

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024 IN THE HUB, METHODIST CHURCH, HUTTON RUDBY. COMMENCED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

PRESENT: Councillor Mortimer (Chairman), Councillors Bragg, Horvath, Jopling, Saxton, Simpson, Tate, Titterton and Voke.

Two Members of the Public.

1. To approve apologies for absence.

Councillors Barker and Puttick.

2. Declarations of interest.

Councillor Tate declared an interest in item 8 (b) (Planning application)

3. Confirm the minutes of the meetings held 8th April 2024 and 22nd April 2024 as a true and correct record.

RESOLVED to accept, with 2 abstentions who were not present at the meetings.

4. Meeting open to the public.

Mr Baird, Landowner of Paddocks End development wished to speak following his address to the extra-ordinary meeting of the Council held on 7/5/24. He spoke of the benefits of larger developments versus individual building plots and of his meetings with Rights of Way Officers.

A discussion took place about an alternative route alongside the hedge on the South Side of the development, Mr Baird was asked if he intended to make legally binding rights of ways for the proposed new development, to which he stated 'not at this stage'.

There was a discussion about viability of the development, Councillor Mortimer advised that there is no obligation for applicants to demonstrate viability.

It was also noted that the development at The Wickets had still not proceeded after 7 years. Concerns were raised that another site could potentially gain permission and not proceed. Mr Baird said if Paddocks End was awarded permission, he would do everything in his power to commence building, if not the site would probably be sold to a national housebuilder.

5. Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.

Report from Police received 04/05/24. 1 report of anti-social behaviour, 1 residential burglary, 4 thefts (including shops), 1 drugs, 1 auto crime, 5 crimes against the person and 2 other crimes. Noted.

6. Report from North Yorkshire Councillor.

Not Present.

7. Matters arising.

a) Neighbourhood Plan. It was questioned whether, if permission was granted, the Paddocks End development would fulfil the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was discussed that as the plan was drafted 2-3 years ago the evidence would need refreshing but should Paddocks End be permitted there could possibly be an argument that the housing need identified by the Neighbourhood Plan had been fulfilled.

RESOLVED to review how to complete the Neighbourhood Plan after the planning committee had met regarding the Paddocks End development.

b) Footpaths. Noted that North End footpath had been repaired.

c) Sports areas.

i. Station Lane. Pot holes had been filled. There was damage to a rope post on some climbing equipment, a quote of £390 was provided for repairs. RESOLVED to approve the budget.

Grass cutting, RESOLVED to cut and leave the clippings on sports area.

ii. Middleton on Leven. Nothing to report.

d) Village Green. Grass cutting, RESOLVED to instruct contractor to cut and collect the Village Green grass in the centre of the village.

Correspondence had been received from a resident regarding Greenbank Terrace and excessive dandelions. RESOLVED that the Clerk would reply giving information of the biodiversity study RPC is undertaking for the duration this year's growing season. Councillors wished to thank all those responsible for the newly planted wildflower areas.

e) Speed limit signs. Nothing to report.

8. Planning applications.

The following applications have been received by the council. Full details of any responses are available on

<https://planning.hambleton.gov.uk/online-applications>

a) **21/02719/FUL Paddocks End, Hutton Rudby.**

Application for 50 new dwellings. Update following the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 07/05/24.

Councillors discussed the draft submission to North Yorkshire Planning which had been circulated. It was RESOLVED to approve the draft which recommends refusal, subject to 2 amendments.

b) **ZB24/00684/FUL 3 Woodside, Hutton Rudby.**

Application for single and two storey extension to rear of the property. RESOLVED to recommend approval.

c) **ZB24/00711/TPO Cornerways, Blue Barn Lane, Hutton Rudby.**

Application of works to 4 trees subject to a TPO order number TPO2004/15. RESOLVED to recommend approval.

d) **ZB24/00757/FUL Middleton Lodge Farm, Middleton on Leven.**

Application for construction of 2 bedroom holiday cottage.

RESOLVED to recommend approval, with request that enquires be made with regards to biodiversity impact.

9. Decisions of North Yorkshire Planning.

a) **North Yorkshire Council Boundary Complaint update.** Following a discussion, it was agreed that a satisfactory response had still not been obtained on Highways input. RESOLVED that Councillor Tate would make further enquiries to NYC planning.

b) **Planning appeal decision notice APP/U2750/W/23/3328329 Fairview Farm, Caravan, Thoraby Track, Skutterskelfe.**

Appeal DISMISSED.

10. Hutton Bank.

An engineer's report on the structural stability of the wall had been obtained from Harrison Hix Engineers which states that there was no evidence of structural failure and no indication that the wall is unstable. The stability of the wall is anticipated to be in excess of 20 years.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to residents who have expressed a concern and that the Council will continue with the ownership gathering process and to ask Harrison Hix for their advice.

11. Village Event Planning.

Invoice for Animal Storey has increased to £575 due to extended timings.

RESOLVED to approve the budget.

12. EcoGreen Project.

There was a meeting held on 22nd April. Tockwith Parish Council had offered guidance following their similar project, which was gratefully received.

It was RESOLVED that a community questionnaire would be produced to gauge residents' opinions with a budget of £500.

13. Chappies Field.

No further update or engagement with the landowner.

14. Steps across the Village Green to Church House.

Awaiting Structural Engineers redesign. Councillor Tate to chase.

15. PA Equipment.

Now the council had received a Credit Card, online purchases can be made. Clerk to order equipment following consultation with Councillor Barker.

16. Website.

Quotes received, to be reviewed.

17. D Day (6th June)

Beacon will be lit. Clerk to announce timings on social media.

18. Co-Option

Welcome to Councillor Bragg.

19. Risk Management Document.

To be recirculated for adoption at the next meeting.

20. Insurance

Renewal price this year is similar to last year with a small increase. RESOLVED to renew at the current levels.

21. Finance

- a)** Employers Summary April 2024.
- b)** 4th Quarter year end accounts. Councillor Horvath stated that there is a steady drain on the budget, going forward we need to consider budget expenditure carefully. The year end bank reconciliation is completed with all accounts balancing. The internal audit review was complete and the report from the Auditor received. It recommended additional copies of spreadsheets should be held. RESOLVED that Councillor Jopling would receive and retain quarterly spreadsheets. Further RESOLVED that the Asset Register would be reviewed. AGAR report was complete, read to Councillors. RESOLVED to approve. Signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk. Clerk to dispatch asap to PKF Littlejohns for approval.
- c)** RPC Credit Card. 2 Cards received. Clerk and RFO to retain.

22. Accounts

Staff Salaries May 2024, paid in accordance with contracts.

Ink Payment HP April-May 2024	£ 11.99
Charlton Services (The Grove Footpath)	£ 972.00
Sam Turner & Sons (Linen Mill Bench)	£ 749.00
AR Entertainments (Village Event)	£3540.00
Animal Storey (Village Event)	£ 575.00
Harrison Hix (Engineers Report)	£ 720.00
Hutton Rudby Village Hall Hire (7/5/24)	£ 17.40

Money Received

NYC Precept 1 st installment	£25,000.00
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23. Correspondence for a decision.

22 April 2024 Community TM Ltd – Volunteer Traffic Management training
RESOLVED to obtain dates.

23 April 2024 YLCA Branch Meetings – representatives.
RESOLVED Councillors Mortimer and Bragg to represent RPC.

24. Correspondence for noting.

17 April 2024 Email Notification of commencement of call for sites.
22 April 2024 Email NYC Notification of Road restrictions, West Rounton
23 April 2024 Email Member of the public, grass cutting Belborough Lane
26 April 2024 Email NYC Standards Bulletin
26 April 2024 Email Living Leven Group Meeting Invitation
26 April 2024 Email Home to School Travel Consultation
30 April 2024 Email Living Leven Meeting Agenda
1 May 2024 Email Resident regarding Steps at Belborough Lane
3 May 2024 Email Area 2 Thirsk, Road Closure Middleton and Feedback form
3 May 2024 Email Area 2 Thirsk, Road closure at Middleton.

Meeting Closed 9.45pm

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