

**MINUTES OF RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2019 IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE INSTITUTE AT 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Cllr P Rollings (PR) Chairman Cllr Mrs J Wright (JW) Cllr Mrs H Butterworth (HB)
Cllr M Reynolds (MR) Cllr A Mate (AM) Cllr J Flynn (JF)
Cllr Mrs A Powell (AP)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ward Cllr Anne Hook (AH), the Clerk and 3 members of the public

173 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The resident of West Cottage, Rufforth reported that nothing had been done about the drainage outside his house. The road cambered towards West Cottage and there was a dip in the road outside his front gate. Water goes up to the front door in heavy rain. The wash from drivers going through the water is damaging his property and soaking anyone leaving the property. The Ward Councillor promised to report back to Jim Cavanagh CYC Drainage and the Clerk would do the same.

174 APOLOGIES ACCEPTED: None

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

176 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the 2 September 2019 were proposed as a true record by AM and seconded by HB, agreed by all and signed as a true record.

It was decided to change the order of the agenda slightly and take Item 178 next.

178 VACANCY RUFFORTH WARD:

Nick Murray had put himself forward to fill the vacancy for Rufforth. He told the council a little about himself having been active on the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and a member of the Village Institute Committee. PR proposed that he be co-opted onto the council, this was seconded by AM and agreed by all. Cllr Nick Murray (NM) was welcomed onto the council.

177 WARD COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS:

AH had been around the Ward looking at the state of the roads and said that Rufforth wasn't bad. AH was told that the bend on Bradley Lane was in a poor state as was Back Lane in Knapton. AH had been present at the Poultry Farm Inquiry and was impressed by the speakers.

179 CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) The noticeboard for Bradley Crescent has now been erected by AJT Garden Services.
- b) Bradley Lane footpath has been reported but as yet nothing done. Weeds are still growing through the tarmac.
- c) Road surface outside West Cottage: The Clerk had reported this and would talk to Jim Cavanagh
- d) Condition of PROWs: Richard Hoyland had been on the phone to The Clerk and JW following an email sent to him by the Clerk regarding Footpath No 5. He is looking to sort this path and the stiles but may take some time.
- e) Transport Survey: the Clerk was aware that several residents had completed the survey about bus services around York.

180 FINANCE:

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

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| a. | Invoices agreed to be paid: Clerk's salary + Burial fees | £ 637.68 |
| | Clerk's expenses last ¼ | £ 107.64 |

Parish of Marston Moor for newsletter printing	£	151.25
PAYE ¼ to HMRC	£	22.46
AJT Garden services for grass cutting & noticeboard	£	1,466.40
Farm & Land Services for spraying weeds cycle path	£	72.00
GeoXphere Ltd for On-line mapping (Neighbourhood Plan	£	78.00
Payments agreed and ratified:		
Elisabeth Craven for Neighbourhood Plan website	£	133.56
SLCC for Clerk training	£	30.00
b. Payments received:		
Inv 205 memorial stone fee	£	1,164.00
Inv 206 Purchased Double Plot BG	£	873.00
Inv 207 Interment + purchased plot NBG	£	1,747.00
2 nd half Precept from CYC	£	5,400.00
Bank interest	£	116.42
c. Funds available:		£12,110.48

181 BURIAL GROUNDS:

- There had been one burial in the Natural Burial Ground during September.
- An article had been placed in the Poppleton Parish magazine and we had inquiries in from people who did not know we existed until seeing the article.
- The Clerk had carried out a Health and Safety Inspection of the memorial stones and found one leaning. She had written to the owners and they have instructed the original mason to deal with it.

182 COMMUNICATIONS:

Rufforth Family Network: JW reported that there was nothing of any major importance this month to put on it.

Website security: this had come up at the YLCA meeting. There was no compulsion to secure the website as money was not exchanged via it. Being an unsecure website may possibly stop people visiting the site.

183 PLANNING:

APP/C2741/W/19/3223376 Erection of Poultry Farm, Bradley Lane (resubmission): Public Inquiry 17 September 2019: JW had spoken and was pleased at the amount of Rufforth residents there. 4 people spoke against the development and the Inspector wanted the Neighbourhood Plan issues to be taken into consideration. There was lots of technical language re. flight paths etc. CYC had a barrister there as well as the Gliding Club. JW was thanked for her effective presentation on behalf of the council.

19/01362/FUL Acomb Grange for change of use of building to a dwelling: no objections

19/00046/FUL Huntsham Farm for conversion of existing outbuilding to create self contained annex living accommodation: this had been approved.

19/01336/FUL The Old Stables, 4 Victoria Farm Close, Rufforth for conversion and extension of existing garage to create habitable accommodation and alteration of driveway vehicle access: this had been approved

19/01975/FUL Meadow House, Rufforth for two storey side extension: no objections subject to RWK10 as the extension fills the gap between house and garage.

Enforcement: NM reported that Elite Scaffolding had been operating at 7pm on a Sunday 2 weeks ago – the Clerk would write to the traffic commission. Another letter would go to Enforcement copied to Mike Slater, Neil Ferris and AH. This has now been working for 2 years without planning permission.

Forge Recycling had applied for a license to park 10 vehicles on the airfield: HB had written as a resident asking that vehicles did not turn left out of the site through the village as HGV traffic through the village was an issue. Other residents had written also. This is a Leeds company that deals

with business waste. It had now a contract with businesses in York to clear waste. PR had spoken to Harvey Mills who had said there were not many lorries and that all food waste would go directly to a digester elsewhere not to Rufforth. He stated that all vehicles would exit and enter the site in the direction of the ring road with the exception of delivering skips locally.

NM reported quite a few more School Pullman buses were using Bradley Lane. PR would check with York Pullman.

The Government Consultation into mobile phone masts coming under the category of permitted development rights would be responded to by the council saying that they should go through the normal planning process.

184 CYCLE PATH:

Rufforth end: Fly-tipping: AM thought it might have been the remnants left from doing the path and old stuff that had previously been covered in weeds not recent fly tipping. Yorwaste would be asked at the liaison meeting if they would clear it on our behalf.

HB had been in touch with Hethertons, with Mr Squire's permission. Our solicitor cannot register the land with the Land Registry until he has copies of Mr Squire's parents death certificates. Hethertons have these as they dealt with probate.

Knapton end: JF reported that Cllr Barker had come through with the dog bins and the standard signage would be going in. Sourcing of a memorial tree needed to be done. There was a lot of horse muck on the Bridleway and there was now a need for signs telling horse riders to stay on the horse track.

The Clerk would email Andy Vose again asking who was responsible for the cutting back of hedges and verges on the Bridleway round Harewood Whin.

185 RUFFORTH:

- **Allotments:** The surrender of the lease had been completed and a licence to the farmer given. CYC were appointing a company to test the soil and will test for methane. The access road and car park would be gravel standard and there would be water and electricity. Funding was in place for the investigatory work however the funding bid for the capital programme was 2021. In 2018 the commitment to put the allotment in was given and it seemed inexplicable that the funding bid had not been put in this year.
AH would do what she could to move the allotments on and PR would write to Neil Ferris. PR will circulate the Parish Council Charter and a letter will be drafted raising our concerns over non compliance by CYC with aspects of this charter.
- **Pinfold:** York College is no longer involved with the project having let the project down badly. Colin Simpson is able to do it in the New Year and knows the timescales. The Heritage Lottery Fund have given consent to carry on the project with the change from the original funding agreement.

186 KNAPTON:

Consideration was given to placing a Christmas Tree with lights in Knapton. It had proved difficult to identify a suitable site with power for the lights, so a decision was taken to take no further action and review options again next year.

There was support for an improved use of the recreational field in Knapton and JF would consider applying for funding to place some play equipment in the field.

187 ACTIVITIES FOR TEENAGERS:

JW and HB have been asking teenagers what they want and are beginning to get a picture. Space to play table tennis and billiards were amongst the wish list. HB had been looking into boxing. A start would be made by writing to the Governors to be able to use the Community Hall for teenagers.

188 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

- a. Rural West Ward Team: no meetings scheduled.

- b. YLCA: AP and PR had attended. YLCA had drawn attention to the Parish Charter as lack of response from CYC was a major frustration. YLCA are looking to invite Neil Ferris to the next YLCA meeting.
- c. Yorwaste: 21 October 2019 at 3pm. Npower work has been done. Catherine Higgins had been in communication with Highways. PR had replied hoping the reconfiguration of the entrance would be done by the end of the year. NM drew attention to the fact that council had not yet seen a detailed scale drawing of the new site entrance design. PR would ask for these to be tabled at the Liaison meeting.
We need a list of all Yorwaste contacts and their current precise responsibilities.

189 POLICE REPORT: Nothing reported for September.

190 CORRESPONDENCE: It was agreed to renew the on-line mapping tool as it may be necessary in the next year.

171 MINOR MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

Pinfold, Rufforth family Network, Cycle Path and Knapton Recreational Field all to go on the next agenda.

172 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday 4 November 2019 in the Rufforth Village Institute at 7.30pm.

PR thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.33 pm

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____

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