

# The Rooster

# **Roos Parish Newsletter**

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# **Roos Parish Council**

All members were present at the meeting on 9th August.

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 12th July were approved. The following items arose from the Minutes.

#### Roos Parish Plan

#### 1st instalment of grant

As Parish Council Treasurer Cllr Winter said that he had received from the Countryside Agency a cheque for £2,624 (the first instalment of the total grant of £4090). The cheque had been paid into the Parish Council account. From it £100 had been passed for petty cash to Mr Gavin Eastman, Treasurer of the Parish Plan Steering Group.

#### Parish Council contribution

In July some members had been unhappy about the £550 said to be due from the Parish Council as its 5% share. They thought the figure should be £380. Cllr Helliwell had undertaken to ensure that a written explanation was supplied.

At the August meeting the Chairman tabled a letter from the Steering Group Secretary, Mr Ken Cross, explaining how the 5% formula was applied. There had indeed been a mistake in calculating the Parish Council contribution but the correct figure was not lower than previously stated but higher – it was now £738. The error had been owing to the haste with which the complex grant application had been submitted to meet the deadline.

Some members were upset at what seemed to them an unacceptable escalation of cost. They seemed to suspect the Steering Group of making irresponsible demands.

Cllr Helliwell defended the Steering Group. He pointed out that it was the Parish Council that had initiated the Parish Plan process. Two speakers in turn had been invited to come to explain the scheme and the Steering Group of volunteers had been approved at a public meeting called by the Council itself. The Parish Council Chairman had signed the eventual grant application form.

The application form had to be completed at the last minute owing to the Parish Council's own delay in failing to proceed until some months after the Parish Plan scheme was first tabled. The initial miscalculation of the Parish Council contribution arose from the hasty completion of the complex form and a consequent misunderstanding of the formula for calculating local input.

Cllr Helliwell added that the Steering Group were volunteers who would be putting in many hours of unpaid work on behalf of the Parish Council and of the community. Its members were not responsible for the formula for calculating the Parish Council contribution.

(He might have added that the £738 from the Parish Council, the only cash contribution from local residents, was trivial compared to the £4090 invested in the Roos Parish Plan by the Countryside Agency.)

#### Albrough crossroads

The Chairman said that half a dozen parish councillors had met Mr Phil Hiscott of the Highways Department.

Mr Hiscott understood local concern about the potential for accidents but stressed the safety measures already in place: the surface "rumbles" and improved signs and road markings.

He accepted that offsetting the Aldbrough Road and Rectory Road was an option but it would be very expensive. Highways had limited funds and for the present had other more high-risk priorities.

Instead, Mr Hiscott said he could recommend to his superiors the possibility of moving the 40 mph restriction to the Burton Pidsea side of the junction and of installing a device on the approach from Aldbrough that would display an illuminated warning to motorists who were driving to the junction too fast. The procedure for moving the restriction sign and the ordering of the warning device would both take some time.

At the Parish Council meeting members knew of the accident on 5th July and of an even more recent incident. It was agreed that the Chairman should write to Highways arguing that offsetting the roads was the only way of preventing an eventual fatal accident.

(See page 3 for a reprint of the Holderness Gazette article on 5th August and a review of the situation, including possible action that residents could take.)

# Roos Parish Council Meeting Monday 13th September

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute Members of the public always welcome

Hodgson Lane. The persistent problem of rainwater standing in pools had been reported to Highways.

#### Overgrown hedge north of Path No.5

No reply had been received from Mr Lenney's solicitor. The Clerk would write for acknowledgement of its receipt.

Parish Paths. Payment of £135 was approved for work carried out.

**Snaith Charity.** Rev Gordon Smethurst had not replied to the letter requesting a meeting of the trustees.

**Dog Fouling.** The Chairman, Cllr Winter, could now supply posters and stencil sprays requesting dog-owners to clean up after their pets.

Community Play & Recreation. The commuted sum due to the Children's Playground Association had now been received.

**Draft Affordable Housing Strategy.** Two copies were available. The Clerk would distribute them to members before the next meeting.

#### Pavement parking at North End

The Chairman had written to residents at North End asking them not to park on pavements. As a result of his approach and of reports in *The Rooster* two letters had been received.

Mr M.Wright opposed street parking at all at North End and wanted double yellow lines installed. On the other hand, Mr B.W.L.Salmon-Bocking was against yellow lines and criticised Mr Gary Collinson who had raised the issue of pavement parking in the first place. (Further opinions were expressed later: See PUBLIC SESSION.)

#### Correspondence

War Memorials. English Heritage notified grants to repair free-standing war memorials - not relevant to Roos.

Grave spaces in Roos churchyard. The Parochial Church Council had written advising that the churchyard was filling up. The PCC estimated that in 15 - 20 years there would be no plots available for new graves and that it was time to be considering the provision of further land. No councillors seemed to share the sense of urgency.

#### Licensing Act 2003

Tina Holtby, Licensing Project Officer, advised that the Act passed responsibility for liquor licensing from the magistrates to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, which was required to publish a statement of policy, with four main objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder.
- Public safety at licensed premises.
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm.

The East Riding's draft policy statement will be provided to parish councils in September. Comments will be invited by 22nd October.

#### Powergen Retail, Ltd

Notice was given of an informal meeting with councillors on 11th August to consider "small-scale" wind-power projects in the area. Members were taken aback. Neither time nor venue was given for the meeting. The Powergen contact was:

Fiona Auty: 02476 - 42576 or 07843 - 002074 The Chairman undertook to enquire.

(He subsequently discovered that the meeting would be in Rimswell and might not strictly concern Roos Parish, though Roos people will have a lively interest in such a development. He is to make further enquiries.)

#### Tree Preservation Orders (Roos No.2) 2004

Notice was given from an East Riding legal officer that Preservation Orders were proposed for trees at two places in Roos: in the paddock north of Grasmere, Rectory Road, and in the land belonging to Roseneath, South End. If they wished, nearby residents could use the forms available to advance reasoned objections to the Orders. (See PUBLIC SESSION.)

#### Planning

#### Notice of decisions

Approved by the Area Planning Committee

- Roseneath, South End. Single-storey extension and conservatory at side.
- · Windyridge, Tunstall. Single-storey extension.
- Plot 3, east of Main Street. Substitution of house for bungalow.

No planning consent required

Kenby Farm, Owstwick. Tower etc. for Vodaphone, Ltd.

#### New application

 North Farm, Hilston (Mr & Mrs Nelson). Application to convert barns into five residential units.

The application, supported by a consultant's paper eleven pages long, was complex and no councillor had seen it. Yet a response was sought by 16th August. The Chairman proposed that the Planning Committee be asked for deferral so that the documents could be circulated to members before the next Parish Council meeting. This was agreed.

#### Any other business

#### **Roos School**

As a governor, Cllr Craggs reported that a garden was proposed at the rear of the school for the study of horticulture. The estimated cost was £5,000 and grants were being sought. A donation from the Parish Council was requested. It was agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting.

#### Track south of Roos Church

Cllr Smales had noticed litter and refuse on the track and asked who owned the land. Cllr Grant said that his family did. He explained that every night youths in cars tended to meet on the track and often left litter there. The matter had been reported to the police. The situation was unsatisfactory but it might be thought that the youths were causing less trouble there than they might do elsewhere in the village.

Incinerator at the abattoir. Cllr Dodson said there had been reports of excessive burning emissions from the

chimney and there might be a health hazard. It was agreed to refer the issue to Environmental Health.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### Pavement parking at North End

There was further discussion and further disagreement. It was alleged that there had been no problem until the original complainant, Mr Gary Collinson, came to live at North End and began to object to anyone parking there, however justifiably. He himself was not without fault. For example, he had now placed concrete blocks near the pavement, which were a hazard to the public.

It would have been impossible for councillors to arbitrate, though they were well aware that parking on the actual pavement was illegal. As to the merits of double yellow lines to prevent parking on the highway, it was clear that opinion at North End was divided.

#### Tree Preservation Order at Rosemead

A number of Eastfield residents were present and voiced objections to one of the trees. Mrs Margaret Cockroft said that it blocked light from their dwellings and dropped debris in their gardens. Its over-hanging branches were dangerous. Members agreed to request that the situation be inspected by the Tree Officer.

Other residents spoke of pruning or lopping offending branches. (It was not clear whether the Preservation Order had been sought to protect the tree from such reactions.)

Opinions were aired on legalities: the rights of householders to protect their properties from invasive branches; the property rights of tree-owners to whom any prunings and loppings should be returned.

It became evident that animosities had developed over more than arboriculture – and beyond the scope of the Parish Council.

(More could not be reported here without risk of libel. Residents in Eastfield deserve sympathetic consideration but perceived lack of it cannot be remedied by complaints at a public meeting.)

#### The abattoir incinerator

A resident at North End said that incineration was preferable to what used to be experienced: open skips of animal refuse polluting the atmosphere.

#### Parish paths: Report by Dr Andrew Hersom

#### Dove Lane

The lane was overgrown and needed to be cleared. Cllr Helliwell observed that, though a right of way, it was not a designated parish path on which the grant allocation could be spent. One Parish Paths Officer had called it a "green lane". At one time Highways had in effect assumed responsibility by keeping it tidy.

No solution was agreed.

#### Finger post

A finger post pointing to a bridge south of the church had fallen into the drain. Cllr Grant was aware of this. He said that the post was good enough to be re-used but would be hard to get out. He would see what could be done at some later date.

#### Assistance

Dr Hersom said that Mr Andrew Coyne had volunteered to help keep an eye on the maintenance of the parish paths. Members welcomed the offer and approved it.

#### **Licensing Act 2003**

The main changes brought in by the Act are:

- Local authorities, not magistrates, will issue liquor licences.
- Licensed premises might possibly open for 24 hours 7 days a week.
- Both applicants and objectors will have a right of appeal to magistrates' courts if their cases have not been properly considered.
- The police will have greater powers to close premises for up to 24 hours on grounds of disorder.
- Six existing licensing regimes will be amalgamated into just one, dealing with:

premises selling alcohol, premises providing public entertainment premises providing late-night refreshment.

This should reduce red tape for applicants.

#### **Lifeboat Collection**

Mrs Joan Bowden reports:

The recent house-to-house collection organised by the Withernsea Ladies Lifeboat Guild raised £241.32 in Roos. The Guild thanks the people of Roos for their generosity and Mrs Joyce Pawson for her valuable help.

In the area as a whole (Withernsea and villages) the total raised was £1,388.54.

#### **Coming Events**

Secretaries please supply details of your events

Sep 1 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Mr B.Roper: Books, Books, Glorious Books.

13 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

Oct 6 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Midge Thomas: Jam & Jerusalem.

11 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

What happened to everybody else?

On holiday till Guy Fawkes Night?

# **JOHN (JACK) FARRINGTON**

Connie Farrington would like to express her most sincere thanks for all the loving care and help that was so freely given, both while Jack was in hospital and afterwards.

Thanks go to those who provided transport to Hull and Withernsea, to the staff at both hospitals for their kindness, to the Rev G.Heale for the sincerity with which he conducted the funeral service, to the British Legion standard bearer who also provided the Union Flag, to the caterers who produced a veritable feast for the mourners, to the many people who sent such beautiful cards and flowers and, of course, to Janet and the other staff of G.Fewster and Son who made sure that everything went so smoothly.

#### After walking away from a horrific smash near his home a Roos man has called for a notorious Holderness junction to be overhauled.

Kevin Smith, 40, of Pinfold Lane, Roos, was sent spinning through 180 degrees when his van was hit by a car travelling south on the B 1242 on Thursday afternoon. The car ended up in a ditch but thankfully none of the family of four, holidaymakers from West Yorkshire, was seriously injured despite being taken to hospital for treatment.

Kevin said: "We see, or rather hear, this sort of crash all the time, it's getting to be a regular thing. I never expected to be involved because I am so conscious of the danger at that junction." Despite the Fiat Ducatto being hit on its passenger side Kevin was unable to open the driver's door following the impact. Adding insult to injury when Kevin returned to the van later that evening someone had smashed a window and stolen his tax disc.

"I hardly ever take the van home with me. I can't remember the last time I did but if I was in the car I'm sure neither myself nor Daniel, my passenger, would be here to tell the tale.

"I was first on the scene at another crash about 18 months ago where I had to get a young lad out of the car. He was coming

# Crash site warning

in and out of consciousness. I don't think there has been a fatality there but it's only a matter of time. We hear crashes at least once a month. At the scene I heard the police say 'It's this bloody junction again'."

Cars approaching the junction from the north can be deceived by the junction despite warning signs and road markings put in place around 18 months ago by East Riding Council. The road on the other side of the junction can appear to be a continuation of the Bl242 and this can catch out motorists who have built up speed on the long straight. Lifeboat crewman Kevin said: "I can fully understand how people miss the junction. The only way to sort it out is to stagger the junction and take what is essentially an optical illusion out of the equation."

Inspector Janet McGiveron of Withernsea Police said: "The ERYC has done a lot of work at that junction, introducing signs and road markings, but there have been two crashes there in the last two months with people who do not know the area well. It is a problem we are looking at. As with previous crashes it was a case of driver error and we urge people to take better notice of

the signs and road markings.".

"We liaise with the council and they are receptive to what we have to say. The situation has improved greatly since the road markings and signs were put in place. The question of staggering the junction is one which could be implemented in the future although there is of course a cost implication."

A spokesman for East Riding council said: "We have carried out measures at Roos crossroads recently, emphasising the junction and the need to give way by using signs with fluorescent borders and rumble strips on the road. There have not been many injury collisions at the junction, although some people were injured before the changes were made.

"Staggering a crossroads is not necessarily a suitable solution. Whilst a stagger may reduce the 'view-through' on the road, it has been shown to make the situation worse at some locations where a straight road leads to and gives way at a staggered crossroads. We will consider this option as part of the new Road Safety Strategy, which will enable us to determine potential costs and set the priority for improving junctions throughout the area."

(Photograph of the Fiat below by Derek Pearson)





The Holderness Gazette is to be praised for this graphic account on 5th August of the accident in Roos on 29th July. The story emphasises what most of us are all too aware of: the crossroads at North End is a potential death trap.

Just a few hours earlier a group of parish councillors had met Mr Phil Hiscott from the Highways Department to discuss this dangerous junction. They were reminded how much Highways had already done and were told that it might be possible – after a time – to move the 40mph sign to the Burton Pidsea side of the junction and provide a flashing warning to drivers approaching too fast from Aldbrough.

Several were unconvinced. Signs and warnings had not worked. Only offsetting Rectory Road and the Aldbrough Road would prevent a fatal accident.

This view was restated at the August Parish Council meeting and a request for offsetting is to be made, although Mr Hiscott had said that funds were limited and there were more urgent priorities to be met.

Keep a log? Sign a petition?

Not all collisions are reported. The police are informed only when there has been injury. Yet without a record of <u>all</u> incidents their frequency and the

potential for fatalities cannot be demonstrated. We need to keep a record – build up a file. Would a proforma help? What would be needed?

- Reports noting facts: date, time, place, number and type of vehicles involved, their direction of travel, ...
- Evidence: diagrams or, better still, some photographs and more than one witness, with signatures.

Reports could be passed to *The Rooster* or the Parish Council for filing.

Would a public petition be supported?

Please comment. Ring 670291 or leave a note with Gavin at the Roos Store.

### The Rooster

#### Many thanks for recent donations

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#### Circulation

Thanks to local volunteers the newsletter is now delivered to 508 households in the parish of Roos:

Roos	414
Tunstall	55
Hilston	12
Owstwick	27

In addition copies are posted to 12 donors elsewhere.

#### **Funding**

The newsletter is funded by voluntary donations. The recommended rate per household is £3.00 a year (maximum £5.00).

By 11th August 135 households (including the 12 outside the parish) had made a donation: 25.9% of those that receive copies.

Those that do make a donation have often been very generous and in the past have contributed far more than the recommended rate. (At the year-end the healthy bank balance has usually been almost embarrassing.)

Nevertheless, it seems disproportionate that barely 1 in 4 are currently supporting the newsletter when many more appreciate it and say so.

The fact is that many residents who mean to make a donation forget to do so, though some remember when they see the Editor and thrust cash on him in the street!

Some can't remember if they have donated in the current year or not and give money twice. The list below may help them. It isn't intended as blackmail, merely as an aid to memory.

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# Roos Parish Plan: Progress Report



Parish Plans empower Countryside rural communities to play an active role in planning the future of their villages.

They operate through a government scheme managed by the Countryside Agency.

"The Government wants local communities to take more control of their own lives, to say what they want doing in their own neighbourhoods and to engage with others to get it done."

### **Funding**

Each Parish Plan is funded by up to 75% of its costs. The remaining 25% must come from the community itself, though much of it will be in kind. For example, materials donated and the time that individuals spend on the Plan can be costed and included as part of the local contribution. A small part of the 25% must be in the form of financial input from the Parish Council.

#### The role of the Parish Council

The elected Parish Council must make application for the grant and is ultimately responsible for the Parish Plan.

But as a body the Parish Council is not directly involved in managing work on the Plan. That is the role of a Steering Group approved by the Parish Council.

The Steering Group, which has power to co-opt, organises the work. It consults with residents as widely as possible and aims to involve volunteers to work in sub-groups on topics in which they have interest or expertise. At all times the Steering Group will seek to report progress both to residents and to the Parish Council.

## Recap: the state of play in Roos

The Parish Council organised public meetings on 17th and 24th May. At the second meeting it was agreed to proceed with a Roos Parish Plan and a Steering Group was appointed. The Parish Council applied for a grant and was successful. A grant of £4090 was awarded.

### The Steering Group

The Group met several times between May and August, clearing the ground for a positive start in the Autumn. It was agreed that work would start in earnest in October and the Plan would be completed by October 2005.

The first major task will be to produce and distribute a questionnaire to sound out local opinions on a range of issues. A computer programme has been bought to help design the questionnaire and analyse its results. A subgroup of four members will work on a draft between now and October.

### The questionnaire

The Steering Group will need to decide the range of topics to be included. A provisional list of the main areas has been considered, some of which are indicated in the next column. But the list is not final. If you think some important topic is missing, please let the Group know.

### Possible questionnaire topics

(The Steering Group's list doctored by the Editor)

Work Absence of local jobs, especially for young

people. Commuting. Consequences for the

demography of the villages....

Leisure Range of provision for all age-groups.

Community facilities: Institute, pubs, sport.

Library service. Gaps to be filled....

Shopping Local provision.

Education Village school. Secondary provision.

Lifelong learning. Pluses and minuses....

Health Quality of services. Surgeries. Ambulances.

Hospital access. Possible improvements....

Housing Homes for rent or purchase. Affordability.

Is there a sufficient mix of provision? ....

Transport Public transport: limited and under-used

but essential for some. Possible solutions....

Services Adequacy of local authority services. What

improvements might be made? ....

Coverage. Availability. Response times. Policing

Confidence in the service....

Fire Service As above....

Traffic Road safety. Parking provision....

Attitudes Village pride. Collaboration. Vandalism.

Anti-social behaviour....

Care Provision for vulnerable minorities: the

very young, the very old, the disabled, ....

### Input

If you think an important topic area has been omitted above, please contact one of the following members of the Questionnaire Sub-Group.

Jackie Cracknell Pasture House, Hilston 671741 Leslie Helliwell Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos 670291 Glebe Farm, Hilston **Brian Wells** 670525

Or pass a note (labelled "Questionnaire") via Gavin at the Roos Store.

#### Webmaster wanted

The Steering Group envisage that at a later stage they may wish to publish details of the Plan on a website. They would be glad to hear from any volunteer who could offer (free) expertise in web design.

Ring the Group Secretary, Ken Cross, on 671732.

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