council as they had limited knowledge of the assessment and could not recall ever having used the LCA document. The Chairman agreed to draft a response as such for the Clerk to submit.

10. ERYC Scrutiny Topics

The Chairman informed the council that there was an opportunity to suggest suitable topics for the ERYC's Overview and Scrutiny Committees to consider scrutinising over the next municipal year. It was agreed that the following topics be put forward:

- The decision making process of the planning department
- The procurement process of the NHS East Riding of Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
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11. Precept/Budget

The council were presented with a budget prepared by the Clerk for the forthcoming year – 2017/2018. It was agreed that the Precept for 2017/2018 be set at £3250.

12. Members' Village Issues

Mr Rhodes highlighted the dangers of Denby Crossroads following a near miss incident he had witnessed. It was suggested that more effective signage may be required. It was requested that the Clerk speak to the highways department about the matter.

Mrs Starkey reminded the council about the ongoing consultation taking place regarding NHS Urgent Care Centres. As this was likely to affect local facilities particularly the Alfred Bean Hospital at Driffield she urged the councillors to get involved.

Mr Wood expressed his concern at there being no speed cameras in the village. The Chairman reminded the council that following a speed survey conducted previously by ERYC it was concluded that whilst no continuous speed monitoring would happen, intermittent speed checks would take place.

13. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

Rudston Village Hall (hire)	£7.50
ERVAS (Payroll services)	£30.00
Driffield School Twilight Bus Donation	£40.00
G.A. Chatterton – Dark Lane Grass Cutting	£75.00
ERYC – Street Light Service Agreement	£853.43
Corner Garden Litter Bin (NBB Recycled Furniture)	£276.00

Payments made since the last meeting were reported:

Community Heartbeat Trust for Defibrillator	£1820.00
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Receipts since the last meeting were reported:

Caythorpe Fund (used for Defibrillator)	£2011.00
Playing Field Committee outstanding amount for windows	£835.83

14. Correspondence

- (i) Phillip Crossland (retired Clerk) wished to express his thanks to the council for the certificate presented to him in honour of his long service as Clerk to the Parish Council.
- (ii) Letter from ERYC regarding the withdrawal of the Parish Paths scheme. The Local Paths Partnership scheme will come to an end in March 2018. So 2017 will be the last year that a grant will be paid from ERYC to Rudston Parish Council, although they may allocate one off funds to assist with agreed identified projects from time to time. All vegetation clearance and 'construction' (signs, gates and bridge repairs) will still be carried out by the Public Rights Of Way team.
- (iii) E-mail received on 8th December 2016 regarding Public Spaces Protection Orders signage – a copy had been sent to Mr Shanks.

15. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 8th February 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.