

**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 14 June 2021 at 7.15pm**

In attendance: Councillor E Foden (chairman), Councillors K Clifford, A Collingwood, T Jopling, A Mortimer, J Saxton (joined during Item 5), D Simpson, N Thompson, A Voke, District Councillor Fortune, County Councilor Hugill, one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Councillors McCluskey and Tate.
2. **Minutes of the meetings held on 4 May 2021.** Councillor Foden proposed that they be agreed, seconded by Councillor Mortimer. Agreed unanimously.
3. **Meeting open to the public.** Zoom Meeting ID: 819 3416 8495 Passcode: 582310. None wished to speak. Meeting closed to the public
4. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.** Police reports dated 9 May 2021, 6 June 2021, 13 June 2021. There have been a number of incidents of crime. The police have highlighted increased online fraud, residents are reminded to be vigilant.
5. **Matters arising.**
 - a. **Neighbourhood Plan.**

Councillor Mortimer confirmed that the new grant application has been approved.

Councillor Mortimer attended the online Local Plan hearing on 1 June in relation to green spaces and the weight to be given to landowner representations. It was confirmed that whilst landowners are important stakeholders they will not have a right of veto. Councillor Mortimer has had a follow up meeting With James Campbell to ensure that the Hambleton District Council (HDC) and Rudby Parish Council (RPC) processes align.

Councillor Mortimer attended the hearing on traveller sites in support of the written submission made by RPC. Great Busby also made representations as did three members of the traveller community. Councillor Fortune advised that the review is looking at the next 15 years, one of the aims is to have binding commitments on meeting the supply needs. Further work is being carried out to get to the right figures.

There have been exchanges of emails with Broadacres to try to arrange a meeting but no date has been fixed yet. The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) steering group will meet on Wednesday 16 June to agree a way forward. The proposal is to undertake the consultation phase during the next two-three months, a slight extension of the timetable originally proposed due to ongoing Covid restrictions.

- b. **Footpaths.**

Chappies Field – It is not known who has removed parts of the fence at either end to enable some access. The gap nearest Sexhow Lane is very narrow and the fence is still dangerous. The unlawful path created by the landowner is becoming narrower as the foliage grows. Andy Brown has been asked again to restore the lawful footpath.

There are overgrown hedges on Doctors Lane and Garbutts Lane, among other locations around the village, which are making pavements difficult to use, in particular for those with pushchairs or mobility aids. It was agreed that the Clerk will draft something for the Chair to put on Facebook. Any affected footpaths or pavements can be referred to NYCC for them to take action. Councillor Hugill confirmed that if Area 2 are contacted they will note it on their system and contact the relevant landowners.

Councillor Jopling asked what action can be taken with regards to the river footpath which has become very overgrown in recent weeks. Residents whose land adjoins or straddles the footpaths in and around the village are reminded that they are obliged to maintain access for users. Councillors have been reprimanded by some landowners in previous years when the Councillors have tried to improve access by strimming overgrown paths. Councillors concurred that footpaths must remain accessible to all.

c. Village Hall and Play Area.

In view of the clarity now obtained in relation to the ownership of the Village Hall, this item will be removed from the agenda. The Clerk will arrange the registration of title.

d. Sports Area.

Councillor Jopling confirmed that the signs advising that no dogs are allowed have been installed. Councillor Jopling proposed that the purchase of items to include new benches and tables as submitted by Councillor Tate should proceed, seconded by Councillor Thompson. All were in favour. The Clerk will chase up HDC regarding the installation of a second bin (done since the meeting).

e. Village Green.

It was agreed that the Clerk will circulate quotes for a spare flag.

Concerns were expressed at the deteriorating state of the Bay Horse pub. It was agreed to write to the owners to ask about their planned timescales for carrying out the building works they have permission for and also to ask if they could deal with the overgrown weeds and hedges.

6. Planning applications.

The following applications have been received by the Council. Full details of any responses are available on www.hambleton.gov.uk/homepage/16/planning

- a. 21/00946/CAT. Beech House, 25 South Side, Hutton Rudby. Works to trees in a conservation area. Sycamore and horse chestnut remove overhanging branches. The Council recommended approval. Noted.
- b. 21/01192/FUL 22 Langbaugh Road, Hutton Rudby. Alterations and extension to existing dwelling and the formation of a new boundary wall and fence. The Council recommended approval subject to queries on drains and the streetscape. Noted.

7. Decisions of Hambleton District Planning

- a. 21/00625/FUL Hillcrest, Middleton on Leven. Single storey rear extension with chimney stack. Remove rear dormers and replace with larger dormers. Replace all windows and doors. Alterations to front dormers and internal alterations. Application granted. Noted.

8. Reports from County and District Councillors.

Councillor Hugill advised that the new NYCC Highways company has gone live. There has been a lot of induction work with the employees who have been contracted over and there is clear good will from them to offer an improved service. In relation to buses NYCC is trialling a new initiative in Bedale which will enable residents to call for a bus even when not on a recognised route. NYCC is also forming partnerships with private bus companies and this will enable access to funds from the national bus strategy. In relation to IT connectivity Councillor Hugill has had a helpful meeting with the minister for digital infrastructure, Matt Warman, who appears to have a good understanding of the needs in North Yorkshire.

Councillor Fortune wished to thank Councillor Tate in Skutterskelfe and another lady who has been picking up litter on the verges along Belbrough Lane, Campion Lane and Garbutts Lane. She also wished to thank residents who are again using the pubs in the village and have been very considerate with noise levels even when sitting outside.

9. Litter pick.

This is due to take place on 28 June. It is hoped that the verges will be cut by the County Council before this takes place, if not litter picking will be restricted to areas with pavements/footpaths and / or speed limits under 40mph. All residents are encouraged to attend, please wear suitable clothing and bring gloves but all other equipment will be provided. The cubs and scouts are participating and will decide on their own areas.

10. Relocation of village sign on Stokesley Road.

The proposed location is acceptable, it is now for the applicant to obtain the necessary permissions before final approval is given.

11. Activities list. Updates and progressing the relevant items.

Councillor Simpson reported that the Climate Action plan is going live on 28 June.

Burial ground – it was agreed that this will be discussed at a future in person meeting once a full report of all the issues has been compiled.

Hub – the loft ladder will be installed on 16 June.

Noticeboard at the Spar – the Spar have agreed the location. It will need to be installed after delivery.

Councillor Fortune left the meeting.

12. Finance.

Employer's summary May 2021. Noted.

Annual accounts update. Councillor Thompson was thanked for his hard work in preparing the annual accounts. There were no queries. The AGAR documentation will be discussed at the meeting on 17 June.

13. Accounts

Jacksons law firm – advice on the village hall and area land governance	£ 435.60
GGN sportscare – grass cutting green, sports area, verges April 2021	£1044.00
GGN sportscare – grass cutting burial ground April 2021	£ 162.00
Groundworks UK refund of unspent grant	£1500.00
BHIB annual insurance premium	£ 248.29
DBS World Ltd supply of equipment to sports field	£ 58.93
GGN sportscare – grass cutting green, sports area, verges May 2021	£1044.00
GGN sportscare – grass cutting burial ground May 2021	£ 162.00
Clerk's salary May 2021	£ 587.77
Charlton Services Ltd repairs to BMX track and sports area	£ 960.00

Money received

Hutton Rudby Community First Responders	£ 22.82
Cremation fees R Lindsay	£ 95.00

14. Correspondence

- a. YLCA webinar remote training programme May, June 2021. Noted.
- b. White Rose update April. 14 May 2021. Noted.
- c. HDC weekly briefing 30 April, 14, 21, 28 May 2021. Noted.
- d. Police Fire and Crime Commissioner Notice of Election candidates and details of polling booths displayed on websites. Noted.
- e. Legal advice regarding Village Hall governance dated 27 April 2021. Noted.
- f. Legal and governance bulletin dated 30 April, 24 May 2021. Noted.
- g. NALC coronavirus update 6 May 2021. Noted.
- h. DCMS rural broadband consultation 4 May 2021, deadline 25 May 2021. Noted.
- i. YLCA webinar training programme 7 May 2021, 4 June. Noted.
- j. Email from resident giving thanks for work to the sports area including new nets and moving the goalposts dated 18 May 2021. Noted.
- k. Email dated 19 May 2021 regarding the proposed relocation of the village sign on Stokesley Road. The Clerk has responded. Discussed under item 9 above.
- l. NALC chief executive's bulletin 24 May 2021. Noted.
- m. YLCA updated log ins dated 2 June 2021. Noted.
- n. Notice of Richmond (Yorkshire) area constituency meeting 9 June 2021. Noted.
- o. Notice of availability of house at Paddocks End for sale, to be advertised across Hambleton if no local purchaser can be found. Noted.
- p. Proposed revisions to the HDC's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, for comment by 9 July to <http://www.hambleton.gov.uk/taxiconsultation>. Noted.
- q. Hambleton annual branch meeting 16 June 2021 and previous minutes. Noted.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.08 pm.