

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Wednesday, 29th January, 2014

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Chairman)
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. R. Overfield
Mr. P. Wood
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mr. J. Moorfoot
Mr. A.S. Ezard
Mr. B. Warcup
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
2. Apologies: Mrs. F. Turner
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December, 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) Parish Council Vacancy (item 7 i)
No-one had shown firm interest in the parish council vacancy, and members were urged to keep it a topic of conversation in the village. Mr. Rhodes mentioned advertising in the Driffield newspaper, and the Clerk remarked that he had not seen the usual free entry from E.R.Y.C. anywhere after the vacancy was notified to them.
 - (ii) Notice Boards (item 7 iii)
Mr. Warcup had made an improvement to the Long Street notice board by means of purchase and fitting of a Perspex cover.
 - (iii) Community Transport (item 7 iv)
A letter regarding a meeting to discuss community transport had been received from Councillors Evison and Owen. Members to inform Clerk before 17th February if interested, and date & venue would be advised later. Otherwise, the Chairman

- proposed that Rudston should continue with its independent enquiries. Agreed.
- (iv) Broadband (item 7 v)
The Chairman had little further to report. A decision from Church authorities regarding fixing of a small Receiver on the church tower was still awaited.
- (v) Westcroft (item 10)
The outline application for erection of a dwelling South of Westcroft had been refused. (No letter, but e-mail notification received).
- (vi) Precept (item 11)
It had been discovered soon after the last meeting that Rudston, in common with most other parishes, was not to receive any Council Tax Support Funding after all. After consultation with the Chairman, it had been decided to leave the £3,800 on the form unchanged, and to apply for that amount only. Action approved.
- (vii) War Memorial (item 15 ii)
The Clerk had not proceeded with the web-site registering due to the onerous conditions encountered in trying to do so.
Separately, he had since received notices from companies keen to take on War Memorial renovation and cleaning work. Mr. Smallwood had undertaken this previously in Rudston and felt that similar action would suffice this year.
- (viii) Old School Garden (item 16 ii)
The Chairman reported that two separate Grants, each for approximately £1,300, had been applied for. He outlined the intended work attached to each, involving pathways, gates, railings, and planting of trees etc. Due attention would be paid to any resident wildlife, and the chance of attracting more. A sub-committee would be required, to include Youth Club members. Parish council members interested in joining this to liaise with Mr. Warcup.
By request, the Clerk had found the outline boundary of the site as identified by Blakestons Solicitors a few years ago, and had attached copies to each agenda. The Chairman referred to this during discussion, and pointed out minor differences to other plans of the site.
- (ix) East Riding Local Plan (item 8 ii)
Additional item as a weighty file had been received since distribution of agendas. A single map of the proposals for Rudston had been included, and this was passed around as the Chairman remarked on differences already noticed. These involved Eastgate and Southside Lane, and would be queried before the deadline for replies in March. The file would be passed around those members interested in the wider plans, in days following the meeting.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (i) Street Lights (item 6 iii, 16/10/13)
Testing of the 16 lights identified had taken place, and all found to be in good order to last until the next survey in 2019. Invoice received for the expected amount.

(ii) Planning Principles (item 12 ix, 16/10/13)

Mrs. Turner had asked for this item to be included, but at short notice had been unable to attend this meeting. The Chairman reported that a wider matter of principle concerning planning had been discerned, with some parish councils having made clear their disappointment in the county council. This had grown from a single parish council disagreement elsewhere in the county.

8. Tree Felling

The Chairman had been approached by Fountains (Tree & Vegetation clearance people) who had advised of necessary work for electricity line clearance. This involved some trees on county council land which may need to be felled, but E.R.Y.C. were being approached separately about those. There were also some on the edge of the playing field, and permission had been given for "minimal trimming" maintenance. It was explained that they were not allowed to reduce the height of trees without consultation.

Approved. (Consent form passed to Clerk).

9. Cheque Signing

The Clerk had obtained a Bank Mandate form as it would be an advantage to return to a position of having three cheque signatories. He had then learned that the stipulation of two signatures was to be relaxed and only one would eventually be required, but it was not known when this might be introduced. It was agreed that Mr. Warcup should become third signatory. (Form completed after the meeting, which Mr. Warcup would take to the bank in Bridlington along with proof of identity.)

10. Committee Reports

Mr. Rhodes reported Village Hall news including solar panels.

He also reported storm damage to fencing on the children's playground and queried insurance. The Clerk didn't think it would be covered, but would check.

11. Members' Village Issues

Mr. Overfield had been asked about litter bins. The Chairman remarked that after the initial expense in obtaining them there was a considerable charge by E.R.Y.C. to empty them. Those findings had been a few years ago though, so Clerk to investigate up-to-date position. Mr. Overfield also raised the question of drainage from Long Street into the Gypsy Race on Water Lane. A higher level prevented free flow, with water then backing-up until the level was reached for its passage into the beck. This was thought to be a matter for "Streetscene" and Clerk to report to them.

Mr. Wood remarked on reflectors which had been placed on Eastgate Bridge. There was general agreement that these served no useful purpose and therefore not required. Clerk to ask Mr. England about possibility of removal, though they were probably put up in response to reports of speeding along that road.

12. Payment of Accounts

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

H.M. Revenue & Customs (P.A.Y.E.)	£ 42.60
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Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

P. Crossland (Clerk's salary, quarter to 31/12/13)	£285.40
P. Crossland (Clerk's expenses)	£ 10.00
E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll administration)	£ 5.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50
E.R.Y.C. (Street light testing)	£288.00

Following completion of Tennis Courts renewal, the Clerk had claimed and received total V.A.T. to end of December of £2,488.63, and advised that there would be no further claim at the end of the financial year. Also a final receipt from the Playing Field Committee in respect of the Teenis Court work, of £235.00.

13. Correspondence

- (i) A reminder of the bulk oil buying scheme now being run jointly between E.R.Y.C. and Humber & Wolds Council.
- (ii) Christmas card (in December) from Mr. & Mrs. Frudd of "Olcote", who were very appreciative of parish council efforts regarding plans for the field next to them.
- (iii) Police News for two months included report of a van break-in "on the edge of Rudston" in November.
- (iv) Kilham Post Office news had been received at Christmas from the Post Office, but the up-to-date position had been reported in local newspapers, which the Clerk had relayed for the February newsletter.
- (v) Two editions of E.R. Parish News. Nothing to report.
- (vi) Lissett Wind Farm Funding. Passed to Chairman for interest.
- (vii) Details of a N.H.S. Urgent Care Event to be held in Bridlington read to meeting.

14. Any Other Business

- (i) Mr. Warcup enquired about community policing. Nothing more had been heard since the news that a new P.C.S.O. would be covering Rudston. Clerk to chase up. As shed break-ins were then reported, that could make a first case for a new officer.
- (ii) Mr. Overfield asked about a sink drain at the Caravan Site entrance, which could be a hazard to pedestrians. Clerk to report to E.R.Y.C.
The Chairman remarked that the footpath from there to the war memorial was also in need of attention, and that both could be reported to "Streetscene"
(Clerk's note: all Streetscene matters reported 31/1/14)

15. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 19th March, 2014, at 7.30 p.m.

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