

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 21st March, 2012.

1. Present: Mr. A.S. Ezard (Chairman)
Mr. N. Watson
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. R.D. Corner
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. B. Warcup
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. J. Moorfoot
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mrs. F. Turner
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
2. Apologies: Mr. P. Wood
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January, 2012, 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) North Wolds Group Meeting (item 5 i)
Another meeting had been held on 5th March, notes of which had been passed to the Clerk prior to the meeting. Copies were passed around to members, and Mr. Watson expanded on some of the content. The meeting had been poorly attended with only Boynton and Carnaby represented alongside Rudston, but progress was being made on various matters including: Broadband (see later), parish council insurance (clerks to meet to discuss), and Oil (Mrs. Turner to insert item in newsletter). Grindale parish council had withdrawn from the Group, but Kilham and Burton Fleming intend to continue, alongside those mentioned.
 - (ii) Bowls Club Insurance (item 5 iii)
The Bowls Club had accepted the Clerk's explanation, and payment made.

- (iii) Land Registry (item 5 iv)
Due to a communication breakdown, no progress beyond the Clerk having obtained a photocopy of the ordnance survey map required, had been made. From an initial inspection of this, it appeared that accuracy would be difficult.
- (iv) Severe Weather Grants (item 5 v)
Mr. Moorfoot had submitted an application, and there was some discussion on the matter. The Clerk warned that another parish council was having to repay money under this scheme, but it was thought unlikely to be an issue in Rudston.
- (v) Springdale Wind Turbines (item 6)
Mr. Watson reported that Springdale's planning application was being prepared, and there was further discussion on the payments system. The suggestion of a meeting in the village to discuss this and wind turbines in general was made, but after some discussion a questionnaire was agreed as most likely.
- (vi) Tuft Hill Wind Turbines (item 7 i)
An amended plan for: Erection of a single wind turbine (height 26.4m. to hub and 34.2m. to blade tip) had been received. This was as opposed to two turbines of a larger size originally. After circulation of the plans, there had been no change to most members' views.
- (vii) Denby House Wind Turbines (item 7 ii)
As suspected, an amended plan had been received for: Erection of two wind turbines (height 26.4m. to hub and 34.2m. to blade tip). This smaller size had again not changed most members' views.
Mr. Watson remarked that these amended applications may point to the county council recognising that too many were being allowed.
- (viii) Low Caythorpe (item 7 iii)
Plans approved for: Change of use of agricultural store (former foreman's cottage) to form holiday cottage, installation of additional windows and doors to all elevations, erection of porch to rear following demolition of existing, installation of 4 rooflights to rear and side, construction of a chimney, and change of use of grazing land to domestic garden. Among usual conditions was the requirement for window frames etc. to be of timber, and that the finished cottage was strictly for holiday purposes only.
The question of the nearby Low Caythorpe Gas Site was then raised. Little had been heard from Centrica, but the Chairman reported that a "brochure" was being prepared, and asked whether any thought had been given to spending of the next funds. Coincidentally, the Clerk had received a letter relating to that, which was then brought forward and read to the meeting. The church P.C.C. were asking for a portion of the expected £5,000 to help fund electrification of the church clock. This was declined because of Centrica's previous refusal of anything connected with churches, but Mrs. Starkey remarked that the P.C.C. could make their own direct application from another source, with which she could offer assistance.

(ix) School Transport (item 12 i)

The Clerk had agreed a letter with Mrs. Starkey, and had eventually received an acknowledgement saying that parish council views would be taken into account when School Admissions arrangements were made in April.

There was then some animated discussion on local schools and transport.

(x) Broadband (item 12 ii)

The county council had requested that this should be an agenda item in any case, and the Clerk read out their statement on the issue. The government were keen to see the U.K. have the best broadband network, and as part of that, E.R.Y.C. needed to provide evidence of how it was working locally. Residents and businesses were therefore being asked to complete a survey.

As seen earlier (item 6 i), this was also a matter with which the North Wolds Group were involved, and Mr. Watson gave more information including the possibility of new technology in Bridlington.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(i) Thornholme Wind Farm (item 5 i, 30/11/11)

The company, Wind Prospect Developments, had been required to undertake further archaeological surveys and submit results to E.R.Y.C. This had led to another bulky file and fresh submission of plans. There was no change to the basic plan and no change to parish council opposition, the latter view swiftly conveyed to the county council.

8. Area Community Partnership Meeting

Mrs. Turner reported on a recent Area Community Partnership meeting held in Rudston. Among matters discussed had been a police matter of an assault on a Kilham lady and a response to that of a crime prevention session being arranged for 17th April. Clerk to include in Newsletter column for submission next day. There was mention of Streetscene, and Mr. Watson reported that he had been in touch with them about the Eastgate drainage ditch, to be told that it would be considered under new Budgets beginning in April.

9. Committee Reports

Nothing of substance, but a Village Hall Committee meeting soon.

10. Members' Village Issues Reports

The case of a black & white cat was discussed.

Mrs. Starkey remarked on concern about a "noisy business", and was advised of possible ways to report.

The Chairman reported on some horses belonging to travellers having been tethered on the conservation area of Burton Agnes Road.

11. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

Clerk's Salary (quarter to 31/3/12)	£100.00
H.M. Revenue & Customs (PAYE re: above)	£ 25.00
Autela (payroll services re: above)	£ 12.00
Village Hall (hire)	£ 7.50

There had also been receipts of £52.56 for Recycling (reduced amount remarked on by Clerk in current newsletter), and £60.46 insurance contribution from Bowls Club as reported earlier (item 6 ii).

The Clerk remarked on the possibility of further cheques being required before the month end as there was an extra £10 payroll services charge for end-of-tax-year work, and the Playground inspection invoice to come.

12. Correspondence

- (i) Letter from Autela detailing increased charges for year beginning April and offer of discount for a total payment. Mrs. Turner reported that E.R.V.A.S. undertook payroll work at a cheaper rate however, so it was agreed to switch to them. Clerk to inform Autela after receipt of tax year paperwork.
- (ii) Police News had been passed to Mr. Moorfoot between meetings, and Clerk had pinned up notice of a forthcoming police "surgery" in the Village Hall.
- (iii) Notice of Standards/Code of Conduct meetings and dates of the two nearest, Driffield and Bridlington, read out.
- (iv) Humber & Wolds literature regarding Oil initiative as reported earlier (item 6 i).
- (v) Letter regarding Comic Relief funding read to meeting.
- (vi) Queen's Jubilee: last chance for Mugs, plus offer of Bench Seats. No interest.
- (vii) Latest edition of Playing Field – passed to Mr. Moorfoot but returned later.

13. Any Other Business

- (i) Mr. Watson reported, and handed round an example of, new framework for the village website.
- (ii) Mrs. Starkey asked about the future of the Bosville Arms and possibility of a community takeover, as had happened at Burton Fleming. The fate of the pub was unknown but could be sold to new owners, and developments awaited.
- (iii) Sir Ian MacDonald had alerted the Chairman to an unauthorised door and live electric cables to the rear of the pub (former Art Gallery). The Chairman had tried, without success, to discover where and to whom to report this.
- (iv) Mr. Smallwood reported a large hole along the beck-side. Mr. Watson to report via a "Fix my Street" council website.

14. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

"Annual" meeting to be held in the Village Hall on 2nd May, 2012, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

