

**NOTES OF ACTIONS APPROVED BY RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY EMAIL WITH THE CLERK IN LIGHT OF  
CORONAVIRUS CRISIS  
1 JUNE 2020**

**COUNCILLORS RESPONDING:**

Cllr P Rollings (PR) Chairman  
Cllr A Mate (AM)  
Cllr Mrs J Wright (JW)  
Ward Cllr. Anne Hook (AH)

Cllr J Flynn (JF)  
Cllr Mrs A Powell (AP)  
Cllr Mrs H Butterworth (HB)  
Cllr N Murray (NM)

**024 Notes of previous meeting:** Notes of Actions to 4 May were agreed subject to ratification at a future meeting of the council.

**025 Ward Councillor's Comments:**

AH is trying to get the speed limit reduced on Northfield Lane to try to deter "boy racers" and make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists to social distance when heading to and from the cycle path.

Having pushed for measures to prevent parking at the end of Northfield Lane so farm vehicles could access the fields, Yorkshire Water dug a large hole to resolve the large pothole which had appeared and farm vehicle access was blocked again.

AH was unsure of current status but the hole was left longer than promised by YW operative.

AH stressed the importance of social distancing and to look after the elderly and vulnerable in the villages.

**026 Accounts for year ending 31 March 2020:**

The Clerk has given the Internal Auditor all the accounts, minutes, cheque books etc for last year.

We do have to have the AGAR completed, approved, signed and published for the External Auditor by 31 August 2020 at the very latest.

**027 Finance:**

We had no income into the burial grounds during May.

We had a repayment of £115 from YLCA for planning training that didn't happen.

Councillors agreed the following payments:

Clerk's salary +back pay to 1<sup>st</sup> April £390.60

Website renewal £45 + VAT

Grass cutting April and May £684 inc. VAT

£19.98 to HB for spikes to deter birds from roosting on the seats NBG

All these payments would be ratified at a proper meeting of the council.

The Clerk produced an up to date financial report for councillors. A copy will go in the minute file.

**028 Burial Grounds:**

It was decided to open up the burial grounds to the wider area as before the Coronavirus lockdown.

**029 Planning:**

20/00752/FULM Land at Boroughbridge Road West of Trenchard Road for 60 affordable homes with associated infrastructure, including access, public open space and landscaping: The Parish Council are objecting strongly to this application as it lies within the Green Belt as in the draft York Local Plan, and the Rufforth with Knapton and Poppleton Neighbourhood Plans.

APP/C2741/W20/3248105 on Application 19/01362/FUL Acomb Grange, Grange Lane, Rufforth for change of use of building to a dwelling: The Parish Council had nothing to add to their original comments.

20/00358/FUL OS Field SE 5351 Middlewood Close Rufforth York for erection of steel framed barn

20/00888/FUL 2 New House Covert Knapton York for alterations to windows to rear elevation including introduction of brick panel.

20/00885/FUL Fairview House Wetherby Road Rufforth for erection of stable in field to the rear.

**030 Knapton:**

There had been yet more problems with rats in Knapton, the Clerk had followed this up with City of York Council.

A resident had been concerned about the wooded area in the Recreational Ground. Cllr Anne Powell had been out to the site. It was the area CYC Planning had placed a condition on for it to be landscaped. It was laid to shrubs that had now grown into trees. It all needed cutting back to a manageable level. AP had also noticed hedging that had grown too close to the fence, nettles at the edge of the field and the latch to the gate not working properly. The Clerk had reported all this to Dave Meigh (CYC Officer) who was going to do a site visit.

**031 Garden Waste Collections:**

Garden Waste collections were due to be resumed 18 May 2020.

**032 Rufforth to Knapton Bridleway:**

There had been reports of inconsiderate cyclists on the bridleway. Cyclists should give way to pedestrians but were not doing so and coming up on pedestrians with no warning and passing too close. The Clerk had written to CYC requesting signs to go on both ends of the bridleway to say cyclists should give way to pedestrians. There also appeared to be an issue with cars parking around the end of the bridleway in Knapton. This was being followed up.

**033 Coronavirus updates:**

A regular update on issues relating to the current Coronavirus crisis has been sent out on a regular basis via the email circulation list and has also been copied and forwarded by Frank at the shop to his circulation list. Positive comments have been received.

**034 Date of next Update notes/ Next Meeting of the Council: 6 July 2020**