

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on

Wednesday, 24th June, 2015.

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. B. Warcup
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mr. J. Moorfoot
Mr. P. Wood
Mrs. E. Potter
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
+ 2 people observing.

2. Apologies: Mr. C. Shanks

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May, 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 7 i)

The Chairman reported little progress with the Defibrillator, but the telephone box had received a re-paint. Thanks to Mr. Warcup and others.

- (ii) Audit & Accounts (item 7 viii)

The accounts had been available to view at the Chairman's home for the statutory period. There had been no requests from the village to do so, and the audit return had been duly posted at the beginning of the month.

- (iii) Parish Paths (item 10)

The Chairman had obtained a map of paths in the parish, which was referred to during ensuing discussions. A known path had been fenced off by landowner, Thorpe Hall, which it was understood was after trouble with dogs. Mr. Overfield had paid a visit to Beverley to gain information

about that and pathways in general. The process to legally re-open a closed path could take 5 or 6 years, as discovered by North Frodingham who had just been successful in a case of their own. Before such action was considered however, it was agreed that a personal approach to Mr. Summerled McDonald should first be made. Mr. Moorfoot suggested a compromise of opening the footpath during part of the year only could be put to him, which was agreed. Mr. Overfield volunteered to see Mr. McDonald.

6. (iv) Missing Invoice & Recycling Receipts (item 11)

The Clerk had included a note asking about the main street lighting invoice when submitting payment of the small one, but there had been no response from Npower. The Clerk asked the meeting whether he should continue to pursue, but it was agreed not to be necessary.

Details of Recycling collections for six months, October, 2014 to March, 2015 had at last been received in the last few days. Payment was to follow, but it was apparent that it would be less than expected. From the figures it appeared that the Bosville Arms may have found alternative arrangements for glass disposal.

(Clerk's note: payment details received next morning – total £216.71)

(v) Electronic Planning (item 12 v)

The Chairman and Clerk had attended the meeting at which East Riding of Yorkshire Council's intentions for all planning procedures to go electronic were explained. The Chairman outlined them to the meeting. Of special note was the wish that parish council meetings should be called specifically to discuss planning applications which arrived. Possible ways of complying with that were discussed. It was also noted that Tree Preservation Orders would be included in the new system. Paper plans would continue to be received for a further six months, and Rudston could expect to switch to the new system shortly after. Preparations would be made, and the Chairman asked about any computer "memory sticks" which members might have available. Mrs. Potter was aware of a possible source and would enquire.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(i) Dog Fouling (item 6 ii, 25/3/15)

The Clerk had received e-mail message explaining that the matter of Dog Fouling had been sidelined during the elections period, but E.R.Y.C. were now keen to re-start. A request was made for Rudston Village Hall to be the venue for a meeting involving surrounding villages, and the Clerk had passed this on to Mrs. Clark to arrange a date. No more had been heard.

8. Planning Applications

(l) Timber Lodge, Bunkers Hill

A fresh application for: Erection of Timber Lodge for use as holiday accommodation had been received between meetings. Care had been taken that all

members were able to study and comment before finally reaching the Chairman. There had been a clear majority in favour of the plans, and the Chairman had prepared the wording for approval to E.R.Y.C. This was read out to members and approved.

8. (ii) East of "Merils"

Plans had been received more recently for: Erection of detached dwelling and garage at land east of "Merils", Marton Lane. The plans, brought to the meeting, had been seen by most members and were perused by two remaining. There were minor comments but approval given. It was noted that an outline application for this had been approved some months ago.

(Clerk's note: recommended approval to ERYC, 25/6/15)

9. Parish Council Vacancy/Co-option

The two people observing were both candidates for the parish council vacancy: Mrs. Sue Tompkin and Mr. Wayne Scott. By invitation of the Chairman they spoke in turn about themselves and reasons for wishing to join the parish council. Both then left the room. After short discussion, a ballot rather than show of hands was requested, and slips of paper quickly produced. Members' votes were then handed, folded to the Clerk. This showed a majority in favour of Mrs. Tompkin. Both were recalled to the room, given the news, and Mr. Scott was thanked for his interest to be borne in mind in the event of another vacancy in the near future. He then left the meeting. Mrs. Tompkin would take up office with effect from the next meeting.

10. Members' Village Issues

Mr. Overfield reported a smashed bench seat at Kilham Road corner, and there was some discussion. It was agreed that it was beyond repair and a new one should be obtained. Mr. Wood also requested that the memorial seat to his late father should be placed there, being in front of his former home. That was agreed. The Clerk remarked that he had seen similar wooden seats advertised that day at £320, but there would be further investigation on the matter.

Mr. Rhodes reported that B.T. Broadband was to be made available at the Village Hall which would aid the weekly post office facilities.

11. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

Clerks' Expenses	£20.00
Rudston Village Hall Hire	£ 7.50

The expected Payroll details for the period to 30th June had not yet been received,

and would be to pay within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

The only receipt was VAT repayment - £1,085.72

12. Correspondence

(i) Details of a Lissett Wind Farm funding meeting in Kilham – passed to the Chairman for possible interest in attending.

(ii) A request from E.R.Y.C. for photographs for their Archives department, as it was feared that “proper” photographic records were in danger of being lost in this digital age. This would be of present-day village buildings, war memorials, etc. The Clerk had included this in his Newsletter column, but there appeared to have been no response from the village.

(iii) The Parish Council were being asked to support a campaign to re-open the Beverley to York railway line. Although it would include a “spur” from the Driffield and Bridlington direction, this was very much a long-term project costing millions of pounds. There was some discussion, but it was agreed to support in principle.

(iv) E.R. Parish News. Most members now received a copy and there was nothing to report from the June edition.

(v) A local company was offering 3 monthly Playground Inspections – passed to Mr. Rhodes for interest. (Clerk's reminder: we are contracted to this year's annual inspection by Play Inspection Company)

(vi) A meeting about waterways including the Gypsy Race had taken place that afternoon in Pocklington. Mr. Warcup and Mr. Shanks had been made aware, but neither able to attend.

(vii) Police News: nothing in Rudston, but a general warning about shed burglary.

13. Any Other Business

Mrs. Starkey raised a childrens playground matter - dealt with by Mr. Rhodes.

14. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 26th August, 2015, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

