

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 5th October, 2011

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Vice-Chairman – chaired meeting)
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. R.D. Corner
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. B. Warcup
Mr. R. Overfield
Mrs. F. Turner
Mr. J. Moorfoot
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
+ 1 person observing
2. Apologies: Mr. A.S. Ezard
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
The Minutes of the meetings held on 17th August and 26th September, 2011, were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. Matters Arising:
 - (i) Thornholme Wind Farm (item 3)
The limited timescale had affected response from the village, but from that received it was clear that there was concern over the effect that the development would have on Rudston in various ways. It seemed clear that a majority would support the majority of the Parish Council in being opposed. A vote then taken at the meeting showed only one member in support of the application and six against. Mr. Watson had prepared an extensive list of reasons for opposition and questions to forward to E.R.Y.C. Copies were passed around, and each item explained, resulting in minor alterations being agreed. Mr. Watson would amend the list accordingly and submit separately by e-mail to meet the next day's deadline. He had also been in touch with Burton Agnes and discovered that they were opposed to the plans, and had made their representation.
(Clerk's note: response form with appropriate note posted,
and e-mail as above, sent 6/10/11)

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- (i) Future Funding (item 3 iv, 17/8/11)
The Clerk had received a suggestion from the village of Solar Panels for the Village Hall roof. After discussion it was agreed that this could be considered when source and amount of funding became known.
- (ii) Land east of The Teazels (item 5 i, 17/8/11)
Plans refused for Erection of Dwelling. The proposal was stated to be in conflict with the Joint Structure Plan, and by request the reasons were read out in full.
- (iii) Eastgate House (item 5 ii, 17/8/11)
Plans refused for Erection of double garage/store and fence. The reasons were that the fence would be “not in keeping with the existing street scene” and that the garage would “unduly dominate” and create a “sense of enclosure” on the neighbouring property, Seaton House.
- (iv) Middle Cottage (item 5 iii, 17/8/11)
Planning permission granted for Erection of Conservatory to rear. It was noted that one of the conditions was for “obscure glazing” on the northern elevation.
- (v) Cheque Signatory & Agenda Framework (item 6, 17/8/11)
Mr. Watson had been duly installed as a cheque signatory bringing the total back to three – others being chairman Mr. Ezard, and Mr. Corner.
The current Agenda had reflected the Clerk’s amendments based on his investigations, but following discussion with Mr. Watson prior to the meeting now realised his information was out of date. Future agendas to more closely follow that which was agreed.
- (vi) Other Matters Arising
 - (a) Mr. Watson had not yet received a proper response from Mr. Maund regarding planning (item 4, 22/6/11), and would pursue.
 - (b) Mr. Watson had contacted a number of surrounding parishes with the idea of a joint meeting (item 6, 17/8/11), most of whom were in favour, with two still to reply. However, the first meeting had been arranged for 20th October, and it was envisaged that there should be one or two per year. Mr. Watson and chairman Mr. Ezard (subject to health) would attend. There were ready substitutes among members present, should one be required.

6. Planning Applications

- (i) Littlethorpe Farm
Application for Erection of replacement general purpose agricultural building, seen by members. Approved with no observations.
- (ii) Westcroft (Amendment)
Application for Erection of office and storage block following demolition of existing. Received after printing of Agenda, but completed round of members at the meeting. This was really a “second amendment” as no decision had been received on the first (item 7 iii, 7/5/11, also marked “amendment”). The Clerk had brought that to the meeting for comparison, and the difference was found to be relatively minor. After discussion, it was agreed that there was no change in the Parish Council’s position of a majority being opposed. (Clerk’s note: returns of both above 6/10/11)

7. Committee Reports

Mr. Watson had produced a summary of sub-committees and representation, copies of which were passed around members. He advised that former member Mrs. Gatenby had relayed a wish to discontinue her responsibility for the Emergency Plan, and Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Starkey agreed to jointly take that over.

- (i) The official opening of the childrens playground attended by Centrica had taken place recently and reported in local newspapers. Mr. Rhodes had represented the Parish Council at the ceremony.
- (ii) Mr. Overfield reported that the Village Hall was in need of continuing support. It was agreed that the Parish Council would help where possible.
- (iii) Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Watson remarked that there had been no communication with Centrica regarding Low Caythorpe Gas Site. Although there was no current activity on the site, the 30 mph. speed limit remained in place on a long stretch of the road in the vicinity. It was agreed that another meeting with Centrica was due, and Mr. Watson requested that the Clerk make contact to that end. (Clerk's note: letter 6/10/11)

8. Village Issues Reports

- (i) Mrs. Starkey passed on a report of an unusually parked car which may be uninsured, but may be under repair. There was some discussion about this, as it was thought possible that its position may be classed as being on an unadopted road. Mr. Watson recommended that enquires be made of P.S.O., Sue Edmond, in the first instance, to which Mrs. Starkey agreed.
- (ii) Mr. Warcup reported that the street light on Water Lane was obscured by overhanging trees. Mr. Watson thought this should have been included on the recent "Streetscene" task list, and requested the Clerk to contact Mike Connor at E.R.Y.C. (Clerk's note: e-mail 6/10/11)
- (iii) There was reported to be a current village-wide problem with an excessive number of rabbits. Mr. Wood to tackle this issue.
- (iv) It was reported that litter-bin emptying had not taken place for some time and asked whether E.Y.R.C. were still responsible. It was thought so, and Clerk to report to them.
- (v) There was also a fly tipping/littering problem in the Gypsy Race alongside Burton Fleming Road which the Clerk was to report. Previous fly tipping had been cleared by E.R.Y.C. (Clerk's note: e-mail re: both above 6/10/11)

9. 2012 Queen's Jubilee

Thoughts were turning nationally and locally to ways of celebrating next year's jubilee. An idea for commemorative mugs had been received via the Clerk's councils magazine. He passed around the full-page advertisement with the comment that no more than the minimum order of 36 should be considered, but with older people in mind rather than children, that would probably be sufficient. (Note: the quoted price of over £200 included V.A.T. – it would actually be £195.70 + VAT).

Mrs. Turner also reported that the Youth Club were considering some sort of party among other things to mark the occasion.

After discussion, it was agreed that no action would be taken on anything at present,

but that the Parish Council would be prepared to give backing to others.

10. Payment of Accounts

Payment was authorised and cheques signed for:

P. Crossland (Clerk's salary for quarter to 30/9/11)	£100.00
H.M. Revenue & Customs (PAYE re: above)	£ 25.00
Autela Payroll Services (re: above)	£ 12.00
Rudston Village Hall (Hire 26/9 & 5/10/11)	£ 15.00

The Clerk also reported a Recycling receipt of £315.90 (for period April to June)

11. Correspondence

- (i) A booklet on how to respond to planning applications had been received. Supposed to be for the use of parish councils, it seemed (from the Clerk's quick perusal) to be written more from an individual point of view. Passed to Mr. Watson.
- (ii) E.R.Y.C. Parish News – nothing of note in September issue, but an e-mail with early notice of an October item received. This was for an annual Budget Event in Bridlington, details of which were read out. No-one to attend.
- (iii) An item regarding funding for village organisations had been included in the current village newsletter.
- (iv) Police matters: nothing reported in Rudston. Passed to Mr. Moorfoot.
- (v) As had been reported in the national news, parliamentary boundary changes were being considered. Notice received that a consultation period would last until 5th December and any local comments invited.
- (vi) For the first time that he could recall, the Clerk had received correspondence regarding meetings of a Bridlington & Driffield Local Action Team. They appeared to chiefly concern county councillors, and it was assumed this was for information only. However, Mrs. Turner knew of the organisation and explained further.
- (vii) The Clerk read out a letter from Zephyr Community Energy who were offering assistance in the field of "renewable energy projects". Mrs. Turner offered to look into this further and took a note of their website.
- (viii) Adverts by e-mail – nothing of note.

12. Any Other Business

- (i) Mr. Watson reported on a Heritage Centre being established in church which would make a display of village history supported by 3D models. Members agreed Parish Council support.
- (ii) Mr. Watson also reported on a church project to re-activate the clock face on the northern side of the tower. Mr. Corner explained the background, and that it had been left unrepaired for many years. Members agreed support for this too.

13. Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

To be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 30th November, 2011, at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.