

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 4 MARCH 2019 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE INSTITUTE AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor P Rollings (PR)	Councillor Mrs A Powell (AP)
Councillor Mrs H Butterworth (HBu)	Councillor Mrs J Wright (JW)
Councillor Mrs H Beeley (HBe)	Councillor A Mate (AM)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ward Councillor Chris Steward (CS), The Clerk and 4 members of the public.

**039 PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A resident from Askham Bryan asked for support from the Council for objecting to the Stopping Up Order of Footpath No.9 (part) that goes through Askham Bryan College. Askham Bryan PC had objected as had CS, Julian Sturdy MP and the Ramblers. Objections needed to be received by Alison Newbould by 20 March. The Neighbourhood Plan was supportive of keeping PROWs open. It was agreed that if Askham Bryan Parish Council emailed the Clerk asking for support we would do so. A Rufforth resident, member of the Community Festival group, said they were looking to put Christmas lights on the tree on the triangle. A Christmas tree with lights by the telephone box would be nice. The Parish Council had no objections to the Festival group asking CYC if it would be possible to take electricity off street lighting and to look into the feasibility of the project but would like something put up in Knapton too. This would go on the next agenda.

**040 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED:** Cllr J Flynn (JF)

**041 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (not previously declared):** None

**042 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the 4 February 2019 were proposed as a true record by AP and seconded by AM, all were agreed and the minutes were signed.

**043 CO-OPTION TO FILL KNAPTON WARD VACANCY:**

AP proposed that Mark Reynolds fill the vacancy, AM seconded and it was agreed. Cllr Mark Reynolds joined councillors at the table.

**044 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:**

The Refusal for the Poultry Farm on Bradley Lane was going to Appeal. CS would check whether all objections originally made would go to the Planning Inspector.

Pro Valet had been refused. The gully outside West Cottage will be done as will the road surface by Ash Cottage on Bradley Lane.

Heather Fairy had discharged the Conditions on the Cycle Track, CS was thanked for chasing this up.

**045 CLERK'S REPORT:**

- a) Knapton Hedge had been cut by the farmer.
- b) Ken Falkingham had not got back to the Clerk about Knapton Noticeboard. This would be chased up.
- c) The Clerk had reported the litter on the B1224 beyond Tinker Bridge to CYC but it had not yet been dealt with. This would be chased.
- d) The Pot holes by Mill Lane had been done but not those on Bland Lane.

**046 ELECTIONS:**

The Clerk described the process briefly and suggested that councillors get papers back to her by 27 March. This was agreed. The Clerk is happy to give any assistance and would hand in the completed nomination papers to West Offices.

#### **047 RESERVES POLICY:**

HB said that she would like the rent for the cycle path to come from Natural Burial funds. Under the reserves policy any money coming into the burial grounds that wasn't put into reserves would be going into funds available and therefore the rent would, in effect, be coming from the burial grounds. AP proposed the Reserves Policy and AM seconded the proposal and all agreed. The Policy was signed as agreed and dated.

#### **048 FINANCE:**

The Clerk produced a monthly financial report, a copy of which is in the minute file.

a.	Invoices agreed to be paid: Clerk's salary	£ 498.62
	The Clerk for the website	£ 93.71
	The Parish of Marston Moor for Newsletter printing	£ 44.25
b.	Payments received: VAT reclaim	£ 840.86
	Invoice 1932 Ashes Interment NBG	£ 753.00
c.	Funds available:	£ 5304.90

#### **049 BURIAL GROUNDS:**

HB gave out copies of the Copmanthorpe magazine that included an article on the Natural Burial Ground. PR had found that agricultural land was going for about £8,800 an acre at present.

A Rufforth resident had expressed an interest in becoming involved in the Burial Ground, HB would contact him directly.

HB would be attending the ANBG meeting in Hereford on 22 March.

#### **050 COMMUNICATIONS:**

The newsletter had gone out to residents around the parish. JW was thanked for producing it.

Facebook: This would be taken off the agenda until the May meeting.

#### **051 PLANNING:**

18/02754/FUL Beech House, Rufforth for single storey side extension, rear dormer to existing single storey side projection and new porch extension to front.

19/00046/FUL Huntsham Farm for conversion of existing outbuilding to create self contained annex living accommodation.

Both these planning applications met the criteria detailed in the neighbourhood Plan and therefore the council had no objections.

#### **052 CYCLE PATH:**

Rufforth end: Heather Fairy had now signed off on the conditions for the cycle path extension.

Knapton end: JF was not present to report on this but it was understood it was progressing.

#### **053 RUFFORTH:**

- **Allotments:** Progress is very slow but getting there. The land has been agreed but the soil has yet to be tested.
- **Rufforth Pinfold:** The grant application is just about done but is waiting on a letter of support from school. AJT had taken all the greenery off free of charge. People were now noticing its existence.

#### **054 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT:**

- Junction of Main Street with A1237: It was suggested that travelling South one could make a Left Hand turn into Knapton and joining the A1237 from Knapton be a left hand turn only i.e.

no Right Hand turns on or off the A1237. To go on next agenda with the intention of consulting Knapton residents.

- Proposed night work and road closures on B1224: The council was concerned about the effect of night work on nearby residents. The officer in charge had said he would try to get work close to the village done first to ease disruption. The Clerk would check with the officer in charge that the kerbing by the Terrace would remain at the height it currently is and he would be asked if he could do something about the potholes at the entrance to The Avenue. At the Clerk's request he is already looking into the pot holes on Southfield Lane.
- PR will draft a letter to Tony Clarke and Alistair Briggs to ask them out to the villages to look at traffic management.

#### **055 SPEEDWATCH:**

Volunteers are looking to do two weeks in April and to do some without signs etc to get more accurate data on speeds through the villages.

#### **056 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROWs):**

The PROW turning left at the top of the Avenue to Bradley Lane: the styles are badly smashed with private property signs up. JW will follow up with the landowners.

The footpath that was closed during works to the roundabout that crosses the field and ends up in Chapelfields and the footpath that goes from Tinker Bridge with no access onto it seem pointless but are on the Definitive Map. The Clerk will write to the PROW officer.

#### **057 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:**

- a. Rural West Ward Team: no meetings planned
- b. YLCA: AP and PR had attended the February meeting.
- c. Yorwaste: Geoff Derham has left Yorwaste and PR will talk to the site manager to see who is taking over so that he can introduce himself. The liaison group will be going for a walk around in April as Yorwaste are looking to put a permissive path in with a viewing point on the top.
- d. Knapton: nothing to report

#### **058 POLICE REPORT:**

The Police had been to the two villages and walked up and down as promised on 24 February.

#### **059 CORRESPONDENCE:**

PR had received a letter from Vale Engineering to say that they had put in a planning application and that they would be happy to take councillors round to show what they were intending to do.

#### **060 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

PROWs are to go on the next agenda

**061 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Monday 1 April 2019 in the Rufforth Village Institute at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by an ordinary meeting of the council.

PR thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.40 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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