

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 20th March, 2013

Meeting commenced at 7.55 p.m. after prior Presentation (see later)

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
Mrs. F. Turner
Mr. R.D. Corner
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
2. Apologies: Mr. J. Moorfoot
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January, 2013, 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) Grant (item 6iii)
The grant of £1,775.00 had duly been received, and Mrs. Turner reported the first item on which expenditure was to be made. That was the new Playing Field sign, which Mr. Corner advised was now ready.
Regarding "winter" items under consideration, the Clerk was asked about time limit on the spending of the grant money. There was nothing to that effect on paperwork received, but Mr. Watson warned that as this was an annual grant it would probably need using before the next issue (i.e: within the year).

- (ii) Thornholme Wind Farm (item 7 i)
Notice from E.R.Y.C. received just after the last meeting confirmed that an appeal against refusal of the plans had been made to the Inspectorate.
- (iii) 2 Lamb Row (item 8 i)
Plans for: erection of first floor extension to rear, had been refused. The reason given was “detrimental impact” (loss of light etc.) on the neighbouring property at No.1. The Parish Council had had no objections and there was some surprise and discussion at the decision.
- (iv) Village Hall (item 10)
Mr. Rhodes reported on the recent meeting and some of the problems being faced. Among new ideas to be explored was a “welcome pack” for newcomers to the village explaining about the various village groups and activities. The hall’s insurance was due for renewal, but Mr. Watson remarked that if details were forwarded to the Clerk then the parish council’s insurers could be asked about addition to that for next year.
- (v) Energy Switching Scheme (item 13 iii)
Mr. Peter Hirschfield of Humber & Wolds Council had expressed a wish to present this E.R.Y.C. “Yorswitch” scheme to the parish council, and it had been agreed that this should be open to village residents, so an earlier start time of 7 p.m. arranged. The scheme was being well advertised by E.R.Y.C. in the meantime, and only two residents in addition to most of the parish council were in attendance for the Presentation. That had taken place immediately prior to this meeting, resulting in the later start. There had been questions before Mr. Hirschfield left, including one to which he did not have an answer, but would contact the Clerk next day. There was discussion amongst members at this point. It was agreed that as there was no obligation, there was nothing to lose in “signing up” to the scheme.
- (vi) E.R. Local Plan (item 13 vi)
Mr. Watson and Mr. Warcup had attended the meeting last month. The main change for Rudston was that it was now to be included in Driffild area rather than Bridlington. The “building line” had been agreed, but minor differences were noted. It had also been noticed that “affordable housing” was for “local” people, but there was no definition of how “local” they might be. More generally, there had been discussion on Travellers and sites for them in Carnaby and elsewhere.

7. High Caythorpe Byway

Notice had been received of: application to add byway open to all traffic to the Definitive Map from Boynton Lane, Grindale, to High Caythorpe Road, Rudston. This was identified on an accompanying map which was passed around the meeting. There was some discussion, but this was a county council highways decision, and was accepted.

8. Playground Inspection

The report of last year's Children's Playground Inspection had been received by e-mail and the Clerk had passed on the main part to Mr. Rhodes. The invoice had also been received, but separately another company had offered to undertake this year's Inspection at the same price. The Clerk had then asked, in a letter with the payment to Play Inspection Co. whether they would match that. A subsequent telephone call confirmed that they would be pleased to do so. Mr. Rhodes agreed that they should be asked to continue, and also had no comment to make on the report.

9. Committee Reports

Mrs. Turner reported, and had leaflets available for, an "Allsorts" event to be held in the village hall on Good Friday (following week). Funds to go jointly to Youth Club and Bowls Club.

Mr. Rhodes reported on the difficulties in retaining a Village Hall Committee, which had eventually been achieved at the meeting mentioned earlier. As an indication of how much this was appreciated, Mr. Corner remarked on similar experiences in previous years.

10. Members' Village Issues Reports

- (i) A major issue locally, as nationally at present, was potholes on roads. There was discussion on various cases and claims for vehicle damage.
- (ii) A speed survey had taken place in the village last November, and copies of the results of that were handed to members by Mr. Rhodes. He had been requested to do so by Mr. John Crofts from the village who had been involved with the survey. Analysis showed that there had been less speeding than might have been imagined, but reasons were given for that and it was thought that a Summer survey may produce different results. It was agreed that a letter of thanks to Mr. Crofts should be sent.

(Clerk's note: letter 22/3/13)

- (iii) It was reported that debris from the swollen Gypsy Race had been left on the bank, and a nearby rubbish bin full. To report to E.R.Y.C.
- (iv) A salt bin had been removed from School Lane to Church Lane. There was some discussion on who and why, but reason for moving finally agreed.
- (v) Mr. Overfield reported an obstructed footpath caused by overgrown hedge on Burton Fleming Road. There was discussion over ownership and boundaries, but Clerk to report to Streetscene.

(Clerk's note: items iii and v by e-mail 21/3/13)

11. Payment of Accounts

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

	The Play Inspection Company	£ 78.00
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Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

Clerk's Expenses	£ 10.00
Rudston Village Hall (hire)	£ 7.50
Clerk's Salary (quarter to 31/3/13)	£257.60
H.M. Revenue & Customs (P.AY.E.)	£ 64.40
E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll services)	£ 5.00

(Payroll figures had been e-mailed that day, and paperwork to follow).

There had also been a Receipt for Recycling (paper and glass in October & December)

For £225.61

12. Correspondence

- (i) Notice of possibility of a "Cluster Meeting" as last year had been received and passed to Mr. Watson. He had replied favourably to the proposal.
- (ii) A lengthy e-mail file on E.R. Homelessness Strategy had been received and passed on to those members with that facility.
- (iii) Bridlington Free Press had announced a "re-vamp" of the newspaper which was to include "parish council news from surrounding villages" every 4th week. Possible contribution from Rudston was aired, but most likely would be individual groups' own advertising of events. It was remembered that a previous arrangement where the paper's own reporter had attended 2 or 3 meetings had soon petered out.
- (iv) E.R.Y.C. detailed explanation of Community Funding – passed to Mr. Watson.
- (v) Two issues of Parish News included a reminder of fortnightly rubbish bin collections to commence in May. Clerk was including that in next newsletter.
- (vi) News of progress of Hull Core Strategy.
- (vii) Statement on National Grid pipeline to cross Holderness en-route to Doncaster.
- (viii) News of a Parish Council Network proposal had been received from Burton Agnes Parish Council and an update that day on the interest shown from elsewhere. This would be a much grander affair than the recently failed local initiative, which it was noted with some irony that Burton Agnes had declined to join. After discussion it was decided there was interest, if guarded, from Rudston. Clerk to reply accordingly.
- (ix) "Humbrella" etc. – nothing to report.
- (x) News from Yorkshire Water of a planning application to be made for a single 55m. wind turbine at Haisthorpe Water Treatment Works. Plans from E.R.Y.C. awaited.
- (xi) Letter from Bluebird Care proposing a meeting with the parish council or another interested group to discuss their home care services. There was some discussion, noting that it may be solely that company's interests rather than home care in general, and that the very people most in need would be unable to attend any meeting. Finally decided reluctantly to decline the offer.

13. Any Other Business

Mr. Ezard gave notice of his intention to stand down as chairman at the A.G.M. (next meeting). He had been chairman since 2001 but was now taking a less active role, though would continue as a member. Mr. Warcup proposed a Vote of

Thanks, seconded by Mr. Corner, and all approved.

14. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

Annual General Meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 1st May, 2013, at 7.30 p.m.

This would be preceded by the annual Parish Meeting and the Clerk queried whether the usual quarter hour could be considered enough time for that, in view of the attendance last year. There would therefore be Minutes to read out. However there was no greater expectation for this year, and it was agreed that usual time should suffice.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.