

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12 JULY 2021 IN THE JOHNSON ROOM, HUTTON RUDBY VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.15PM.**

**In attendance: Councillor E Foden (chairman), Councillors K Clifford, A Collingwood, T Jopling, A Mortimer, J Saxton, D Simpson, S Tate, N Thompson, A Voke, District Councillor Fortune, County Councilor Hugill, 2 members of the Police, 8 members of the public.**

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Michelle McCluskey.
- 2. Minutes of the meetings held on 14 June 2021 and 17 June 2021.** Councillor Foden proposed that the minutes be agreed, seconded by Councillor Mortimer, agreed unanimously.
- 3. Meeting open to the public.**

A member of the public said that he had received a letter on 8 July regarding the proposed designation of Honeyman's field as green space and asked why there had been no previous contact with the Honeyman family in relation to this. He said that the family have been working with James Campbell of Hambleton District Council (HDC) and had understood that the field will not be designated as green space in the Local Plan. Councillor Mortimer said that was not his understanding. Most of the field had been proposed for green space status in the Local Plan, there is a small additional area proposed by the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) as it was felt that would make it a more cohesive space.

Other members of the family said that they had also not been contacted in relation to the NP or the proposed designation of the field as green space until this letter.

Councillor Mortimer explained that the Local Plan is a separate process originated by HDC. Rudby Parish Council (RPC) has been working on the NP for around five years. The public has had opportunities to comment during that time. This is the first time that there has been a firm proposal that can be put to the Parish.

A member of the public said that it was disappointing that there had not been any contact before the proposal was drawn up. He confirmed that there are many emails with James Campbell and these will be passed on to RPC. Honeyman's Field is owned by a Trust as there are numerous family members involved so any decision requires significant consultation. Councillor Foden said that although there is no requirement to have the landowner's permission in making a designation, she welcomed the opportunity for the family to be consulted and be able to express their views.

A member of the public asked about the impact of the green space designation on the cricket ground and in particular what would happen if the cricket club wished to extend the pavilion or build extra storage. Councillor Mortimer confirmed that any ancillary use which is compatible with the use of the land for cricket would not be prevented in principle, subject to the usual permissions.

A member of the public welcomed the climate action consultation. He said that ideally the football pitch grass would be cut more often not less to improve the surface. Wildflowers around the edge of the sports area will reduce the useable size of the area which ideally would be increased to allow for 11 a side football. His preference would be to extend the sports area if the adjacent landowner was amenable to that.

A member of the public asked about the ongoing action in relation to Chappies Field. The path created by the landowner is unusable, and the path and barbed wire are dangerous. Councillor Collingwood agreed and said that he has written again to Andy Brown at NYCC to ask him to take action as a matter of priority. Councillor Hugill said that his understanding is that there is ongoing legal action, but the landowner is resisting reinstating the public right of way. This means that it is taking longer than first thought. Councillor Foden confirmed that RPC is very unhappy not to have been able to resolve matters more quickly but will continue to press NYCC to move things forward.

There being no further comments, the meeting closed to the public at 19.30.

4. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.** The report dated 11 July was noted. The police had left at the start of the meeting to allow more members of the public to attend but they will be coming to future meetings. Councillor Collingwood expressed support for the action being taken in relation to Hutton Rudby primary school parking issues.

5. **Matters arising.**

- a. **Neighbourhood Plan.**

Councillor Mortimer confirmed that the Regulation 14 consultation began on 5 July. It will run for two weeks more than the statutory minimum, until 31 August. It has been advertised on the website, noticeboards and on Facebook. There will be three in person consultation events at the Village Hall on 21 July (afternoon), 3 August (evening) and 7 August (afternoon). Almost all houses in the Parish have received a leaflet and the Steering Group have written directly to 19 landowners and other bodies such as clubs and societies which may be affected. Some responses have already been received, mainly online. Once the consultation is completed any necessary changes can be made to the draft plan.

A meeting has been arranged with Broadacres on 20 July.

Some expenditure has been incurred and there may be some other small costs for printing etc but it is expected to come within budget and at no extra cost to the precept.

- b. **Footpaths.**

The position in relation to Chappies Field was covered under agenda item 3 above.

Councillor Foden wished to thank those residents who have maintained their hedges and to remind others that footpaths and pavements must be kept clear. She has been able to contact some residents who have agreed to take action. There was a discussion about the potential need to pay someone to keep hedges in control, but the first point of action needs to be the householder or landowner. Councillor Hugill said that the coast to coast walk is likely to be designated a national trail which will be headed up by Andy Brown so it may be a good opportunity to get more resources for him. One resident has been written to regarding their hedge but unfortunately it went to the wrong address. Once Councillor Hugill is sent the quote for the repairs to the footpath from The Wynd to Sexhow, he will try to find some funding from the locality fund.

- c. **Sports Area.** Councillor Tate to provide a photo of the suggested location for a new bin. He has installed the rest of the new equipment.
- d. **Village Green.**

Thanks was given to Care for Our Village for the wildflowers outside the Bay Horse, they are a big improvement.

There has been a complaint of persistent flooding at 31 North End due in part to silt and other blockages in nearby drains. Councillor Hugill agreed to contact NYCC Highways to see if anything can be done.

Flooding on the corner of Enterpen and the Wynd was discussed, it may be due to a problem with the drain owned by Northumbrian Water. Agreed Clerk to contact them to see if anything can be done. Since reported to Northumbrian Water and NYCC..

## 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](http://www.hambleton.gov.uk/homepage/16/planning)

- a. 21/01349/FUL Northend House, 6 North End, Hutton Rudby. Application for the conversion of granary to form an annex. The Council recommended approval subject to a bat survey. Noted.
- b. 21/01313/CAT Layton House 31 Enterpen Hutton Rudby. Works to a tree in a conservation area. Prune overhanging branches of tree in neighbouring garden. The Council recommended approval. Noted.
- c. 21/01382/CAT Green Acres, The Wynd, Hutton Rudby. Works to trees in a conservation area. The Council commended the proposed replacement planting and recommended approval. Noted.
- d. 21/01391/FUL Hutton Fields Farm, Parsons Lane, Trenholme Bar, Northallerton. Construction of storage building. The Council recommended approval subject to various conditions. Noted
- e. 21/01296/MBN South Lund Farm, Tame Bridge, Stokesley. Prior notification for the conversion of agricultural building to 1 dwelling house. The Council recommended refusal. Noted.

- f. 21/01294/REM OS Field 3100 Stokesley Road, Hutton Rudby. Application for approval of reserved matters at Plot 2 concerning access, appearance, layout, and scale for the construction of a 3 bedroom bungalow following application 20.10979/MRC for the variation of Condition 3 (housing mix) relating to planning application 19/02068/OUT - application for outline planning permission with access and scale to be considered (all other matters reserved) for a residential scheme of five dwellings. The Council recommended approval subject to issues of drainage of surface water. Noted.
- g. 21/01465/FUL Lodore, Rudby Bank, Hutton Rudby. Alteration and extension to an existing garage. The Council recommended approval. Noted.
- h. 21/01430/REM OS Field 3100 Stokesley Road, Hutton Rudby. Application for approval of reserved matters at Plot 4 concerning access, appearance, layout, and scale for the construction of a 3 bedroom bungalow following application 20.10979/MRC for the variation of Condition 3 (housing mix) relating to planning application 19/02068/OUT - application for outline planning permission with access and scale to be considered (all other matters reserved) for a residential scheme of five dwellings. The Council recommended approval subject to issues of drainage of surface water. Noted
- i. 21/01403/FUL 31 Deepdale, Hutton Rudby. Proposed loft conversion. The Council recommended approval. Noted

#### **7. Decisions of Hambleton District Planning.**

- a. 20/02830/HNA Middleton Grove Farm Middleton on Leven. Application for removal of 365m of hedgerow. Application granted. Concerns were expressed as to the process followed, approval appears to have been given without meeting the conditions that were previously set. It was agreed to contact HDC to seek further information.
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#### **8. Reports from County and District Councillors.**

Councillor Fortune said that the feedback she has had so far in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan is generally positive. She has explained that the total number of proposed new houses includes those which already have planning permission such as those opposite the Spar, and those which have already been built, such as the ones on Stokesley Road. She is very pleased that the economy is starting to pick up and that people using facilities in the village are generally being respectful towards others, being quiet and maintaining social distancing.

Councillor Hugill said that there has been a significant increase in positive Covid tests in the last few weeks. The Council is doing a lot of work related to climate change and in particular in relation to flooding. One of the aims of the process is to keep more water in the land rather than going on to highways or into housing. The Living Leven project is seeking funding for a flood management project. The national parks have had funding from DEFRA for the same purpose. The decision on the structure of North Yorkshire is expected in the next two weeks.

**9. Litter pick.**

This was held on 28 June and there was a good turnout of volunteers. Due to lack of grass cutting of verges the litter pick was restricted to more central parts of the village. There were many discarded face masks. Gloves from the Spar petrol station were also found in large numbers. Councillor Tate raised the issue of fly tipping and rubbish from outside the village being dropped. Councillor Fortune said that Gary Brown of HDC will investigate any issues reported to him.

**10. Relocation of village sign on Stokesley Road.** Update. Mr Bainbridge had put forward a proposal to be paid for by him. The location has been agreed in principle and the Council will make a final decision once he has obtained the relevant permissions. Noted.

**11. Activities**

It was agreed that the Clerk will pull together the various issues in relation to the burial ground and these will be dealt with in an extraordinary meeting.

**12. Finance.**

- a. Employer's summary June 2021.
- b. Annual accounts update. The statutory notices are up. The accounts and other papers have been referred to the external auditors, their response is awaited. Noted.
- c. Update on online banking and proposed protocol for approval. Proposed by Councillor Foden, seconded by Councillor Voke, agreed unanimously.
- d. Councillor Thompson proposed that the Revised Financial regulations for approval, combined with c above. Seconded by Councillor Jopling, agreed unanimously.

**13. Accounts**

Whitegates nursery flowers and compost for the tubs	£ 375.90
The Parish Notice Board Company notice board at the Spar	£ 485.88
Clerks and Council magazine subscription x 1	£ 12.00
Internal audit fee	£ 120.00
Care for Our Village wildflower seeds outside the Bay Horse	£ 26.97
Advantage Annual Plan (Survey Monkey)	£ 384.00
GGN Sportscare – grass cutting green, sports area, verges June 2021	£1044.00
GGN Sportscare – grass cutting burial ground June 2021	£ 162.00
JT Atkinson post fix for goal posts at sports area	£ 36.00
Adventure Toys ground stake for play area	£ 81.00
Garden Site picnic table x 2 for play area	£ 769.98
Direct Business Supplies stationery for the Clerk	£ 18.70
TP Jones & Co payroll preparation April-June 2021	£ 58.50
Clerk's salary June 2021	£ 587.77
HMRC first quarter tax	£ 440.60
Instaprint printing costs for NP documentation	£ 33.99
Flying Colours Flagmakers Union Flag for flagpole	£ 97.14
YLCA Clerk annual membership renewal	£ 144.00
HP Instant Ink monthly charge	£ 9.99

**Money received**

Paul Wilson ashes interment	£ 244.00
Burial plot reservation Michael Fox and family	£ 322.00
Neighbourhood Planning grant	£3300.00

**14. Correspondence**

- a. YLCA webinar remote training programme July 2021. Noted.
- b. White Rose update dated 18 June 2021. Noted.
- c. HDC weekly briefing 18. 25 June 2021. Noted.
- d. Legal and governance bulletin dated 16 June 2021. Noted.
- e. Brafferton and Helperby application for a neighbourhood area consultation, closing date 28 July 2021. Noted.
- f. Email dated 15 June from a resident regarding the noise from speakers at the Spar. The Clerk has responded, noise issues are the responsibility of HDC. Noted.
- g. Email dated 16 June regarding recruitment exercise for two co-opted members of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel, closing date 5pm on 16 July 2021. Noted.
- h. Email regarding affordable and community led housing dated 17 June 2021. The Clerk has replied. Noted.
- i. Email from a resident requesting that the grass not be cut every two weeks on some areas of the village greens, dated 21 June 2021. The Clerk has responded with details of the Climate Action Plan questionnaire. Noted.
- j. Letter from YLCA date 21 June 2021 regarding the lighting of beacons for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 2 June 2022 at 9.15pm. Councillor Foden proposed that the beacon on the green should be lit, the cricket club to organise their own beacon. Seconded by Councillor Jopling, all in favour. It was agreed the former Councillor Readman will be contacted to find out the correct process to follow.
- k. Safer Hambleton newsletter June 2021. A copy is available for residents from the Clerk, on request. Noted.
- l. Stokesley and villages community partnership meeting to take place on 28 July 2021. Noted.
- m. HM Land Registry (HMLR) Parish land ownership survey dated 6 July 2021. Noted.
- n. Parish Councilors Guide to Affordable Housing dated 6 July 2021. Noted.
- o. YLCA Joint Annual Meeting - Saturday, 17 July 2021 at 2.00pm (by remote platform – Zoom). Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.29.