

**MINUTES OF THE RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE INSTITUTE ON MONDAY 3  
OCTOBER 2022 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Nicholas Murray (NM)    Cllr Anne Powell (AP)  
                  Cllr John Flynn (JF)            Cllr Helen Butterworth (HB)  
                  Cllr Andrew Mate (AM)            Cllr Mark Reynolds (MR)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Stephanie Warden and 7 members of the public

**157 Public Comments:** 3 members of the public had registered to speak. All wanted to speak on the Planning Application 22/01844/FULM. All were objecting to the application as it was presently in the Green Belt and had not met any special circumstances. Concerns were also that drains were unable to cope at present and regularly Yorkshire Water were called out to unblock drains; Green Belt should be used for rewilding rather than development; that the planned development would cause a lot of congestion; that there was diverse wildlife on that land and stretching over to Harewood Whin; only people whose houses backed onto the site had been informed; and that it would establish a precedent for building in the Green Belt. A member of the Board of Governors from Rufforth Primary said that the school were neither against nor in favour of the development.

**158 Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:** Cllr Peter Rollings (PR), Cllr Victoria Kirk (VK) and Ward Councillor Anne Hook (AH).

**159 Approval of reason given for absence:** these were approved

**160 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (not previously declared):** None were declared.

**161 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 September 2022:** The minutes were proposed as a true record by AM, seconded by AP, agreed and signed.

**162 Ward Councillors Comments and Reports:** none

**163 Clerks Report:**

Crack in tarmac – cattle crush to cattle grid: The Clerk would chase PROW on this as had not received a reply.

**164 Planning Matters:**

Decided Planning Applications:

- 22/01149/LBC St Peters Farmhouse Main Street Knapton: for installation of through floor lift – This had been refused by CYC.

Planning applications decided:

- 22/01844/FULM Land to the East of Middlewood Close Rufforth for Erection of 21no. dwellings and associated works (resubmission): After much discussion on this application by council it was a majority decision to object to the application on the basis that at present the site was in

the Green Belt and the application premature to the Local Plan being adopted.

- 22/01932/FUL Grange Farm, Grange Lane Rufforth for single storey side extensions to east and west elevations: there were no objections to this application but would ask for materials to be in keeping with the dwelling.
- Old Shop, Rufforth for 3no. 2 bed homes: there was no update
- York Local Plan: no update

#### **165 Finance: Monthly report**

##### a) The following payments were ratified:

Clerk September salary + burial fees	£ 646.33
Clerk expenses for last quarter	£ 141.12
PAYE to HMRC for last quarter	£ 97.40
AJT Garden Services for work to Burial Grounds	£ 714.00
Planning fee to CYC for amendment to Play Area	£ 117.00
Falon Nameplates for Memorial Plaque	£ 154.03
YLCA for training	£ 25.00
Kompan for Knapton Play Area	£26,305.81
Farm & Land Services Ltd for weedkilling Cycle path	£ 72.00
Sports Turf Services (York) Ltd for flailing Natural BG	£ 216.00
Greentech Ltd for Snowdrops for cycle path	£ 403.20

The following payments to AJT Garden Services for fence work and maintenance of the cycle track were agreed:

£ 267.65  
£ 384.00

HB for the purchase of a new strimmer for the NBG was agreed: £ 86.45

##### b) Payments Received:

Invoice 273 for NBG interment	£ 300.00
Invoice 272 for NBG ashes interment and plot	£ 800.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> half precept from CYC	£5950.00

##### c) Funds Available:

£5804.44

#### **166 To approve for adoption:**

1. Standing Orders 2022
2. Financial Regulations updated

It was agreed to leave these until the following meeting.

#### **167 Burial Grounds:**

a) Report on Burials: there had been one full burial and one ashes interment in the Natural Burial Ground

b) Maintenance in Burial Grounds: work in the formal cemetery would take place early October and quotes for the gates had been accepted.

HB had bought a new strimmer as the other one was too heavy for her to use. All were happy that she had done so. HB intends to keep the area with burials in freer.

**168 Cycle Path:** AM reported that he had stapled down the mesh on the boardwalk as it was coming up at the edges and was a trip hazard. Also, that the fence around the pond had been made good and that signs warning of deep water were in place. AM was thanked.

HB said that Alasdair had treated the weed around the pond. He felt that PC needed to come up with a plan for the pond. Now that the pond had started to fill up the area could not be treated with glyphosate as it would get into the water course. The Clerk would ask Alasdair to ring Peter and 2/3 councillors could have a site meeting.

Next Agenda: Volunteer work around Rufforth – VK.

**169 Traffic update:**

NM reported that the report written by VK on accidents at the West end of Rufforth was excellent and NM would follow up on that. Terry Edmunds of Speedwatch in Rufforth wanted a 20mph speed limit between the chicanes on the Wetherby Road, Rufforth.

**170 Website:** There was no new content for the website

**171 Knapton:**

- Recreational Field, Play Area: JF reported that the Play Area was now all paid for and was waiting for CYC to document that they had taken over the Play Area and its liabilities. There was now a notice on the gates into the Play Area saying it was CYC owned with a telephone number to contact them if there were problems.
- To decide whether to allow a tree to be planted with a plaque on Knapton Green: The Clerk would forward the email from the resident's daughter to JF for consideration of where it could go.
- Parking in Knapton: AH had said she would get in touch with one of the residents affected by parking, the Clerk would check that this had been done
- The Clerk would check whether the hedge behind Knapton Green had been cut.
- JF has still been unable to locate and thank the good Samaritan who had repaired the old notice board. It was further agreed that the new notice board be erected at the new play area and SW would duplicate official notices and post on both boards.

**172 York Community Woodland:**

JF reported that there was no update but they are currently putting the tracks in.

**173 Rufforth Playing Fields' Trust Deeds:** PR would update at the next meeting. HB had been unable to contact Rae Mould.

**174 Representatives' Reports:**

- a) Rural West York Team and residents Forum Meetings: None
- b) York Branch Yorkshire Local Councils Association: 13 October
- c) Yorwaste Liaison Group: nothing to report
- d) Rufforth Playing Fields Association: Last meeting 27 September. MR was awaiting minutes and would forward when available.

**175 Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda:** none

**176 Date of next meeting:** Monday 7 November 2022 in Rufforth Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

NV thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm

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