

**MINUTES OF THE RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE INSTITUTE ON MONDAY 9
JANUARY 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr. Peter Rollings (PR) Chairman; Cllr Nicholas Murray (NM) Vice Chairman; Cllr Anne Powell (AP); Cllr Andrew Mate (AM); Cllr Victoria Kirk (VK); Cllr Linda Young (LY):

In Attendance: 14 members of the public and The Clerk, Stephanie Warden (SW)

001 Public Comments: One member of the public had registered to speak, and it was agreed to listen to his concerns under 008 Planning Matters.

002 To receive the apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting: Cllr. Mark Reynolds (MR); Cllr Helen Butterworth (HB); Ward Cllr. Anne Hook (AH).

003 To consider the approval of reason given for absence: reasons for absence were approved.

004 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (not previously declared): None

005 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on 5 December 2022: The minutes were proposed as a true record by AM, seconded by AP and agreed and signed.

006 Ward Councillors Comments and Reports: None

007 Clerks Report:

- Signpost junction B1224 and Mill Lane ref:221212-000203, this has not yet been replaced/repositioned.
- Rufforth to Knapton bridleway, Knapton end: The Clerk would chase this up.
- Fencing around the pond had not yet been completed, AM would chase this.

008 Planning Matters:

To decide a response to the following planning applications:

- 22/02572/TCMAS Telecommunications Equipment Junction of Southfield Close and Bradley Lane Rufforth for erection of 18m monopole together with antennas and ground base cabinets: A resident of Southfield Close spoke on this application. Over 30 objections to the 18m high pole had already gone into CYC. The pole would be damaging to the Street Scene. The Gliding Club could not object on Airfield grounds as it was off the fly paths but the resident still felt an impact with such a high structure could happen. 500m around the masts was not close enough to impact the school but many school children lived within the 500m range. There was no justification why this site had been picked and not others.

NM said that it didn't fit with the Neighbourhood Plan (NPlan). It was not acceptable within the street scene, it would be visible wherever it was put due to the height. It would be 3x the height of nearby properties and lampposts. NM was wary of suggesting other sites at this stage as the applicant might think we would accept it elsewhere.

PR said that the PC should object strongly. The street scene and rooflines were important factors in the NPlan and the importance of sustaining the distinctive rural nature of the village.

It was within the village envelope, there would be blind spots for those exiting Southfield Close due to the large box at the base of the pole. Planning issues needed to be concentrated on rather than health issues.

PR assured the public that the PC would object strongly. The Ward Councillor had already objected and if it doesn't go before the planning committee she will call it in.

PR and NM would draft a response for agreement from councillors. NM proposed objection and all agreed.

- 22/02276/FUL Hazel Cottage Wetherby Road Rufforth for Erection of 1 semi detached dwelling after partial demolition of Hazel Cottage (revised scheme): The applicant had listened to concerns from residents and the PC and had gone away and addressed the issues. PR proposed that the PC support the application and all were agreed.
- 22/02573/FUL Vale Engineering (York) Ltd Pondview Farm Wetherby Road Rufforth for erection of extension to existing industrial building: It was explained to the council that the aim was to extend the fabrication building so that they could take on 2 more welders with 2 more welding bays. The NPlan supports small scale extensions and this application met all the criteria so PR proposed the application be supported, all were in agreement.

Enforcement Case 22/00504/EXTH Unauthorised erection of building to rear (13/03872/FUL refers) Wheaten Cottage, Wetherby Road Rufforth: CYC are investigating the erection of this building.

PR had written again to Yorkshire Water as agreed re. the land behind Middlewood Close. He had put forward the question whether any of the problems were connected to the school and if so connections to the drainage should be further away from the school.

S106 monies at present were being considered at c. £100,000 for the school, £70,000 for Manor School and £16,000 for clubs and facilities within the parish. PR had contacted the developer re. deliveries to site etc. Car parking for workers on site would be in the 2nd field which would be fully restored once building work was complete. PR felt it was important to keep in contact with the developers so that if issues arose in the future they could be dealt with more easily.

York Local Plan update: CYC are in the process of altering the Plan following discussions with Inspectors. It is understood that there are very few changes re. housing numbers and Green Belt.

009 Finance: Monthly report

a) The following payments were ratified:

Clerk December salary + burial fees

£ 354.12

Clerk expenses last quarter	£ 137.40
PAYE to HMRC	£ 531.11
Aubergine Annual fee for website	£ 328.80
AJT Garden Services for grass cutting	£ 204.00
Mr N Squire for Cycle track rent	£ 550.00

b) Payments Received:

Invoice 226 for BG plot and interment	£1100.00
Invoice 280 for memorial plaque	£ 250.00

The following payments were approved at the meeting:

SW for Fasthosts invoice for the Gov.uk domain name	£ 73.20
SE Goodwill T/A Primrose Bank for Christmas Tree	£ 130.00

c) Funds Available: £11404.82

010 Burial Grounds:

- a) Report on Burials: There had been 1 ashes interment in the natural burial ground and one more to take place on 20 January.
- b) Maintenance in Burial Grounds: The only foreseeable expense would be emptying the arisings pit.

011 Knapton Issues: The Red Lion: LY reported that this has been put on the open market for £475,000 with interested parties being an Indian restaurant and a dentist. LY proposed listing it as of Community Value. It is down as a Community Amenity in the NPlan. LY would look at going about the process of nominating it as an Asset of Community Value and will talk to the person that spearheaded the Lord Nelson project in Poppleton. She was happy to look at the nomination process, how long it takes and what it needs to have the backing of the PC.

Residents' Engagement: LY would like to do a short survey of Knapton residents to find out what they would like to see in Knapton. She would bring the survey to the PC before sending it out for agreement.

012 Website: VK would clear out old and dated content. The Clerk would add LY to the website.

013 412 Bus Service: This is now funded by CYC and NYCC on its current timetable until 31 March 2023. They are going out to open tender to all operators with effect from 1 April. They will be offering various options to operators.

PR had asked that the PC be consulted. He is having another meeting with Representatives of Long Marston and Tockwith Parish Councils tomorrow. PR asked that if anyone had not completed the survey to please do so as the information gained would be invaluable in the next stage of negotiation. Poppleton Park and Ride would hopefully open by Easter, there was currently a problem with availability of drivers and buses.

014 To decide the Budget and Precept for 2023/2024: PR proposed the Clerk's salary for the year beginning 1 April 2023 to be on SCP24 and for 10 hours per week. This was unanimously agreed. The budget was agreed and Precept set at £12,300. The Precept notice was signed by PR and SW to be returned to CYC.

015 Rufforth Issues: Yorwaste Light Pollution: next agenda

Traffic Management update: the approved minutes from CYC confirmed the B1224 at the North-West entrance to Rufforth would have no action taken but with a possibility of countdown strips. Outside the Primary School and extending to the junctions with Yew Tree Close, Middlewood Close and Maythorpe a 20mph zone and a 40mph buffer zone on Bradley Lane. These would be advertised looking for comments.

There will be night-time closures on the Wetherby Road through Rufforth from 7pm from 16 January. The Parish Council had not been informed by CYC, before the notices went up, of the revised timetable.

016 Community Woodland: There had been quite a lot of planting. PR had agreed to meet to discuss car parking etc. early this year. PR will chase this if he doesn't get a date by the end of January.

017 Representatives' Reports:

a) Rural West York Team and residents Forum Meetings: none

b) York Branch Yorkshire Local Councils Association: Next meeting is 16 February. SW will in future circulate meetings to all councillors. There was a Parish Liaison meeting in December – it was agreed that the PCs needed to be notified of changes in officers.

c) Yorwaste Liaison Group: Next meeting 23 January at 2pm

d) Rufforth Playing Fields Association: PR would speak to A Wrigley regarding the deeds to the Playing Fields.

018 Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda: £288 for a 2 stroke leaf blower would go on the next agenda. Knapton Issues. PR and NM would get on with the investing of long-term funds during January and it would be on the next agenda.

019 Date of next meeting: Monday 6 February 2023 in Rufforth Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

PR thanked all those for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed _____ Date _____

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