

# Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

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1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)  
Mr. T. Smallwood  
Mr. P. Wood  
Mrs. S. Tompkin  
Mr. C. Shanks  
Mrs. A. Starkey  
Mr. S. Rhodes  
Mr. B. Warcup  
Mr. R. Overfield  
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)

2. Apologies: Mrs. E. Potter  
Mr. J. Moorfoot

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2015, were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. There were no Declarations of Interest.  
5. There were no Public Representations

6. Matters Arising:

(i) Defibrillator (item 6 I)

The Chairman had no further progress to report, and the matter to be an item for the following meeting.

(ii) Electronic Planning (item 6 iii)

Two planning applications had come through electronically from E.R.Y.C., but because of a failed "link" the Clerk had been unable to download on the new system. Paper copies of both had been received and passed around members as usual. E.R.Y.C. had since sent to the Clerk (and others affected) an amended trial computer communication which had worked, so it was hoped that the next planning application could be passed around via the new method. The Chairman briefly explained that again for those absent from the last meeting.

6. (iii) Gipsey Race (item 6 vi)

Mr. Shanks had been in contact with the Environment Agency over another matter and had raised the issue of lack of water again. The Chairman had also contacted E.R.Y.C., who had assured him that no extraction was taking place. This prompted further discussion, and an eye would be kept on the situation.

(iv) Westcroft Query (item 9)

An e-mail reply to the Clerk's query had been received from E.R.Y.C. and had been passed on to the Chairman and Mr. Rhodes. The County Council were continuing to monitor the site and were aware of the main variation to original plans. This was the Long Street boundary fence, which had been built as a wall with railings, instead of the higher boarded fence planned. It was considered to be an improvement though. This was conveyed to the meeting, and there was comment but no further action to be taken.

(v) Bus Shelter (item 12)

Mr. Shanks had obtained help from young people in the village in cleaning and painting the bus shelter, and reported only work on the bench seat outstanding. Bills to be repaid to him were handed over. Those involved to be thanked via the newsletter.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(i) Street Lights (items 7 ii & 11, 15/5/15)

The County Council programme of replacing street lights with new brighter ones had been brought forward and was now under way. One in Rudston had already been replaced accordingly.

The Clerk had also heard from Npower about the missing invoice earlier in the year. Administration overcharges had been discovered and taken a long time to sort out. For Rudston this had resulted in a credit note and invoice leaving a balance due of around half the expected amount. (See payments).

(ii) Audit (item 7 viii, 15/5/15)

Audit papers had been returned with no comment, and had been available to view at the home of the Chairman for the required period. Extensive changes to the audit system were to take place over the next two years, but as these would mainly affect the Clerk would be explained as they arose.

(iii) Bus Service (item 7 I, 25/3/15)

The present Acklams bus service contract runs until next February, but E.R.Y.C. were keen to keep a service going after that date, and had already produced a suggested timetable. The Clerk had outlined this in the current newsletter.

The timetable was produced with shoppers in mind, but Mrs. Starkey suggested that a delay of about one hour on the return journey time, as currently timetabled, could benefit those attending college. This to be put forward to E.R.Y.C.

8. Planning Applications:

(i) East of Merils (Amended)

Amended plans for erection of detached dwelling and garage had been seen by all members as detailed earlier. No change to recommendation of approval position. Permission subsequently granted by E.R.Y.C., with nothing unusual noted in conditions.

(ii) Telecoms Mast, Woldgate

Plans for installation of replacement mast and associated equipment at the Woldgate site had been seen by all members, and approval recommended.

The mast would be only a little higher than present, and would be expected to improve telephone/computer receptions in Rudston.

9. Parish Council Transparency

Following government legislation parish councils were to make much more information available to the public, particularly via websites. Much of that involves financial information, some of which Rudston already complies with. An immediate change had been the full agenda being made available three days before the meeting. Members' details, including e-mail addresses, were also to be published. The Clerk understood that this had led to other parish councillors establishing second e-mail contacts specifically to accommodate that.

Mr. Rhodes raised objection, to which there was general agreement, and the Chairman suggested a possible solution. He would contact E.R.Y.C. to clarify the matter.

Another consequence was that parish councils were being offered funding for second computers for use by clerks. This Clerk was happy with current arrangements, and it was agreed not to pursue that. Other changes required to be listed by Clerk and passed to Chairman for website.

10. Recycling

At short notice, E.R.Y.C. had removed Paper and Cans/Plastic recycling bins from Rudston and many other places because of low usage. The information had been conveyed to the village as a "late news" item in the current newsletter.

Notice had also just been received of credit to come for collections in the April to June period. This showed only a collection of paper in April. That information was met with incredulity by members.

Meanwhile, the Clerk had omitted amount received for 6 months from the last Minutes, though the figure of £216.71 was thought to have been conveyed to the meeting.

### 11. War Memorial

Historic England had advised of their wish to place Rudston War Memorial on the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The Clerk had passed the message on the Chairman, who had noted that the parish council would still be liable for any repairs and wished to query constraints as to materials, paints, etc. which might then be required. This had been queried immediately with the organisation, and the Chairman read the reply to the meeting. It did not directly answer the question, and at the meeting it was agreed that the Clerk should investigate an included website link.

### 12. Members' Village Issues

Mr. Warcup raised the matter of flooding at Church Farm caused by blocked drainage. There was some "history" to this and the Chairman thought there were specific issues relating to it, but Clerk to report to Highways.

Mr. Overfield reported that young people were riding recklessly over footpaths and particularly Southside Lane. Suggestions of whom to contact were made

### 13. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

Npower (Annual street lighting to 31/3/15)	£466.19
P. Crossland (Clerk's Salary for quarter to 30/9/15)	£272.80
H.M. Revenue & Customs (P.A.Y.E.)	£ 55.20
E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll services)	£ 15.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50
C. Shanks (Materials for work of bus shelter)	£ 33.25

(Clerk's omission: E.R.V.A.S. had also reminded us of an increase in the National minimum wage, and therefore Clerk's salary of 20p. Per hour from 1/10/15).

### 14. Correspondence

- (i) Police News for August and September showed nothing in Rudston.
- (ii) A national coastal pathway is being developed, and a stretch from Kilnsea to Filey Brigg currently under consideration. Any comments were being taken prior to a report in Spring, 2016.
- (iii) University of Hull posters on Autumn/Winter schedules had been received by request. One of each of the two varieties would be displayed on the notice board. Their contents were read to the meeting by the Chairman.
- (iv) E.R. Parish News: (Clerk's note: this had been referred to earlier regarding

street lighting – item 7 i – and nothing more to report).

15. Any Other Business

Mr. Overfield reported missing finger posts from three locations near the village, and had been informed of a Partnership Grant available for replacements. The Clerk considered that this would be the annual money mostly spent on grass cutting, but would enquire. There was also concern about gates on bridle paths.

Mr. Shanks queried the village Remembrance Wreath. The Clerk had heard nothing from the British Legion member in Kilham who organised this last year, but still expected to do so. On checking previous Minutes it was confirmed that it was the parish council's "turn" to fund that, as per the agreement reached last year.

The Corner Garden came under discussion. The Chairman thanked Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Warcup, and all others involved as significant improvements had been made, particularly a path now connecting the lower and upper parts. The Chairman reported that information boards and benches were still planned for the site, and possible further funding applied for. Mr. Smallwood reported that the oak tree donated by Mrs. Dawson last year was now established, and as expected would overwhelm an adjacent one. The meeting gave approval for removal of that.

The Chairman remarked that tops of some trees in the vicinity may have to be trimmed so as not to foul power lines, and there was some dispute as to which ones may be affected.

13. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, at 7.30 p.m.

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