



THE ROOSTER

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Road Hazards - Again

Only last month "The Rooster" praised the speed of the Gas Board's main-laying and went on to discuss the dangers on some of our village roads.

Since then, one of the roads mentioned has been made temporarily far more dangerous by the Gas Board's operations and an accident last Sunday at Old School Corner could well have led to serious injury.

Broken Pipe

At the eastern end of Lamb Lane, water from a broken pipe oozed to the surface and flowed down the road. To remedy this, a trench (25 feet long and at least four feet deep) was carved out near the middle of the highway. With only four feet of road-width left, traffic - including on one day a double-decker bus! - had to manoeuvre past in single file, straddling the verge and crunching along the footpath. The hazard persisted for over a week.

Accident at Old School Corner

On Sunday 1st October there was a road accident at the corner of Main Street and Pilmar Lane. A private car proceeding from Main Street to South End was in collision with another coming from the direction of Withernsea. Luckily, it appears that the occupants were not seriously injured, though the two vehicles were reported to be very badly damaged.

Dangerous Corner

The collision has reawakened the anxieties of nearby residents, many of whom fear the prospect of a fatal accident. At Coltman Row, recent newcomers, Mr & Mrs K. Shipman, have been unnerved at the sight of vehicles from Withernsea being driven fast down the slope towards their living-room windows. In the same week as the accident, Mrs Shipman was amazed to see an articulated vehicle using the corner to make a reverse turn.

Speed Limit Petition

Some residents have begun a petition for a speed restriction in the village. Mrs C.A. Paul, one of those shocked at the sound of last Sunday's collision, said this week that, even without publicity, the petition had already attracted 35 signatures, with many more promised. Others who wish to sign may contact her at 4 Pilmar Lane.

The matter may be raised at the Parish Council meeting on 9th October. Councillors themselves are, of course, well aware that most residents would welcome a speed restriction. The Parish Council has asked for one - and been refused - several times.

The main ground for refusal is that traffic density does not warrant a speed limit. The flow of Sunday traffic to Withernsea market makes that view hard to accept - and it is especially on Sundays that our roads are used by strangers, meeting hazards that are unfamiliar to them. Significantly, last week's accident involved two sisters from Hornsea and a couple from Doncaster, on a day out from their Withernsea caravan.

What is even harder to accept is the assumption that, even when traffic density is low, speed has no bearing on the risk of serious accidents at known danger spots.

Street Lights not at Issue

Some people oppose a speed restriction because they think - mistakenly - that it would require us to have street lighting. In the past, many have favoured street lighting - but, when votes have been taken, more have opposed it. Whatever side one takes on street lights, their connection with a speed restriction is clear. Street lights would require a speed limit but the converse is not true. It is possible to have a speed limit without street lights.

LIGHTS WITHOUT A LIMIT : NO.

A LIMIT WITHOUT LIGHTS : YES.

Parish Council

Councillor G.E. Winter chaired the meeting on 11th September. All other councillors were present except for Councillor T.K. Cook who had sent his apologies.

Minutes

The Minutes of the August meeting were approved. The following points arose from the Minutes.

For the Parish Council, the Chairman and Councillor Helliwell had met Gas Board representatives and agreed the site for their pressure reduction unit on Pilmar Lane. The Gas Board had not yet confirmed acceptance of the cost of the site (£500 + legal fees) and Councillor Grant undertook to obtain this confirmation.

The Chairman and Councillor Helliwell had also met Mr Forster (Area Surveyor East), to discuss parking hazards near the school. Mr Forster had repeated his advice that there could be no lay-by as such but that it should be possible to widen the road to reduce the danger from parking. However, road improvements would need to wait until all work by the Gas Board had been completed. Further, funding for roadworks would need to be reapplied for - the amount originally agreed could not be carried over from one financial year to the next.

Mr Forster had also visited Lamb Lane where the state of the road, its footpaths (or lack of them) and its poor drainage had been pointed out to him. He saw little prospect of widening the road but thought that better drainage of surface water should be recommended.

It was agreed to thank Mr Forster for his visit and at the same time to urge the importance of upgrading Hodgson Lane and Lamb Lane when the main road through the village was tackled. In the Village Plan the Borough Council had pledged support in seeking improvements to village roads and specifically to Hodgson Lane and Lamb Lane, both of which lacked proper footpaths along their length.

Correspondence

Trees at Hilston Furze. Mr T.T. Williams (for the Director of Technical Services) said that, of 40 trees originally planted, some had had to be replaced and there were now 32 of a standard for his Department to adopt. When the Parish Council had replaced the remaining 8 trees the Department would take over maintenance of the site.

Litter Bin. The bin to be sited near the school would cost £52.85.

Surplus Equipment. The Borough Council invited parish councils to tender for items of surplus office equipment.

Poverty in Our Villages. A Community Council conference was to be held at Brantingham on 30th September. Seminars on other topics were also advertised.

Humberside Parish and Town Councils. The Annual Report had been received.

Planning

Previous Application : Roston Road (i.e. Tunstall Road). The Borough Council had refused consent for the erection of four dwellings : they would be contrary to the Village Plan, not infill, and would create ribbon development.

Static Caravan, Plot 2, East of Roos Beck (Mr & Mrs A.G. Bowden). Supported, pending completion of a dwelling on the site.

Roos Arms, Rear Extension (K.W. Design Consultants, Aldbrough). Supported.

Dent's Garth (Keyingham Construction). Application to replace the company's commercial premises with a four-bedroom dormer bungalow. Supported.

East of The Chestnuts, off Rectory Road (J.F. Blyth and Partner for W. & P. Biglin). Application to erect a large four-bedroom house. It was agreed to request deferral of a decision pending fulfilment by the applicants of requirements agreed at a site meeting between Parish Council and Planning Department representatives.

(The site meeting was held on 27th October 1988, See "The Rooster", November and December 1988.)

Accounts

Payment was approved of £15.00 for the hire of the Memorial Institute for meetings

Any Other Business

Councillor Cheeseman advised that the Village Hall Committee intended to apply for grants to meet the cost of re-roofing the Hall. The estimated cost was £5,000. The Committee itself expected to provide 30% and hoped to have grants from the Borough Council (20%) and the Community Council (40%). To achieve these grants it would be necessary to demonstrate the support of the Parish Council (10%). It was agreed that a formal written request would be favourably considered.

Councillor Clark reported a persistent leak

of water on a road at Hilston. The Parish Clerk was asked to write to the Water Board urging prompt action.

Public Session

Mr P.R.Owen referred to the application for development on the site adjoining his property at The Chestnuts. He asked the Parish Council, when they discussed the application again, to consider the possible danger to some of his trees that were covered by protection orders. Foundations for the proposed dwelling might well damage the roots of the trees. The Parish Council appreciated his concern.

Parish Council Meeting

Monday 9th October : 7.30 p.m.

in the Memorial Institute.

Members of the public cordially invited to attend.

All Saints', Roos

Services in Roos

When Christian people move into the village they try to discover the time of the Sunday service at the church and find it difficult to locate the Notice Board! It would be greatly appreciated if neighbours could come to the rescue. It is easy to remember - Sung Eucharist at 10.00 a.m. every Sunday and Christmas Day. All ages very welcome.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Last week saw our Thanksgiving for the Harvest when, in gratitude for God for his bounty, the small congregation contributed in excess of £50 (in addition to the ordinary collection) for the needy in the Third World. The money is being forwarded to them through OXFAM.

New Organ

On 24th September we dedicated a new organ which will greatly enhance our worship in the future.

Father John.

Roos Playing Field

The Committee would like to thank all those who attended and supported the recent Garden Fete, which raised over £400.

You will be pleased to know that work on the Sports Pavilion will begin this month.

Part of the cost will be grant-aided but further fund-raising will be needed for the next couple of years.

The A.G.M. will be held at the Roos Arms on Wednesday 25th October at 8.30 p.m. All will be welcome. If you are interested in this venture, your attendance and support would be greatly appreciated.

Sue Hulme, Secretary. (670379).

Holderness Borough Council Development Department

Annual Report 1988 - 89

A copy of the Report is held by the Parish Clerk and may be inspected by arrangement : Mr Cyril Woodhouse, 1 Pinfold Cottages, Pinfold Lane, Roos. (Phone : 670716).

Like most such documents the Report is initially daunting, full of statistics and tables. On closer reading it proves more interesting. It describes a vital but rather unglamorous department beset by pressures and staff shortages; a team of people beavering away to maintain some sort of sense in the growth of our communities; officers trying to apply in a fair and consistent way the welter of ever-changing regulations intended to protect and enhance our environment. The Report also shows, often in detail, how the Borough Council spends some of our rates. Here are some snippets as examples.

Coastal Erosion

In Holderness, the loss of land in 1988 was 3.9 hectares (9.6 acres) against a figure of 4.16 hectares (10.3 acres) in 1987 - an average of about 10 acres a year.

"Research on the Scilly Isles has shown that minestone which will be used for offshore banks is proving to be stable in extreme sea conditions and an application has been made to the EEC for the funding of a trial bank off the Holderness coast. Computer predictions show that there is a strong possibility that this type of protection could completely prevent erosion by the sea in the fairly near future."

New Council Housing

"The main development has taken place in... Hornsea, Withernsea and Hedon... It has not been possible to maintain the momentum of the proposed 50 dwellings per annum because of government spending restrictions... The authority now targets its resources on providing accommodation for aged persons..."

The department is also now becoming involved in the adaptation of existing houses to suit the chronically sick and disabled."

The Parish of Roos

Note that the figures refer to the parish (including Tunstall, Hilston, and Owtwick) and not the village of Roos alone.

Population : 880.

(Includes minors : 738 persons are listed in the current Register of Electors.)

Area : 2305 hectares (5694 acres).

Housing land available

Land with planning permission	: 6.6 acres
Land without planning permission	: 5.4
Total	: 12.00.

Possible number of dwellings	: 86.
House completions (1988 - 89)	: 2.

(At 86, the "possible number of dwellings" seems very high, presumably because it includes land still without planning permission, i.e. Site B and part of Site A in the Village Plan. It would be interesting to know the actual arithmetic, including Planning Department assumptions about housing density.)

Although actual house completions in 1988-9 are given as only 2, on a later page there is a note of 41 planning applications within the year *(These are presumably the 30 at Pilmar Lane and the 11 south of Dove Lane. These 41 need to be deducted from the 86 "possible number of dwellings" already referred to,*

Parish Consultations

Parish and Town Councils were consulted about planning applications on 1114 occasions. The Borough Council's final decision differed from the Parish Council's recommendations in 10.8% of cases. In "only" 60 cases were decisions taken before Parish Council views were received.

(Roos has suffered both of these experiences, Borough Council decisions have sometimes gone against strong local feeling and some decisions have been taken before there was time for the Parish Council to forward its recommendations.)

Enforcement

Because of inadequate staffing, there is no full-time enforcement officer to ensure that planning conditions are carried out. Other officers do what they can, as time allows. Meanwhile, contraventions and enquiries are increasing and the Report says that "real difficulties" will arise if no further staff time can be provided.

A later section deals with landscaping and the protection of trees. "The Tree Officer

finds that most conditions imposed are satisfactorily complied with." In others he has to meet the developer and give "written recommendations to ensure compliance." In May 1988, a developer alleged to have damaged a protected tree was taken to court but the magistrates dismissed the case. This demonstrated, "the difficulty of enforcing the law in cases where there are two conflicting opinions."

Fees for building applications are to rise by 10% overall - "domestic extensions by an extraordinary 30%... Such increases will lead to greater evasion which, in turn, will require a greater amount of time spent on enforcement." Three pages later the Report notes : "During the year 34 building owners were formally cautioned for commencing work without making the required application. Two of these have been forwarded to the Magistrates' Court for prosecution."

The Planning Department protects the quality of our physical environment and enforcement is its ultimate weapon. If enforcement becomes ineffective, only the cowboys benefit.

The overall impression is of a Department badly hit by loss of staff and finding it hard to recruit replacements. Meanwhile the workload and pressure on the remaining staff increase. As ratepayers, employers, consumers, we are all inclined to blame council staff when we hear of delays or apparent inefficiency. Instead we should often be blaming the circumstances of their employment. If we want an efficient service we should be prepared to pay for it and not indulge in facile jokes about bureaucrats.

Bonfire & Fireworks Display

Saturday 4th November : 6.30 p.m.

Black Horse Car Park

(by kind permission of Mr Brian Garnet)

The cost of fireworks will be met by a door-to-door collection (by adults) 2 - 3 weeks before.

Football

2nd Sept. v Centre Bar 'B'. Home.

For their first game in Division 1 Roos 'A' soon found out what top level football means. They struggled for much of the first period against a slick footballing team who seemed, man for man, half a yard quicker

and who took the lead with a well-worked goal. However, Centre Bar could not capitalise on their superiority. Gradually adjusting to the pace of the game, Roos showed towards the end of the half that the result was no foregone conclusion.

So it turned out. In the second half Roos gained the ascendancy and scored two goals within a minute to seal the match. The first was a lucky affair : a strong shot from Mike Clarkson struck Dave Cowell on the back and looped over a wrong-footed goal-keeper into the net. However, the second goal was a gem. A brilliantly-executed lob by Geoff Newton sailed into the net from thirty yards.

Roos's 2 - 1 win was somewhat fortuitous. They will have to step up a gear in ensuing matches if they want to finish near the top of the league. Special mention must be made of the admirable Geoff Newton and of Jon Dearing (deputising in goal for brother Pete, injured in a pre-season friendly) who had an excellent match.

17th Sept. v Gardeners' F.C.

Postponed : no suitable pitch available.

24th Sept. v Cottingham Tigers. Home.

Roos showed some disturbing lapses in defence to lose a two-goal lead in the last quarter of the match. They then went 3 - 2 behind but hauled themselves back when Andy Storey scored with a superb inswinging corner kick. However, their defensive frailties surfaced again when, after yet another goal-mouth scramble, Tigers scored once more to win the match 4 - 3.

This was a bad defeat for Roos and lessons must be learned quickly. To add to the tale of woe, Andy Storey was sent off near the end for allegedly swearing at the referee.

1st Oct. v Paul Wilson's. Home.

In this first-round match of the George Munro Cup against last season's adversaries from Division 3, the first half belonged almost completely to Roos. Their best football of the season demoralised Wilson's defence and they led by 3 - 0 at half-time. So superior were Roos that, with steadier finishing, the score could easily have been doubled. Scorers were Royce 2 (his first being a super strike from fully 25 yards) and Cowell.

The second half was much the same. Roos took a 4 - 0 lead when Geoff Newton glanced a header from an Andy Storey corner, but, after Andy Bailey had left the field with a

suspected broken ankle, slack defence let Wilson's in for their first goal.

Substitute 'Nibs' Carrick restored Roos's four-goal cushion and then we saw the miss of the month, Mike Clarkson unbelievably blazing wide of an open goal from three yards. Wilson's immediately produced the best move of the game, which led to their second goal. Thus, within the space of a minute, a score-line that should have read 6 - 1 was now 5 - 2. However, Roos finished much the stronger and scored a sixth goal when Stu Blenkin confidently crashed home a penalty awarded for hand-ball.

Overall, this was a much better display by Roos but marred by Andy Bailey's injury, which could sideline him for eight weeks. Coupled with long-term injury to another stalwart, Pete Dearing, this seriously depletes what is already a small squad of players. We keep our fingers crossed that we don't get any more such setbacks.

The Roos Arms

Bookings now being taken for
Christmas Lunch

and also for

Pre-Christmas Lunches

If you or your group are intending to eat out during the festive season, plan for it NOW. Both lunch-time and evening parties welcome.

Ring Keith or Nesta on 670353.

The Rooster 1990

A year ago donations to support "The Rooster" in 1989 had already been requested and some had already been received. It is time to consider funding for next year. However, owing to the generosity of donors, there are still funds in hand to pay for copies during the first few months of 1990. It is not yet urgent to ask for more.

There is another reason for delaying an appeal for donations. My wife and I may be leaving Roos in 1990. It would be unfair to ask for funds for "The Rooster" knowing that I might not be able to supply copies for the whole year. Of course, I may well still be here in a year's time but, if we do leave, that will be the end of "The Rooster" unless someone else can be found to take it on.

There may be someone interested to do so. Perhaps several people may offer help. If so, they could work as a group. They could initially share the job with me and we could assess the prospects for the newsletter throughout 1990 - and then decide whether to seek further donations to pay for it.

The basic need is for a typewriter and typist, though I myself have found a word-processor invaluable: it makes editing and layout so much easier. There are other tasks, of course: collating and stapling the photocopied sheets; organising house-to-house delivery; handling donations and keeping records of income and expenditure.

If you would be willing to help produce the newsletter with a view to taking it over in due course, please contact me as soon as possible.

L.H.

Rooster Deadline

Please supply items for the November issue by

Monday 23rd October

Pass material and OFFERS OF HELP as

Editor / Manager

to Leslie Helliwell, Lamb Lane, Roos, (670291).

Coming Events

October

- 1 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00,
- 4 Roos WI, Memorial Institute, 7.15, Speaker: Mr Hugh Rice, the Hull jeweller.
- 8 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00, Football v Keyingham, Away.
- 9 Parish Council, Memorial Institute, 7.30,
- 15 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00, Football v Gower Park, Home.
- 22 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00, Football v New Inn, Away.
- 25 Playing Field Association AGM, Roos Arms, 8.30,
- 29 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00, Methodist Family Service, Memorial Institute, 10.30, Football, 2nd round of Cup, Opponents not known.

November

- 1 Roos WI, Annual Meeting, Memorial Institute, 7.15,
- 4 Bonfire & Fireworks, Black Horse car park, 6.30,
- 5 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00, Football v St Peter's, Home.
- 12 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00, Football v National Tigers, Home.

Village Groups

The information below is up-to-date for the groups listed. Other groups have not yet supplied details of their officers. I should be grateful if they would do so. The intention then is to supply with "The Rooster" - but as a separate sheet - a complete list or directory for easy reference.

All Saints' Church

Rector: Rev. John Adey (Father John), The Rectory, 670362,
PCC Sec.: Mrs Nancy Kirkwood, The Manor, South End, 670258,
Wardens: Mr Stan Kennils, 52 Pilmar Lane, 670074,
Mrs Nancy Kirkwood, The Manor, South End, 670258.

Memorial Institute

Chairman: Mr M. Cheeseman, Northlands, Tunstall Rd, 670282,
Secretary: Mrs K. Billany, 9 Pilmar Lane, 670559,
Treasurer: Mrs P. Cheeseman, Northlands, Tunstall Rd, 670282.

Methodist Church

Family services are held on the fourth Sunday of each month.
Further details: Mrs M.D. Godfrey, 6 Colman Row, 670871.

Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Mr C. Woodhouse, 1 Pinfold Cottages, 670716,
Chairman: Councillor G.E. Winter, 3 Chestnut Garth, 670234,
(Councillor Winter also serves on the Borough Council.)
Councillor A.G. Bowden, 2 Cherry Hill Park, 670078,
Councillor M. Cheeseman, Northlands, Tunstall Rd, 670282,
Councillor J.R. Clark, Pasture House, Hilson, 670723,
Councillor T.K. Cook, Freshlands, Owtwick, 670376,
Councillor K.G. Grant, Elms Farm, Rectory Road, 670233,
Councillor L. Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, 60291,
Councillor J.C. Priest, 44 Pilmar Lane, 670410,
Councillor J.D. Quarmby, Manor View Tunstall, 670426.

Playing Field Committee

Chairman: Mr J.S. Wilson, 19 Elm Garth, 670570,
Secretary: Mrs S.V. Hulme, Eastfield House, 670379,
Treasurer: Mr G.H. Green, 15 Elm Garth, 670278.

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