

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Wednesday, 1st May, 2013

1. Present: Mr. A.S. Ezard (Chairman)
Mr. N. Watson
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. B. Warcup
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mr. R.D. Corner
Mr. J. Moorfoot
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)

2. Apologies: Mrs. F. Turner

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th March, 2013, were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ezard had announced his intention of standing down as chairman (last meeting, item 13) and did so at this point. Mr. Smallwood proposed Mr. Watson to take over the position, seconded by Mr. Wood. All agreed, Mr. Watson accepted, and moved to the chairman's seat. Thanks were again expressed to Mr. Ezard for his time in the post.
Mr. Ezard did not wish to take up the Vice-Chairman position, and Mr. Warcup eventually expressed a willingness to take that post. He was proposed by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Watson, and all agreed.

5. There were no Declarations of interest.

6. Public Representations: No public were present, but the New Chairman had been made aware that another Winter Grant such as the one gained in January would become available and asked for any projects which might qualify. Mr. Smallwood knew of some trees to replace and would look into that.
The Chairman then raised two "matters arising" not covered on the agenda.

Village Hall Insurance (item 6 iv): No action had been taken but the Clerk had discovered that the Village Hall's present insurer was one which specialised in such organisations, could be thought therefore to offer the best deal, and did not cover parish councils. It was still felt that the parish council's own insurer could be approached about the addition of the Village Hall however, and Mr. Rhodes would pass on details to the Clerk.

Energy Switching Scheme (item 6 v): Those who had signed up to the scheme had now received their first offers, and there was some discussion between members affected.

7. Matters Arising:

(i) 2 Lamb Row (item 6 iii)

A re-submission had been made of the plan for: Erection of first floor extension and installation of first floor window. This was simply a reduction in size, and there were no further comments from the parish council.

(ii) Speed Survey (item 10 ii)

The official results had been subsequently received from East Riding of Yorkshire Council, being the same as had been circulated at the last meeting. The dates of the actual survey had been 12th to 18th December, 2012.

(iii) Parish Council Network (item 12 viii)

Mr. Watson and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the new Parish Council Network. Mr. Watson (New Chairman) reported that much of it had been taken up by Wind Farm discussion, and he passed around copies of a proposed letter to E.R.Y.C. on the subject which Rudston were invited to sign alongside Burton Agnes, Lissett and Ulrome initially. After some discussion, this was agreed.

Other topics from the Meeting included Community Funding and E.R.Y.C. strategy. Councillors Evison and Owen had also been present.

(iv) Haisthorpe (Yorkshire Water) Wind Turbine (item 12 x)

The official plan had been received from E.R.Y.C. soon after the last meeting and circulated around members. It was for: Erection of a Wind Turbine (55m. to tip) and associated infrastructure including foundation, transformer, hardstanding and laydown areas. This had produced an almost equal "split" in opinion from members, but only two real "observations", both of which had been relayed to E.R.Y.C.

8. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(i) Bridleways Changes (item 8 ii, 28/11/12)

Notice had been received that the County Council's intention of "Stopping up and Diversion of Highways at Boynton, Rudston and Grindale" (as it was now titled), would be put before the Magistrates Court at Bridlington on 3rd June.

9. Planning Applications:

(i) Red Cottage & Low Caythorpe "Aerial Bunched Conductors"

Plans had been received between meetings for: Erection of an aerial bunched Conductor at land South of Red Cottage, Boynton Road, for Northern Powergrid.

This was overhead electricity lines. Plans seen by all members, no observations.

(ii) 13 Eastgate

Plans seen by all members and handed back at start of meeting for: Erection of single storey extension to rear. A majority view was that as long as this was acceptable to neighbouring properties there was no objection. One member had strong opposition, but as a near neighbour, was ruled to hold a special interest.

(iii) Dogger Bank

The company (Forewind) who were proposing an off-shore Wind Farm at Dogger Bank had issued a Final Pre-application Consultation. Responses were requested by 11th June, but after discussion it was agreed not to make one from Rudston. The part of the literature including a map was handed round for interest.

10. Accounts/Audit

Copies of the Receipts & Payments account had been included with Agendas. The accounts had been approved by the "internal auditor" and would be available to view for residents from 9th May. The notice for this had to be posted the previous week, so the Clerk had gained permission from Mr. Ezard that he could again provide the base for that. Accounts approved and papers signed as appropriate by Chairman and Clerk.

11. Insurance (inc. Mowers)

The Clerk had received the new insurance premium, which showed a welcome reduction of £50 on last year. Nevertheless, he had then obtained a quote from another company and had been surprised to receive one for around £500 less. This had then been reported to the current insurer, who had unhesitatingly agreed to reduce their own figure by £500. This gave a new premium of £1,000.86 including tax, and it was agreed to renew with the same company, Aon. Cheque to be prepared in about two weeks time.

The Chairman proposed that ownership of Mowers could be transferred to the respective users, but Mr. Rhodes expressed disagreement and the idea was dropped.

12. Street Lighting Maintenance

Notice of new Street Lighting Maintenance rates effective from April had been received from E.R.Y.C. The parish council's current "level 2" showed an increase of £20 to £850.36, but it was again being urged to consider the upgrade to "level 1" at £2,044.95. After discussion, it was agreed that in Rudston's case level 2 still offered best value and to remain on that.

13. Committee Reports

The Chairman reported from a recent Playing Field committee meeting. A particular point of controversy had been the cricket pitch, which Rudston now share the use of, with Grindale. Mr. Watson had stepped down from the committee and Mr. Moorfoot agreed to take his place as a parish council representative.

14. Members' Village Issues Reports

- The Clerk had received a letter from Peter Crossley regarding a Grant which was being applied for, for resurfacing of Tennis Courts. One of the conditions was that the parish council would be expected to contribute financially, and Mr. Crossley suggested £100. This was agreed, but the Chairman thought that the Grant would probably have to be applied for in the parish council's name in any case.

- The Chairman remarked on an on-going problem with pot-holes on some roads in the area. Though some, at least, had now been mended.

Mr. Ezard reported that a Parish Paths officer would be coming to see him in the next few days. Mr. Smallwood remarked on a broken gate on one of the pathways.

15. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

B. Corner (Playing Field Sign – ex Grant)	£ 95.00
NPower (Street Lighting)	£714.84
(This was a small reduction on last year)	
P. Crossland (Clerk's Expenses)	£ 20.00
Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50
East Riding Arborists (Playing Field tree work – ex Grant)	£720.00

Receipts were also reported of:

Precept (amended figure reflecting Support Funding)	£3,994.64
Recycling (two small collections only in January to March period)	£ 90.17

16. Correspondence

- (i) Anti-social Behaviour Report had been received by e-mail. In the six months to March there had been one Warning Letter for Rudston.
- (ii) Notice from E.R.Y.C. of Surface Dressing to take place on High Street some time within a 9 week period from 7th May. Some work had already taken place on one section, and it was assumed this would complete the length through the village.
- (iii) E.R. Parish News included an invitation to parish councils to join the Heritage Trust – passed to the Chairman who would investigate the idea further.
- (iv) An E.R.Y.C. report on areas of Flooding had included Rudston, and they were now trying to establish location and frequency of activity of Springs. They requested that a "Flood Warden" should be appointed to report to them. There was some discussion, and Mr. Warcup eventually volunteered to act as Flood Warden.
- (v) Neighbourhood Plan Training was being offered by independent companies. The Chairman explained the circumstances when this could be of interest.
- (vi) Notice of a forthcoming parish councils Liaison Meeting to include discussion on planning applications. Passed to the Chairman with intention to attend.
(Mr. Rhodes left the meeting during the above item).

17. Any Other Business

- (i) The Chairman reported that member Mrs. Turner had recently given birth to a baby daughter and it was agreed that a letter of congratulation should be sent.
(Clerk's note: letter 3/5/13)
- (ii) The village Action Plan was in need of updating, and the Chairman proposed an article in the Newsletter asking for known changes to be reported. Agreed.
- (iii) The Chairman reported a Heritage Centre meeting to take place on 23rd May, when progress would be heard, and possibly a model to view.
- (iv) Mr. Overfield asked about computer broadband speeds (item 6 vii, 23/1/13 refers) and the Chairman gave an update. There was a considerable difference being experienced in different parts of the village, and B.T. appeared to be unwilling to help at present.

18. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 26th June, 2013, at 7.30 p.m.

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