

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 3rd October, 2012.

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

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd August, 2012, were agreed and signed as a true record.
Mrs. Starkey, having been absent, asked about the letter from Mrs. Dawson (item 4 refers). This was briefly explained, and Mr. Watson's reply.

3. There were no Declarations of interest.
4. There were no Public Representations.

5. Matters Arising:
 - (i) Church Lane Footpath (item 3)
Mr. Watson had met two East Riding of Yorkshire Council personnel on site and the problem discussed. After inspection they had advised that further action would largely be the parish council's responsibility. The steep banks were the main concern and slabs to hold back the earth were recommended. It was thought that this could be a project for the Community Payback scheme.
 - (ii) Development Limits (item 6 ii)
The Chairman and Mr. Smallwood reported on sub-committee findings. A limited number of sites for possible development had been identified, though mostly outside (or bordering) current development limits. These included the Old Coal Yard and

- also the site of a corn dryer previously used by Thorpe Hall. A map showing these and others had been produced and Mr. Smallwood would pass that to Mr. Watson who would then present the findings to E.R.Y.C. It was remarked that “development” in Rudston would only be odd houses in any case, for reasons discussed in the past.
- (iii) Bosville Arms (item 6 vii)
 Mr. Watson reported that things were moving ahead slowly in the matter. Access to the buildings had been made, and the interior found to be in reasonable condition. All matters relevant to the venture, particularly funding, were being investigated by Mr. Watson and Mrs. Turner. During discussion it was emphasised that the Parish Council would not be purchasing the property, but would offer support to any Community Interest group. Meanwhile, it remained for sale and for one of the “outside” prospective buyers to go ahead remained a favoured happening. However, Mr. Watson reported that a six month “stop” would be placed on any deal, if this were to clash with on-going negotiations. Mr. Rhodes was especially sceptical of this, but was assured that would be the case.
 Mr. Watson had gained access to financial figures from the previous ownership, and stated that in his view the public house could still be a viable proposition, despite the current national recession, among other things. Other uses for the buildings would be a priority though, and Mrs. Turner remarked on some possibilities which could serve the village’s large proportion of older people.
 In short, “a business model” was being put together.
- (iv) Springdale Wind Turbine (item 6 ix)
 This plan had excited interest both locally and nationally, being close to the Monolith and “Hockney country”. However, from a local paper shortly before setting off for the meeting, the Clerk had discovered that E.R.Y.C. had just refused the application, but solely on Staxton radar grounds. The M.O.D. have yet to install new equipment to cope with wind turbines, and until then there remains the probability of interference, so had themselves written to the county council to recommend refusal.
 The Clerk had hurriedly torn out the newspaper page containing the report, and this was passed around at the meeting for interest.
- (v) Employer Regulations/Clerks Hours (item 7)
 The Clerk had worked out an average of his hours spent on parish council business during the past 8 weeks as 3.7 per week. It was agreed that 4 hours per week would thus be the basis for new rates of pay, and Mr. Watson would look into the issue on behalf of the Parish Council for the next meeting.
- (vi) North Wolds Group (item 12 iv)
 Mr. Watson had reluctantly disbanded the Group, after only Boynton and Carnaby had shown continued interest. Mrs. Turner also reported a disappointing reaction to the heating oil co-operative purchase.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(i) Low Caythorpe Plans (item 6 viii, 21/3/12)

As had been remarked at the time, one of the conditions of these plans was for wooden windows. An application had now been made for a “variation of condition” to allow PVC windows instead. No objections from the Parish Council.

(ii) Thornholme Wind Farm (item 7 i, 21/3/12)

Plans had been amended and number of turbines reduced. They were now for: erection of 6 wind turbines (5 x 100m. to tip, 1 x 110m. to tip), a 70metre anemometry mast and associated infrastructure.

Seen by all members – no change to Parish Council views.

(Clerk’s note: copy of original P/C letter re-submitted)

(iii) External Auditor (item 6 v, 27/6/12)

The appointment of Littlejohn LLP as Rudston Parish Council’s auditor for next year had been confirmed.

(iv) North of Westcroft (item 8 i, 27/6/12)

The original plans had been withdrawn, and resubmission made for: erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing buildings. Seen by all members. Little change to Parish Council views, though some reservations at presentation of plan. A particular concern remained the boundary to Water Lane, remarked on by Mr. Warcup. An eye to kept on this.

7. Community Involvement Questionnaire (E.R. Local Plan)

Mr. Watson felt that completion of this questionnaire which had been received, would be advantageous. Members agreed that he complete it on Parish Council behalf.

8. Committee Reports

No particular reports, but Mr. Rhodes remarked on a forthcoming village event.

9. Members’ Village Issues Reports

(i) Mrs. Turner reported on forthcoming Youth Club activities.

(ii) At his meeting about Church Lane, Mr. Watson had reminded the E.R.Y.C. gentlemen about Eastgate and potholes on Burton Agnes Road, which had since been repaired.

(iii) The Chairman had taken steps to find out reasons for the current dried-up state of the Gypsy Race, speaking to both Yorkshire Water and Driffield Environment offices. He had eventually discovered that the Environment Agency were aware and were investigating the issue. They had agreed to keep him informed. There was some discussion on this, with a suggestion that Yorkshire Water themselves may have a case to answer.

(iv) Mr. Corner reported a post on Becksides which had been knocked down,

probably by a vehicle. Clerk to report.

- (v) There had also been more Fly Tipping in the area. The Clerk had been aware of some and reported, at least one of which had already been collected.

10. Payment of Accounts

A transfer of funds being necessary, the prepared letter for that was signed.

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

H.M. Revenue & Customs (P.A.Y.E.)	£ 25.00
E.R.V.A.S. (Payroll services)	£ 5.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire)	£ 7.50
P. Crossland (Clerk's Salary for quarter to 30/9/12)	£100.00

(This last cheque was post-dated to allow time for transfer of funds)

11. Correspondence

- (i) A representative of the Parish Council was invited to attend a meeting to discuss E.R.Y.C. Winter Services. No interest.
- (ii) E.R. Parish News included a recommendation of co-operative fuel buying.
- (iii) News of an E.R. Rural Strategy meeting. Passed to Mr. Watson for possible interest.
- (iv) Dates for E.R.Y.C. Budget Events received. Not normally of parish council note, but in view of letter attached, particularly mentioned this year. No interest though.
- (v) A first chance of Commemorative Medals for next year's Queens Coronation Jubilee. Price to increase after year end. Decided against purchase at present.

12. Any Other Business

- (i) Mrs. Turner reported on Funding received, with which it was intended to cut back trees overhanging the Tennis Courts.
- (ii) Also replacement of the Playing Field sign, for which Mrs. Turner had produced a suggestion. Wording was agreed, to be submitted for sign writing.

13. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 28th November, 2012, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

