

**MINUTES OF THE RUFFORTH WITH KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN RUFFORTH VILLAGE INSTITUTE ON MONDAY 6
JUNE 2022 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Peter Rollings, Chairman (PR)

Cllr. Helen Butterworth (HB)

Cllr. Andrew Mate (AM)

Cllr. John Flynn (JF)

Cllr. Anne Powell (AP)

Cllr. Mark Reynolds (MR)

In Attendance:

Ward Councillor Anne Hook (AH), 3 members of the public and the Clerk.

102 Public Comments:

A resident of Knapton wished to consult with the council before applying for changes to his original planning permission. He wanted to extend from 3m to 5m the rear extension going 2m further back than on the original application. He felt there was no negative impact on the Green Belt and his neighbour was happy with it. He wanted to make the bungalow more suitable for his growing family in order to stay in the village which he enjoyed. The council were generally happy with it.

103 Apologies and reason for absence: Cllr Nicholas Murray (NM).

104 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (not previously declared): there were none to declare.

105 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 May 2022:

AM proposed the minutes as a true record and AP seconded them, all agreed and they were signed as a true record by PR.

106 Ward Councillors Comments and Reports:

AH was happy to report that Bradley Lane to the Village was going to be resurfaced. AH would continue to press for a decent bus service.

The 412 was no longer operating on a Saturday due to a shortage of drivers. The big question was would it be reinstated. The council would write to Craig Temple at Connexions to see if it would be reinstated. AH asked to be copied in to his reply.

AH also said that Highways were due to dual the ring road from the A19 to the A64 at the Hopgrove roundabout in 2023.

107 Clerks Report:

- Bench Rufforth – The insurance claim had been paid by Aviva less £125 excess. The new bench had been ordered.
- Vacancy for Rufforth Councillor – there were 2 candidates for 1 vacancy for Rufforth at present. Council would not know if there would be a by-election until 9 June. If not, council could co-opt one new councillor onto the council at 4 July meeting.
- HB and AM would liaise on work needed to the cycle path

108 Planning Matters:

- 22/00816/FUL Milestone House Wetherby Road Rufforth for conversion of garage to living accommodation with single storey rear extension,

3no. rooflights to front and 4n0. Rooflights to rear – the parish council did not object but would ask that any extension materials were in keeping with the rest of the house.

- 22/00883/FUL The Firs, Bradley Lane Rufforth for Construction of 800m2 equestrian riding arena – the parish council were unsure whether the riding arena would impinge on the public footpath and would ask for that to be looked at. The riding arena should be for personal use only.
- 22/00896/FUL Land to the South of Northminster Business Park for variations of conditions 2 and 9 of permitted application 21/00796//FULM to alter the number and type of EV chargers – there were no objections to this.
- 22/00898/LHE The Garth Yew Tree Close Rufforth – concerns about the extension impinging on the Green Belt had been noted and were on the CYC planning portal.
- Proposed Solar Farm – it was agreed that PR and MR represent the council at future meetings with Solar 2 and Hessay PC. PR and MR could not do the June meetings and decided to go for a meeting mid July. They would forward availability in July to the Clerk.
- 21 Houses behind Middlewood Close: there was nothing more to report.
- The Old Shop – they were re-looking at certain aspects of the plans
- The Local Plan: Inspectors were looking at Housing Plans this week, the next set of hearings were due in September.

109 Finance: Monthly report

a) The following payment was ratified:

Clerk: May salary + burial fees £ 622.33

b) Payments Received during May:

Invoice 260 for NBG reservation plot £ 900.00

First half precept CYC £5950.00

Aviva insurance claim for bench £ 321.20

c) Funds Available: £ 136,509.21

110 Burial Grounds:

a) There had been an interment of ashes and a burial during May in the Natural Burial Ground (NBG). 3 further burials were planned, 2 in the NBG on the 10th June and 1 in the formal cemetery on the 13th June.

b) Maintenance in Burial Grounds: There was much to do in the formal burial ground. Damian Hirst was coming to quote for work to remove shrubs and turf down the side of the formal burial ground and turf it to reduce considerable maintenance of shrubs. Also AJT Garden Services were going to hand pick the weeds in the car park and path.

HB said a sign was needed in front of the gate saying do not park gate in use at all times.

111 Website: There was nothing to discuss

112 Rufforth:

- York Bus Forum: the Clerk would write saying that there was no longer need for the council to be involved.

- Runway, Rufforth Airfield – PR and the Clerk had written to Richard Hoyland PROWO at CYC but was out of the office until further notice. PR had then written to Alison Newbould, CYC PROW, and had yet to receive a reply. Council wanted to know what the regulations were regarding the footpath alongside the runway. AH recommended that Russel Varley be contacted.
- Allotments Update: Dave Meigh, CYC, had agreed that allotment holders could have access to the allotments from 6 June despite the Lease not yet being agreed. All allotment holders will have keys to the shed but will pay for them. We will pay for the keys initially when we get the shed and each allotment holder will pay back the PC for their key. The Parish Council gave PR, NM and JF authority to sign the lease once they agreed it, AP having proposed that Authority and MR seconding with all in agreement.

113 Knapton Recreational Field, Play Area:

Fitting of the Play Area was to start on 7 June at 8 am.

114 York Community Woodland:

JF had heard nothing more on the Woodland.

115 Traffic Update from meeting with Dave Atkinson, CYC Head of Traffic:

Dave Atkinson had met with PR and NM, it had been a useful meeting. The prime objective was to get the data from both VAS which NM now has. NM has now given that data to the resident that volunteered to take over Community Speedwatch. A 40 mph speed limit at the Wetherby end of the village had been discussed and also the possibility of a complete review of traffic management measures in the parish with the objective of developing a master plan. This could be worked towards over time.

116 Representatives' Reports: To receive reports on meetings councillors have attended:

a) Rural West York Team and residents Forum Meetings: AH said there would be one soon, a date had been put forward but it was on an evening most had parish council meetings.

b) York Branch Yorkshire Local Councils Association: There was a meeting on 9 June and the following week a YLCA Zoom meeting on the Parish Charter.

c) Yorwaste Liaison Group next meeting: 7 July at 2pm at Harewood Whin.

d) Rufforth Playing Fields Association: MR had sent councillors all he had received from the RPFA. Craig and Wendy were stepping down.

117 Minor Matters and Items for the Next Agenda:

MR reported fly tipping in the first lay-by on the left of the B1224 coming from York, he would send a photo to AH who would report it.

PR would ask that the black bags containing litter be picked up from the B1224 verges

118 Date of next meeting: Monday 4 July 2022 in Rufforth Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

PR thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.37pm

Signed _____ Date _____

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