

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2019 AT  
7.15 PM IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM**

Present: Councillor Mr S Cosgrove (Chairman) Councillors Mesdames D Medlock and E Foden, Messrs A Collingwood, M Fenwick, J Nelson, R Readman, N Thompson and A Voke

District Councillor Mrs B Fortune

26 members of the public

Councillor Mr M Jones has voluntarily resigned as Chairman of the Council.

District Councillor Mrs B Fortune took the Chair and asked for nominations for Chairman. Councillor Steve Cosgrove was proposed and seconded and elected unanimously as Chairman. He then took the Chair and asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Councillor Emma Foden was proposed, seconded and elected as Vice-Chair unanimously.

1. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Mr D Hugill, Councillors N Bennington and M Jones.
2. The minutes of last month's meeting had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman after being agreed as a correct record.
3. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.** A report had been received from NY Police. The theft of a chain and padlock from an open gate was reported. No suspects. Van reported in suspicious circumstances. No further details other than a white van. Community messages received: van and quad bike stolen from farm in Carlton; power tools stolen from construction site near Great Ayton.
4. **Meeting open to the Public**

A resident was concerned that the proposed new members of the Steering Group would not know the history of something that has gone before such as the direction from Hambleton District Council that gardens should not come into green space nor land with planning permission and that land owners should be consulted. He thought direction should come from the Parish Council to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The Chairman said that we have all seen the guidance from Hambleton District Council. Councillor Foden said there will be a familiarisation exercise with the new members so that they have up to date knowledge. Another resident spoke about the fact that a heritage report had been commissioned for the Enterpen site and urged that the Parish Council ask for one for the Belbrough Lane site if they do not want to commission one themselves. A resident said that the heritage report raised a number of issues that probably many of us did not appreciate. The timing of decisions around the site selection process was probably done when there was less understanding so he did not think it was inconsistent to consider the merits of a heritage report on a site that is significant to us.

A resident said that a hedge on land opposite the Bay Horse was overgrown and should be trimmed as it was hanging over the road.

5. **Matters Arising**

- a. Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Mortimer said the Steering Group had asked for new volunteers and received a very good response. The Steering Group would like to recommend to the Parish Council that the Group be expanded from 10 to 15 members, including 3 members of the Parish Council, to take on all 6 of the candidates. Most have participated in meetings, etc. of the Steering Group. Councillor Thompson proposed, seconded by Councillor Voke, that the Steering Group membership be expanded from 10 to 15 members. This was agreed unanimously. The Steering Group is planning to have an induction session on 25 February to bring all the new members up to speed. There are many issues, including green space, which need to be covered. Mr Mortimer said that Hambleton District Council are still not yet in a position to set a housing target. A meeting was held with HDC, District Councillor Mrs Fortune, members of the Parish Council and the Steering Group on 31 January. A Planning Policy Officer and the Rural Housing Enabler talked about process and methodology. A target in the range of 20/30 houses is the sort of number that is likely. The Steering Group will adopt this as a target and work up a housing strategy. We will review the existing evidence we have. Councillor Fenwick said the target is in addition to anything that has been agreed by HDC. Mr Mortimer said the role of the landowner in green space designation was discussed with HDC and we were told that it is not mandatory but it is very helpful. KVA Planning is doing research on this. £11,172 has been spent to date. We are coming to the end of the financial year and the grant has not been spent to the extent we had hoped. We have been able, previously, to roll over the grant to the next financial year. If this can be done the Steering Group will be looking for about £500 from the precept for next year. Councillor Collingwood said HDC and District Councillor Mrs Fortune are very supportive of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- b. Footpaths. Councillor Collingwood reported on a meeting held with Councillor Jones and representatives from Spar and Broadacres concerning the footpath from Paddocks End to Spar. He thought it was a very positive meeting. Broadacres came with a plan and a sticking point has to be sorted out. The hedge will be netted and then taken out in preparation for the footpath. Councillor Foden queried whether Broadacres had the funding in place. Councillor Collingwood was able to confirm that they did. The Clerk said NYCC had advertised in the Darlington and Stockton Times that the bridge on the footpath to Potto from Sexhow Lane will be closed for a further period until 17 August 2019.
- c. Village Hall and Play Area. An e mail had been received from Jacksons Law asking if the Council wished to have the title deeds for the Village Hall returned. It was agreed to ask for the deeds to be returned. Councillor Collingwood gave an update on the tree outside the Village Hall. He said the school were very supportive of the idea that the children be given a chance to choose what the carving on the tree should be. He hoped that progress could be made before the school ends for summer holidays. The Village Hall Management Committee meeting is tomorrow night.
- d. Sports Area. The Chairman reported that moles have not encroached further into the area. The goalposts need to be moved and we may have to purchase some new nets. Councillor Collingwood said he had spoken to people who are using the Sports Area to exercise their dogs. They are driving to the area and letting their dogs out. Everyone he has spoken to has taken their dog away. There is a sign saying that dogs are not allowed in the Sports Area.
- e. Village Green. Nothing to report.
- f. Village Event. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13 February at 7.00 pm in the Chapel Schoolroom to plan this year's event. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting has been

advertised on HRAS page and the Council's website. Councillor Foden had sent an e mail to the school asking if they want to be involved.

- g. Communication. Councillor Collingwood noted that the Facebook notice has been removed from the Council's website. The Clerk is having a meeting with Station Software about putting items onto the website.
- h. Elections. An e mail had been received from Hambleton District Council saying that following guidance from the Electoral Commission, prospective candidates must deliver their nomination paper, home address form and consent to nomination by hand to the Returning Officer, c/o room 220, Hambleton District Council, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton DL6 2UU. Parish Clerks can also hand deliver the forms on behalf of the candidates.
- i. Community Speedwatch. Councillor Thompson said this is into its second year, but we are short of volunteers. Only 5 volunteers remain to cover the village. We are cutting down on deployments. A note has been put on the website asking for volunteers and hopefully there will be some response.

## **6. Planning Applications**

- a. Outline application, with all matters reserved, for the construction of up to 5 No. dwellings on land adjacent to Belbrough Lane, OS field 4548 for Armstrong Richardson & Co. Ltd. 18/02675/OUT. Councillors Cosgrove, Fenwick, Nelson and Readman declared an interest and did not vote. A discussion followed with Councillors giving their views. Afterwards Councillor Thompson proposed, seconded by Councillor Collingwood, that the application be refused on the grounds that it contravenes Interim Policy Guidance Nos. 3 and 4: development must not have a detrimental impact on the natural, built and historic environment; development should have no detrimental impact on the open character and appearance of the surrounding countryside or lead to the coalescence of settlements. This was agreed unanimously by Councillors who voted.
- b. Proposed two storey extension to dormer bungalow at Hunters Hill, Skutterskelfe 19/00014/FUL. The Council recommended approval.
- c. Retrospective application for change of use of former agricultural land to commercial and the construction of decking area at Bay Horse Inn, 1 North Side. 19/00150/FUL. The Council recommended refusal because of concerns about the increased area which will have an impact on neighbours' amenities due to noise and also concern about the appearance of the decking. In answer to a query from Councillor Collingwood, District Councillor Mrs Fortune said removal of the decking would be on hold while this application was decided.
- d. Advance notification from a resident of his application to carry out tree works at 7 Levenside.

7. District Councillor Mrs Fortune had nothing to report.

## **8. Finance**

Councillor Thompson had carried out a Review of the Risk Management document and the Financial Regulations. There were no major changes but a minor change in section 1.6 Risk to Play Equipment to make it current. The Council accepted his recommendations. The Employer's Summary for January was received from T P Jones & Co. Ltd. The balances in the Council's accounts are as follows:

Community Account

£5,030.00 (14 January 2019)

Burial Account	£16,299.09 (14 January 2019)
Business Premium Account	£103,383.94 (14 January 2019)
Allotment Account	£1,381.10 (14 January 2019)

**9. Correspondence**

- a. Letter from resident re a member of the Parish Council. Circulated to Councillors. Advice had been sought from YLCA and a reply sent to the resident. A further letter had been received from the resident and clarification is being sought from YLCA.
- b. E mail from resident about a leaflet he had received concerning two planning applications. Received.
- c. E mail from NYCC giving notice of the closure of Campion Lane on 12 February for works to be carried out. Circulated to Councillors.
- d. Letter from Hambleton District Council asking if the Council wishes to nominate a representative for the vacancy on the Standards Hearing Panel. No one on the Council wished to stand.
- e. Application from Dales of Thirsk for erection of new memorial headstone. This was agreed.
- f. E mail from Mr P Cole, Hambleton District Council giving dates for meetings for 2019 of the Stokesley & Villages Community Partnership. Circulated to Councillors.
- g. E mail from YLCA on a review by the Committee on Standards in Public Life. The report recommends that a new model code of conduct be written by the Local Government Association and proposes amendments to the Localism Act 2011 and subsequent transparency codes. Circulated to Councillors.
- h. E mail from YLCA notifying that RFO/Finance Year end Training will take place on 19 March in Doncaster. Received.
- i. Training programme for March/April 2019 received from YLCA by e mail and circulated to Councillors.
- j. E mail from YLCA circulated on behalf of a Parish Council asking for information on vehicular activated signs. Councillor Thompson had replied on behalf of the Council.
- k. Notification by e mail from YLCA of the Hambleton Branch meeting on 20 February. Councillors Collingwood and Fenwick gave their apologies.
- l. E mail from YLCA advertising Yorkshire Day on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Circulated to Councillors. The Council has a Yorkshire flag which will be flown on that day.
- m. White Rose Update received by e mail and circulated to Councillors.
- n. Chief Executive Bulletins received by e mail from YLCA and circulated to Councillors.
- o. Rural Bulletins received by e mail from Rural Services Network and circulated to Councillors.

**10. Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Council**

- a. Proposed construction of 3 bedroomed dormer bungalow at Blue Barn Cottage, Blue Barn Lane. 18/01897/FUL. Withdrawn.

**11. Accounts**

- a. Clerk – Monthly salary for January + broadband £523.46

**Monies Received**

**1466**

Northern Electric – Wayleave	£11.50
Allotment Holders – Rents	£190.00
Barthram Funeral Directors – Interment fee	£343.00

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.