

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 21st August 2019.

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

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr Rhodes and Mr Shanks.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting 26th June 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

4. Public Representations

The Chair invited Mrs Ezard to speak. Mrs Ezard asked what was happening with Church Lane with regards to the works highlighted at the Village Walkabout. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had received no further news on this, so it was requested that the Clerk chase this up.

Mrs Ezard was also still concerned about the footpath running down the side of the playground. The Parish Council confirmed that when they had made enquiries with ERYC the answer that came back was that ERYC do not own the land the route lies on and are not responsible for its maintenance. The route is not a recorded public right of way. As the land is either private land or unregistered land the issue regarding horses becomes one of civil trespass and not something that falls within the remit of ERYC.

5. Matters Arising:

(i) Councillor Vacancy

The Chair introduced Mr Rawlings as the only candidate for the vacancy and invited Mr Rawlings to speak a little about himself. Mr Rawlings spoke to the members of the Parish Council about himself and his background and why he wished to join the Parish Council.

The Chair asked Mr Rawlings to exit the meeting room whilst the members discussed whether to co-opt Mr Rawlings onto the Parish Council. After a brief positive discussion, Mr Simmonds proposed that Mr Rawlings be co-opted, this was seconded by Mrs Tompkin. All were in favour, so Mr Rawlings was invited back into the room. The Chair welcomed Mr Rawlings and confirmed that he had been co-opted as a member of the Parish Council.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Bosville Arms

Mr Simmonds reported that a private investor interested in purchasing the pub was currently in negotiations with the owner. Until the outcome of these negotiations was known no further action will be taken.

(iv) Corner Garden Sustainability

The Chair confirmed that he still had not managed to make contact with Mr Jon Traill from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust so suggested moving this topic to the next meeting. This was agreed by all. Mr Smallwood spoke again of his concern that unless someone took on the maintenance of the Corner Garden soon, he feared that it would become derelict. It was requested that a notice be placed in the newsletter asking for help with the matter.

(v) 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.

(vi) Tree Protection Order

The Chair read out the latest update received from the Senior Planning Officer Trees and Landscape. It was requested that the Clerk respond to enquire what action will be taken in light of the extent of the recent pruning.

6. Website Styling & Accessibility Requirements

The Clerk reported that there were some new regulations which came into force on 23rd September 2018 regarding the accessibility of websites and mobile applications of public sector bodies. It was noted that the Parish Council should not have to take any further action at this time as the re-styling of the website would be handled by ERYC.

7. Clerk's Notice

The Chair reported that the Clerk had issued her notice due to personal circumstances. It was requested that an advert for the role be placed in the next newsletter.

8. Planning Applications to be Considered

There were no recent planning applications to be considered.

9. Payment of Accounts**Rudston Parish Council Transactions and Finance Statement for May, Jun, Jul & Aug**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current A/C</u>	<u>Deposit A/C</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening Balance	£190.24	£4690.11	£4880.35
Transfer of funds	£1500.00	(£1500.00)	
Village Hall Hire	(£15.00)		
BHIB Ltd - Insurance	(£1022.00)		
Re-imburement from Rudston Amenities for Playground Inspection	£78.00		
HMRC VAT Refund		£831.97	
Interest received		£1.36	
Clerk's Wages	(£320.19)		
Clerk's Expenses	(£33.30)		
ERVAS Payroll Service	(£16.50)		
Village Hall Hire	(£7.50)		
CHT – Defibrillator Annual Support	(£162.00)		
Closing Balance	£191.75	£4023.44	£4215.19

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 16 Aug 2019</u>	<u>£212.97</u>

The above transactions were received and approved by the members.

10. Correspondence

The Clerk reported that notice of an increase in costs of Footway Lighting Maintenance Service Level Agreements had been received from ERYC. Service Level 1 will increase by 2% and Service Level 2 will increase by 1.5% with effect from 1st April 2020.

11. Members Village Issues

Mr Simmonds requested that the Clerk contact ERYC and ask how much it would cost the Parish Council to have their street light bulbs changed to LED's.

Mr Overfield requested that someone find out who had, or hadn't, as the case may be, cut the footpath from Eastgate to Thorpe Hall. Mr Overfield understood that ERYC were paying someone to do 2 cuts per year. The Parish Council pay Mr Chatterton to do 2 cuts per year. It wasn't clear to the Parish Council how many cuts per year were actually been done and whether ERYC checked up on the work that they themselves were paying for. Mr Simmonds agreed to speak with Mr Chatterton on the subject. The Chair also requested that Mr Simmonds ask Mr Chatterton about the gates which had never been replaced with a view to Mr Chatterton passing this question on to Mr Somerled.

The Chair requested that the Clerk ask Highways if some brown tourist signs showing the way to Thorpe Hall could be installed within the village to direct caravans down the most suitable route to Thorpe Hall rather than down Eastgate.

Mr Smallwood reported that the noticeboard opposite the telephone kiosk was about to fall down and needed attention. It was agreed that either a refurbishment or a new noticeboard might be looked into if any funding were to come from the Caythorpe Environmental Fund.

Mr Simmonds requested that a notice be placed in the next newsletter inviting the local public to the meeting with the Police Crime Commissioner which was to take place on Monday 2nd September at Rudston Village Hall.

12. Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th October 2019, at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.34pm