

# Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>. March, 2015

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1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)  
Mr. S. Rhodes  
Mr. P. Wood  
Mr. R. Overfield  
Mr. T. Smallwood  
Mr. A.S. Ezard  
Mr. B. Warcup  
Mr. J. Moorfoot  
Mr. C. Shanks  
Mr. R. Van Der Heijden (arrived later)  
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)  
+ 2 people observing.
2. Apologies: Mrs. A. Starkey
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings  
The Minutes of the meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. There were no Declarations of Interest.
5. There were no Public Representations.  
(Mr. Van der Heijden arrived during the following item)
6. Matters Arising:
  - (i) Tree Preservation Order (Special Meeting, 4/2/15)  
The Parish Council's changed position on the matter had been acknowledged and the Tree Preservation Order subsequently granted.
  - (ii) Dog Fouling (item 6 ii)  
The E.R.Y.C. officer had not been able to attend on the proposed meeting date. Mr. Shanks, Mr. Van der Heijden, and/or the Clerk awaited a new date.
  - (iii) Telephone Box (item 6 iv)  
The telephone box now officially belonged to the parish council, all telephone apparatus having been removed. The Clerk had a copy of B.T. maintenance

recommendations and hoped someone would undertake to look after the box. Mr. Warcup volunteered, and the maintenance list passed to him.

(iv) Defibrillator (item 6 vi)

Mr. Rhodes relayed information from Mrs. Starkey detailing requirements and costs associated with installation of a defibrillator in the telephone box. Grants should be available, but the Chairman warned that the time in which to apply was running out. After checking a further point with Mrs. Starkey the information would be passed to the Chairman for a Grant application.

(v) Timber Lodge Plans (item 8 i)

Plans for a timber lodge for use as holiday accommodation withdrawn.

(vi) Street Lights (item 11 ii)

The response from E.R.Y.C. to the Parish Council's enquiry was that it would be possible to have the street lights programmed to switch off at midnight. This had been done for one other parish (two villages), but a complication in Rudston was that only some were E.R.Y.C. maintained. A price, valid until April, had been quoted however. This indicated that savings could start being made after a period of 2 ½ years.

There was some discussion, and Mr. Overfield reported some opposition to the idea from the village. It was also remarked that new L.E.D. lighting was being introduced elsewhere. It was agreed that the Clerk should query that, and the actual lights not under E.R.Y.C. control, before any further decision.

(vii) Standing Orders (item 14)

A sub-committee of Chairman, Clerk, Mr. Warcup and Mr. Rhodes had agreed changes to the 2001 Standing Orders. Copies of the amended version had been distributed with agendas. The Chairman recommended a further alteration by deletion of three unused portions of "Rules of Debate", which were agreed. He explained that the Financial Regulations section and parish council policies were still to consider, and attention would be given to that as soon as possible.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(i) Local Bus Service (item 10, 3/12/14)

The Clerk had received e-mail copy of Kilham Parish Council's submission to E.R.Y.C., which was read out to the meeting. It had been compiled after a survey in Kilham village, which had received a poor response, but was nevertheless thought to be a good representation of views from all ages. E.R.Y.C. response awaited.

8. Planning Applications:

(i) Low Caythorpe Cottage

Application for: Erection of single-storey extension to side following demolition of existing. Plans handed back at start of meeting having been seen by all members. All in favour with no observations. (Clerk's note: E.R.Y.C. return 27/3/15)

(ii) Thwing Road Solar Array (Amendment)

A "Variation of Condition" to the plans for: Installation of a 230kw. Fixed solar array and associated works and infrastructure. The Clerk explained that this was a technical change only and as the original plans had been approved with no observations felt that there was no need for them to go around all members again. Agreed.

(Clerk's note: E.R.Y.C. return 27/3/15)

9. Rural Partnership Seminar

Copies of a report from a Rural Partnership Seminar held in December but only received recently had been distributed with agendas. There was some discussion and it was agreed that members would spend further time studying this. Items of particular relevance to be noted for next meeting.

10. Litter Bins

The Clerk had found that E.R.Y.C. had a particular size and style of litter bin, which they could provide for a price of £252 + £112 installation + VAT. Emptying free of charge. Siting to be agreed with them. Cheaper examples were available from other firms, but the Parish Council would then be responsible for emptying. A litter bin was primarily required for the Corner Garden entrance and other possible sites would be investigated. However the Chairman warned that the cost of around £400 each should be borne in mind, as it was not yet known if an election with its associated costs would be needed in May. Though the litter bin price was only guaranteed until April, it was therefore agreed to hold the matter until May. The Clerk had found that one of the companies also had a range of picnic tables as might be considered for the Corner Garden.

11. Gypsy Race

Mr. Ezard and Mr. Warcup had attended a Waterways Event. This had included the Gypsy Race, but on seeking specific information they had been frustrated by a readiness to "pass the buck" between Yorkshire Water and other authorities.

Mr. Shanks then reported on a "clean-up" operation almost complete, but that he had experienced similar problems initially. After checking with the Clerk he had then organised a skip at his own expense, but which he hoped the Parish Council would be willing to reimburse him for. This was readily agreed, but the Chairman explained that the Parish Council should normally have opportunity to authorise expenditure of that sort before-hand. Planning ahead could take place before a similar activity next year, though other members thought a skip hire may not be necessary then.

12. New Payroll Rates

On receiving notice from E.R.V.A.S. of a substantial increase in Payroll rates from April, the Clerk had obtained further information and alternative quote from the previous supplier. Their rates were increasing to a greater amount, but the rises common to all were being forced by new government legislation taking effect. The Chairman explained a little more, and it was agreed that the new E.R.V.A.S. rate of

£15 per qtr. was acceptable.

13. Annual Audit

Dates for Audit had been received. The “Viewing the Books” period would coincide with the May meeting, but otherwise the Clerk was confident that the dates would be met. Internal audit was to arrange, and copies of the accounts to be ready for next meeting.

14. Members Village Issues

Mr. Overfield had a query regarding a seat on the children's playground, answered by Mr. Rhodes.

15. Payment of Accounts

The Clerk's action in paying the following account as a matter of urgency was approved:

B.T. (Telephone Box purchase)	£ 1.00
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Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

Clerk's Salary (quarter to 31/3/15)	£285.00
H.M. Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 53.00
E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll services including year-end)	£ 10.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire – 2 meetings)	£ 15.00
C. Shanks (Brunton Skip Hire)	£150.00

There were no receipts to report but the Clerk expected a further Recycling receipt before the month end.

At this point the Chairman passed over to Mr. Smallwood a box containing free seeds which he had obtained from Grow Wild for use in Corner Garden.

16. Correspondence

(i) The Clerk had distributed Election packs previously, and some completed ones had been handed back at the start of the meeting. Others were passed over at this point making a total of 7, with others still to come. The Clerk was to take completed forms into Beverley by hand, and he agreed that it would be Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, ahead of the deadline next day.

(ii) Details of a “Village SOS campaign” had been received by e-mail and passed to those with that facility. No action.

(iii) E-mail message regarding a “School Recycling Scheme” involving website links. Agreed not to pursue. (Clerk's note: e-mail reply 27/3/15)

As an aside, the Clerk had learned that parish councils could make charges for such links. (Note: e.g.: £30 per annum by a comparable parish council)

(iv) Two copies of E.R. Parish News. Details of this year's Tour of Yorkshire cycle race starting from Bridlington – information sheet passed to Mr. Smallwood for interest.

(v) Confirmation that this year's Playground Inspection would be undertaken at an unchanged price of £65 + VAT.

(vi) Flood Risk Strategy information. After discussion, passed on for possible response.

(vii) Advance notice from Mike Connor at E.R.Y.C. that Rudston was due a Village Taskforce Walkabout. The date of 30<sup>th</sup> June was noted by the Chairman, and Clerk to let Mr. Connor know that someone would meet him at the appointed place of Bosville Arms. The Chairman briefly explained the Walkabout system for the benefit of new members.

(vii) Police News included a theft of gates from a farm in Rudston in February.

Separately news had just been received that day of Police changes from 15<sup>th</sup> April. Inspector Robert Cocker would take charge of Bridlington, Driffield and North Holderness area, and there would be an increase in PCSOs. Three were now listed for the area including Rudston. As it was some time since their last visit to the Parish Council, the Chairman suggested that one be asked along to the next meeting. Mr. Shanks suggested that the preceding Parish Meeting might be better, when people from the village would be present. This was agreed, and Clerk to invite accordingly.

17. Any Other Business

(i) Mr. Smallwood asked that two trees at the edge of the Corner Garden be cut down due to their poor state. This was agreed. Any expense incurred could be met as the Chairman reminded members that a Grant balance was still in hand, though a change of its use may have to be agreed with E.R.Y.C.

(ii) Mr. Wood reported bad pot-holes on the main road near Low Caythorpe. The Chairman recommended the "Fix my Street" website on which to report it. Mr. Warcup reported less serious pot-holes on Long Street, which could be notified in the same way.

(iii) Mr. Smallwood asked when a public footpath becomes unrecognised through lack of use. In mind particularly was one along the top of the Corner Garden site. There was some discussion, and maps to hand failed to show it. Clerk to investigate his own records.

18. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> May depending on availability. Parish Meeting to commence at 7 p.m. (Please note: Neither date available – new date Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May.)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.