

Minutes of the Roos Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Institute, Roos on Monday 8th August 2011

Present: Cllr D Winter (Chairman), Cllr W Ainley, Cllr A Coupe, Cllr J Cracknell,
Cllr D Craggs, Cllr B Smales and Cllr K Tyson.

1. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr A Dodson, and the Parish Clerk

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, Cllrs Tyson and Ainley recorded proceedings.

2. Tunstall Coastal Defence Scheme

Follow up of the meeting held on June 13th 2011.

The Chairman welcomed representatives of the Environment Agency, ERYC, Keyingham Internal Drainage Board and Rimswell Parish Council. Apologies from Graham Stuart MP and Ward Councillor Arthur Hodgson were noted. Mr Howe, Chief Executive of Sand le Mere Leisure Park represented the interests of Bridge Leisure.

It was reported that the ERYC with the support of the Environment Agency were now taking the lead role and that the proposal was now described as a Flood Defence Scheme rather than a Coastal Defence Scheme.

It was reported that in addition to the currently available £275,000 a further £250,000 was required to deliver a full scheme. ERYC officers were seeking funds from internal sources and making a bid against a specific fund for flood protection. A decision was anticipated towards the end of the year. It was noted that preparatory work had already been undertaken but that construction work on site was unlikely to commence before April 2012.

Council members recognised that the current financial climate was difficult and it was suggested that a smaller scheme built within the available budget was better than nothing. It was agreed to reconvene on November 2nd.

3. Consideration of Councillor's declaration of interests

There were no changes declared by members to the register of interests.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2011

These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

• Proposed allotments in the parish

It was reported that there had been no response to the appeal published in the July edition of "The Rooster".

- **The Pinfold**

The Chairman reported that Roos Ninjas, a Lifestyler group, (Max Richardson-Frankton, Sam Megson and Joshua Russell) wished to raise funds to develop the site.

It was agreed that following completion of the gravelled area, Chris Dee would undertake construction and installation of a seat and that a suitable plaque be obtained in recognition of the work undertaken by the Roos Ninjas.

Weed killer was to be applied to tackle new growth following which further gravel would be laid.

Cllr Ward confirmed that the school would become engaged with the project in September. It was agreed that unused railway sleepers be donated to the school.

Cllr Coupe confirmed that the necessary financial information had been obtained and that submission of an application to Awards for All for funding for the reconstruction of the walls would be made with a week or so.

- **Severe winter weather pilot fund**

Cllr Smales reported that stocks of salt were deteriorating and due to absorption of moisture. Dry salt was necessary for the mechanical equipment to function correctly.

It was reported that pilot funding arrangements were being incorporated into the Regeneration Fund and that the first meeting would be held on 15th October.

It was important to establish the priority areas/roads for salt/gritting, it was agreed to seek guidance from Alan Bravey (ERYC).

- **Flooding and land drainage issues**

Following a meeting on 18th July between ERYC officer Russ Towse and Cllrs Dodson and Smales, it was advised that the 9" cross pipe located on Rectory Road remain in place.

Cllr Ward noted that the beck south of Lamb Lane remained inaccessible for cleaning due to limited access.

Arrangements were made to walk the length of the beck on Sunday morning 14th August

- **Tedder Hill wind farm**

Cllr Tyson sought confirmation that a Community Fund would be established and monies become available to the Parish. Cllr Cracknell undertook to investigate.

- **Highway matters**

Following further inspection, it was reported that the ERYC Engineer had expressed concern at the deterioration of the road surface near the junction of Pilmar Lane with South End. It was hoped that funding from alternative sources would enable remedial to take place in advance of the 2012/13 programme. The road condition would be closely monitored.

It was confirmed that the road near the church had been marked for attention and that Rectory Road near Lamb Lane was also being monitored. It was reported that weed growth in footpaths would be sprayed and that a Slow Sign at Tunstall was on order.

It was reported that there was no Give Way sign at the three way junction at Fitling. (Not sure of exact location)

- **HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

It was agreed that this be an ongoing agenda item.

- **Air brick covers**

Cllr Tyson reported that there were numerous products available. A heavy duty adhesive tape was recommended which Cllr Tyson agreed to test.

- **Training on Planning for Councillors**

It was noted that the training session on 26th July at County Hall was oversubscribed and Cllr Coupe was unable to attend. It was reported that further training sessions would be held in the future.

- **Tunstall beach water quality report**

The Environment Agency Officer present earlier in the evening reported that water quality testing samples were taken weekly and reports submitted to Martin Bunhill (Check name) at ERYC. It was noted that quality limits had not been exceeded so far this year.

Litter – Seaside Lane Tunstall

It was reported that litter had been removed and that a litter bin had been requested.

- **Parish website**

Cllr Ainley reported that the matter had been addressed and arrangements for a smooth transfer to a new provider had been agreed with the ERYC.

- **Housing matter**

Cllr Cracknell confirmed that she had arranged an appointment to follow the matter up with the appropriate department. However, Cllr Coupe reported that ERYC Empty Property Officers had already visited Roos and examined several empty properties which could present Health and Safety issues. It was reported that various financial and legal arrangements were in hand. Members advised that care be taken not to prejudice matters.

- **Planning application DC/11/01022/STPLF/STRAT/TC1**

It was reported that an appropriate letter had been sent to Mrs Blenkin and that the Planning Application had now been approved by the ERYC.

6. Correspondence

- **Flood Funding**

A Questionnaire from ERYC for completion by Parish Councils relating to priorities and opinions on expenditure of £2M on Flood Funding was received and completed. It was noted that some questions were ambiguous in nature. It was agreed to draw attention to the Tunstall Coastal Defence Scheme and its relationship with adjacent parishes.

- **Government policy on residential site provision for Travellers.**
A circular detailing the ERYC response was received for information.

- **Temporary prohibition of traffic**
Notice was received that, Southfield Lane, Tunstall would be closed to traffic for two weeks to facilitate extensions to existing Passing Places funding is being provided by Bridge Leisure.

- **Police Report.**
It was noted that on 10th July an assault had taken place on Greenacre Park, and on 4th August an Asbo had been reported. (Location)
A petition was received for completion by members calling for a 20mph speed limit on a stretch of Main Street to cover Roos Primary School. It was noted that the full petition and signatories would be received for action very soon.

7. Planning

- Notice of withdrawal of application – Erection of orangery following demolition of existing conservatory at Dents Garth South End.
- ERYC decisions – Erection of wind monitoring mast up to 70m high for maximum period of 18 months at land south of Pilmar Lane Roos.
- Erection of two guyed 80m anemometry masts for a temporary period of 18 months in connection with approved wind farm application 08/05692/STPLF at land west of Sunderland Farm, Rectory Road, Roos.
- Alterations and conversion of integrated garage to additional living accommodation and erection of detached garage at Cherrytrees 13 Elm Garth Roos.

It was reported that the ERYC had approved the above three applications.

8. Parish Plan

Cllr Ainley reported that the Questionnaire was on the point of completion and that ERYC Rural Communities Officer would identify and arrange meetings with relevant ERYC officers for consultation purposes.

9. Treasurers Report

Payment of £162 in respect of Audit Commission Fees was approved.

10. Any other business

- Cllr Craggs requested clarification on planning permission for agricultural buildings, particularly in, or, adjacent to a Conservation Area. It was agreed to seek clarification from ERYC and report back to members. It was further noted that particular conditions applied to minor works such as replacement of windows within conservation areas.

Cllr Ward requested clarification of the council tax arrangements for leisure park properties where occupancy was for a 12 month period. Also that the length of the beck be inspected, on 14th August at 10am was agreed. It was reported that the lock to the gate giving access to the beck north of Lamb Lane had been changed and the key lodged with the Chairman.

Members of the reported RES Community Fund committee reported that awards had made to:

Eastfield Estate and Pilmar Lane Residents Association - £699 for the purchase of a cooker for a luncheon club, and,
Roos Memorial Institute - £875 for the purchase and installation of loft insulation.

A sum of £450 remained, the next £5000 would become available in January 2012.

Cllr Ainley drew attention to public concerns about the subsidence of verges along Rectory Road following installation of flood piping. It was noted that this had been anticipated and would be remedied at the appropriate time. Attention was drawn to Government legislation and ERYC biodiversity policies including the Country Mile Project.

11. Public session

Comment was made about the standard of maintenance of dyke cleaning by their owners which reduced water flow through them.

Next meeting

The next meeting to be held on Monday 13th September 2011 commencing at 7.30pm in the Memorial Institute.

