

# The Rooster

## Roos Parish Newsletter

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### Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 13th June was attended by all members except Cllr Cheeseman, who had sent his apologies. East Riding Cllr Richard Stead was also present and five members of the public.

#### Minutes and matters arising

The May Minutes were approved. The following topics arose from items in the Minutes.

#### Wind turbines

The Chairman, Cllr Winter, recalled that in May he had read a letter from Mrs C.Blenkin requesting a public meeting. However, members had confirmed their previous decision that, until there were more specific plans there was no point in such a meeting. Since then there had been further support for a public meeting.

The Chairman of Rimswell Parish Council, Cllr McWatt (who had offered to act as local contact for the prospective developers) had heard that a planning application was being prepared. He thought a joint public meeting could be called for residents in all three affected parishes : Roos, Halsham and Rimswell.

There had also been further letters requesting a meeting : a reply from Mrs Blenkin and letters from Dr and Mrs G.J.Audley, Mrs Carole Blanchard, Mrs S.E.Crombie, Mrs D.M.Gregg, Mr & Mrs J.T.Howden, Mr J.Pacey, Mr J.B.Rannard and Mrs C.Robson. Each letter was read out.

All the writers opposed the prospect of wind turbines and most wanted a public meeting with representatives from the developers (i.e. Community Power, a business backed by Powergen UK plc, part of the E.ON Group).

Mrs Blenkin`s letter noted that no answer had been given to a question she asked the previous month. She still wanted to know if any parish councillor had a beneficial interest in the projected wind turbines. (She returned to councillors` declarations of interest during the public session after the main meeting.)

The Chairman for a time allowed residents present to express their views on this topic.

Though some councillors still felt that a public meeting would be premature, it was agreed to acknowledge the right of residents to demand one. It was also agreed that it should be held within two or three weeks but there was uncertainty what venue would be large enough for the possible attendance from all three parishes.

When asked, Cllr Stead said he would be happy to attend if the meeting could be arranged when he had a free date. He and the Chairman would confer.

#### Tunstall bus shelter

Cllr Craggs said that Mr David Dry had repairs in hand.

#### Tunstall grass cutting

Cllr Craggs said that the extent and frequency of the cuts would be monitored.

#### Missing planning documents

It appeared that the only documents not available to the Parish Council had been the application concerning work at Half Way House, Main Street, Roos. Cllr Craggs noted that Mr David Grayson`s application for holiday units at Lowfield Lane, Tunstall, had been submitted and the approval had been notified, though without the stipulation as to conditions that was usually supplied.

#### Fence at Beechwood Views

A letter from Mr Stephen Watson, East Riding Enforcement Officer, reported that the garden fence in question contravened no regulations as far as its height was concerned. Members felt that he was answering the wrong question : the issue was whether the fence extended the property`s boundary into public land. It was reported that the resident claimed the fence was on his boundary as marked in his title deeds. The matter remained unresolved.

### Correspondence

#### Roos churchyard

Mrs J.Gunn of Seventh Avenue, Bridlington, had written to complain that the Metcalfe family graves were badly overgrown. She wanted the Parish Council to remedy matters.

Though they had sometimes granted money to help maintain the churchyard, members knew that they had no direct responsibility for its upkeep. It was agreed to pass the letter to the Parochial Church Council. There was sympathy for the PCC since maintenance was expensive and funds were scarce.

#### Burial Grounds Survey

A letter from Mr Oliver Grantham, East Riding Environmental Services Officer, asked for details of burial grounds in the parish to help what seemed to be a national survey. The Clerk was asked to supply details of the burial grounds in Roos, Tunstall, Hilston and Owstwick.

## Grass cutting

Paul Palmer, ERYC Resource Officer (Grounds), had sent the grass-cutting timetable. It provided for 17 cuts per season, depending on weather conditions. Mr Palmer also urged participation in the "Britain in Bloom" competition and recommended a nursery from which bedding plants could be supplied.

## Burton Pidsea road

Notice was given of surface dressing on the Roos-to-Burton Pidsea road between May and September. Members noted that the work had already begun.

## Planning

### Notice of decision : Approvals

E. of The Paddock, South End, Roos. Detached dwelling.

The Forge Rectory Road, Roos. Boundary wall.

### New applications

60 Pilmar Lane, Roos (Mr & Mrs G.Stevenson).

Single-storey extension, dormer windows to side; dormer-window extensions to front and rear.

A letter of objection was tabled from the neighbour to the south. Members thought that the proposed extensions were too extensive for the plot and would adversely affect the neighbouring property. Rejection was recommended.

Church Farm, Main Street, Tunstall (Mr M.Smales)

Erection of four log cabins; conversion of barn into three self-contained holiday units.

Members understood the need of the applicant to diversify but found the drawings supplied hard to follow. They had no objection in principle and recommended approval, though they agreed with Cllr Craggs that the access road could be improved.

## Accounts

The Treasurer (Cllr Winter) presented two accounts :

Hire of Memorial Institute for meeting, April - June	£22.50
Paying out of grant received for Parish Paths	£216.00

The payments were approved.

### Any other business

#### £5,000 grant to Tunstall Village Hall

Cllr Craggs said that the Village Hall Committee had been awarded a grant of £5,000 from Living Spaces (part of the Environmental Agency). It would be used to landscape the land between the Village Hall and the church.

#### Further accident at Aldbrough crossroads

All members had heard of an accident on 10th June but no one knew any firm details.

Cllr Stead said that it was intended to purchase a piece of adjacent land in order to facilitate more safety measures.

#### Bollards

A member commented that bollards had been erected on Rectory Road with no prior consultation with the Parish Council. It was noted that bollards had been erected on other roads. Another member commented that Highways were better at erecting bollards than they were at widening roads to ensure adequate passing places.

## Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold this annual public meeting on Monday 4th July at 7.30. It would *not* be an occasion to discuss wind turbines, about which a separate meeting would be called.

It was agreed that individuals would be welcome to propose topics for discussion and that representatives of village groups and societies should be invited to attend in order to outline their activities during the year and plans for the future. Such presentations might need to have a time limit, say five minutes, at the Chairman's discretion.

## PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Cherie Blenkin, with the support of others present, pursued two points arising from the wind-turbine issue.

### Councillors' declarations of interest

On taking office councillors are now required to record any interests that might prejudice their decisions. Mrs Blenkin had asked County Hall to let her see the signed statements of Roos councillors. She had been advised to seek sight of the copies held by the Parish Council. She asked who held the documents. The Chairman and members were nonplussed. It seemed likely that the documents were still in the possession of the last Parish Clerk. Mrs Blenkin quoted County Hall advice that they should be available for possible amendment at every meeting and that they should be supplied within 20 days of a resident's request to see them. She made a formal request to have sight of them.

The Chairman said that he would endeavour to locate the documents and make them available.

### Letter to Community Power / Powergen UK plc

Mrs Blenkin recommended that the Parish Council letter requesting Community Power representatives to attend the public meeting about wind turbines should state that a written reply was required.

## Roos Parish Council ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 4th July

7.30 in the Memorial Institute

This is the one public meeting - required by law - when residents have the right to raise topics in person and offer their views on parish affairs.

It also allows village groups to report on their activities and plans. Representatives please inform the Parish Clerk of your wish to do so.

Monthly meeting

Monday 11th July

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Meeting still to be arranged :  
**WIND TURBINES**

# Church News

## Anglican and Methodist Services

June			
Sun	19	9.00	Garton Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
		10.30	Roos Morning Service
		3.00	Hilston Holy Communion (Bk of Common Prayer)
Wed	22		(Diocesan Church Schools Day, York)
Sun	26	9.00	Tunstall Holy Communion
		10.30	Roos Holy Communion
		6.30	Garton Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
July			
Sun	3	9.00	Garton Holy Communion (Bk of Common Prayer)
		10.30	Roos Methodist Service. Memorial Institute.

## Christian Aid Week, 15 - 21 May

The door-to-door collection in Roos raised the highest total ever – £533.37.

"Thank you all who gave and all who collected."

Dennis and Christine Houlton

## Roos Churchyard

### Letter from Cllr Alec Dodson

In response to several enquiries and a recent letter to the Parish Council I should like to explain how the church grounds are maintained.

The contract is carried out by annual tender, as follows.

#### Between the yew trees

The grass between the yew trees flanking the main church path is cut fortnightly twelve times from April to October. The new churchyard, where burials currently take place, is cut on the same schedule.

#### Older part south of the church

The older part of the churchyard south of the church is cut twice in the year in accordance with church and environmental recommendations. Currently, this cutting is carried out in June and September, dependent on weather conditions. This allows grasses and wild flowers to complete their life cycle and is beneficial to wildlife.

Some residents are in favour of this policy but others would prefer this area to be close-mown as in many urban areas. Both environmental policy and financial constraints make close-mowing here unfeasible. In addition, the many kerbstones make machine operation difficult.

When weddings are to take place voluntary assistance is often given and is much appreciated.

#### West of the church steps

The area west of the church steps is the only area with tractor access. Recently Michael Grant has voluntarily cut the grass here and this has been a great help.

I hope this information about an important village amenity is helpful to residents. Churchyards such as ours are history in the making.

*(The letter has been slightly edited. e.g. the sub-headings have been added.)*

## A personal view

What a great many residents, whether churchgoers or not, most value in Roos is All Saints` church and its churchyard. The church is a splendid heritage, an ancient building cherished and enhanced for over 600 years.

## The Friends of Roos Church

About a dozen people attended the Inaugural Meeting of the Friends of Roos Church on 2nd June and an initial Committee was set up. A further meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th September at The Bailey, South End, Roos (home of Mrs Barbara Witty). All welcome.

### All Saints`, Roos : Annual Dedication Day Wednesday 6th July

2.15 Valedictory Service at All Saints` for Year 6 pupils as their time at Roos C.E. School draws to an end.

3.00 The traditional Garden Party at The Rectory with games, competitions and stalls.

Offers of prizes and volunteers to run the stalls will be much appreciated. Contact Tim and Kay Newton, The Old School : (01964) 671659.

For our village ancestors it was the focus of their lives. They worshipped there and had their baptisms, weddings and funerals there. Many of their bodies still rest in the churchyard, long after their memorial stones have fallen or been worn to illegibility.

Quite apart from its antiquity, the building is beautiful. Both inside and out it impresses and inspires awe.

The yew-tree approach from the west is unusual and attractive, drawing visitors towards the steps and entrance porch. The new churchyard commands splendid views across open countryside. It houses graves either relatively recent or freshly dug.

Having lived in Roos for 37 years, I am always moved to read the names of those who died during my time here. So many of them I knew and valued. So many served our village well. They gave us what we have.

Yet the burden of maintaining the church and churchyard falls upon a very small body of worshippers. The church`s role is to spread the gospel. Why should the faithful few have to maintain a heritage site for the rest of us?

Yet when churches fall into disrepair or burial grounds become overgrown it is the faithful few, struggling to meet crippling costs, on whom blame implicitly falls.

We could help support what we value and join the Friends of Roos Church. Perhaps more of us will.

#### Footnote

If ever All Saints` were closed and the burial ground no longer used, the Parish Council of the time would have power to undertake maintenance of the site. The cost could be met by a small increase in Council Tax – not to everybody`s taste! Such a scenario, if it were ever to be acted out, would be well in the future.

Meanwhile, title to the building and the land rightly lies with the church authorities. Responsibility rests with the Parochial Church Council, the churchwardens and the incumbent priest. The actual cost falls on the regular churchgoers : they have to find the cash. How?

L.H.

# Another Smash at Black Spot

**Just days after East Riding's Cabinet approved the purchase of land by the notorious Aldbrough crossroads at Roos the desperate need for the measures was highlighted.**

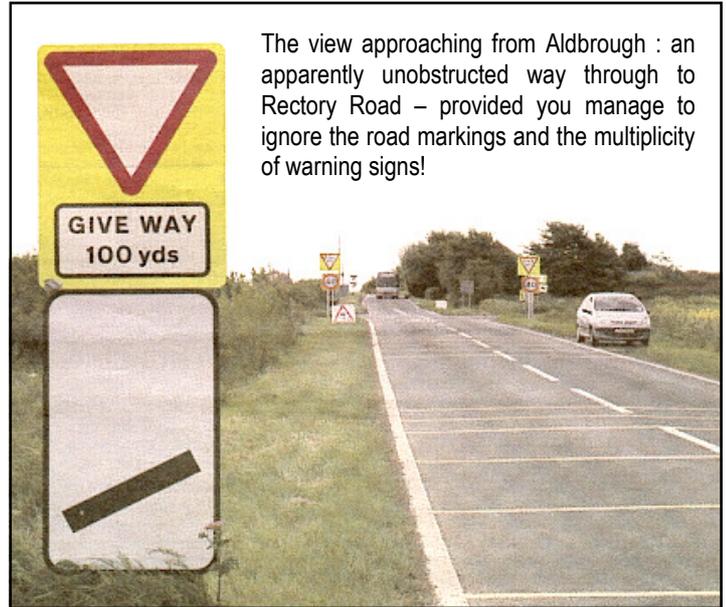
In what has become a depressingly familiar scene a motorist overshot the junction travelling south from Aldbrough and collided with another driver. The latest in a succession of crashes at the blackspot happened at 10.09 am on Friday June 10 and saw both motorists hospitalised. Fortunately neither driver was thought to have sustained life-threatening injuries. There has been at least one fatality at the junction in the past 18 months, alongside several less serious but dangerous smashes.

Last week East Riding Council approved plans to buy land to build a traffic island at the junction as well as additional signs and the introduction of a 40 mph speed limit in the vicinity.

It could take up to six months to put all the measures in place but the move was welcomed by Roos Parish Council Chairman Dave Winter who has been monitoring the junction's accident record.

Before the latest crash he said : "We welcome the decision by East Riding Council to take positive action after much lobbying. It is overdue and hopefully they will be able to get it in place before the next crash." Dave Waudby, Civil Engineering Services Manager for ERYC, said : "In response to the accident record at the crossroads the Council has instigated a number of initiatives at the junction including better warning signs and improved road markings. Very little can now be done to improve the site without the acquisition of additional land at the crossroads.

"A scheme to improve road safety at the junction which involves the construction of a traffic island and realigning the kerbs has been designed and following the recent Cabinet approval to purchase this land officers are



The view approaching from Aldbrough : an apparently unobstructed way through to Rectory Road – provided you manage to ignore the road markings and the multiplicity of warning signs!

progressing this scheme. We are unable to put a time-scale on the legal process of the land acquisition, but it is envisaged that the new junction arrangements will be in place within 6 months. The Council is moving as fast as possible to address the issues involved but unfortunately land purchase and traffic regulation orders can be lengthy processes." Police are appealing for witnesses to the crash, which saw a silver Toyota Yaris overshoot the junction and hit a blue Ford Fusion travelling from Roos towards Burton Pidsea. The Toyota careered into a ditch and its driver – an 83-year-old woman – had to be cut out by fire crews. It took firemen one hour and forty minutes to release her before she was taken to Hull Royal Infirmary with leg wounds and fractured ribs. The Ford driver – a 66-year-old man – suffered slight injuries and was detained at HRI for observation.

Anyone who witnessed this incident is asked to contact Humberside Police, tel 0845 60 60 222.

*(The article and the photograph are reproduced from "The Holderness Gazette", 16th June, by kind permission of the Editor. The layout has been changed and a few minor corrections have been made but the wording has not been altered.. The photo caption has been added. L.H.)*

## Log of traffic incidents mainly at Aldbrough crossroads

2004	
Jul 29	Kevin Smith was hit by a car from Aldbrough Road.
Sep 5	A car sped across the Aldbrough junction, missing the bonnet of Mr & Mrs Tim Newton's car by only a few feet..
Sep 12	Raymond Hindley of Withernsea was hit by a car from Aldbrough Road.
Sep 14	Unconfirmed report of another collision at the junction.
Sep 19	Death of Mr Fred Burn six days after a collision at the Aldbrough crossroads.
2005	
Feb 15	Mrs Diane Cook had a narrow escape when a van almost drove her off the road at the Aldbrough junction.
Feb 22	Ian Tennison saw a car cross at speed from Aldbrough Road to Rectory Road.
March	A young Roos driver lost control of his vehicle on the straight stretch from Burton Pidsea.
May 8	Mrs Sandra Fisher was lucky to escape collision when a car from Rectory Rd shot across towards Aldbrough.
Jun 10	An 83-year-old woman driving from Aldbrough collided with a car coming from Roos, suffering leg wounds and fractured ribs. The other driver, less seriously hurt, was taken to hospital for observation.

## Coming events

### June

26 Roos Show Clay Shoot. Glebe Farm, Hilston Rd. 1.00.

### July

? Wind Turbine meeting. To be announced.

2 Roos Show. Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall.

4 Annual Parish Meeting. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

2 Horticultural Society Summer Show. Burton Pidsea.

6 All Saints' Dedication. Church 2.15. Garden Party at Rectory 3.00

6 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Pam Witts : Holidaying in China.

11 Roos Parish Council. 7.30. Memorial Institute.

### September

? Friends of Roos Church. Meeting to be announced.

**Secretaries please supply details of your events**

# Tunstall News

May has been a busy month for the Tunstall Village Hall Group in addition to the weekly Wednesday afternoon meetings.

## Days out

Several members joined a similar Burton Pidsea group on a day excursion to Lincoln. Some managed the long climb up Steep Hill to the spectacular cathedral and gained an inside view of one of the locations for the forthcoming film "The Da Vinci Code". The weather was excellent, and a good time was had by all.

This excursion was followed by one to Whitby on the Holderness Hopper. The first stop was at Robin Hood's Bay for morning coffee and a large portion of coffee cake. This was followed by a steady walk down to the sea front and back to purge the guilt of having eaten the coffee cake. Then on to Whitby by itself and its quaint narrow streets, where goodies were purchased at the Olde Worlde Sweetshop. Of course, one could not visit this East Coast gem without sampling a traditional fish-and-chips lunch. Again the weather was excellent. The sky cleared at noon for a hot sunny afternoon.

## Village Garden

The Group has been awarded a grant from Living Spaces, part of the Environment Agency. It will be used to fund the landscaping of the land between the church and the village hall to create a village garden.

## Award for Tunstall beach.

Tunstall has been granted an Encams Award (Encams = Environment Campaigns) for the cleanliness of the beach and the quality of the seawater. The workforce at Sand-Le-Mere has been actively involved in tidying up the beach and cliff top.

The Encams website states that Tunstall is the only point between Hornsea and Withernsea where there is a natural slipway down to the beach. Local residents may remember that some years ago a cow lost its footing and fell down the cliff at Cowden. Fortunately it was not injured and the

farmer rescued it by walking it down to Tunstall, the only place where he could get it back on to the cliff top. We must assume that it was low tide at the time.

## Information Board

A board has been erected giving details about the beach and its position on the Meridian Line. It gives safety advice and lists emergency phone numbers. Visitors are requested to use the new bin and leave the beach tidy.

*(Article and photograph by David Craggs.)*



*On the right side of the board the text reads :*

## Local Information

The Meridian Line first enters England from the north pole here at Tunstall. The Meridian line is the north-south divide through Greenwich that divides the world into western and eastern hemispheres. At the Millennium a Meridian Marker was positioned on the cliff top at Tunstall but unfortunately fell when the cliff collapsed in 2003.

The landslip that caused the Meridian Marker to fall is a common occurrence along the Holderness coastline. The cliffs at Tunstall are made up of soft, unconsolidated boulder clays that are extremely vulnerable to the erosive force of the sea. Once released by the sea, these sediments move south due to the process of long-shore drift, mostly ending up in the Humber Estuary.

The beach itself protects the cliffs to some extent from the action of the waves. During the 19th century local residents worked as "gravel catchers", extracting sand, gravel and cobbles. This material was used to repair local roads.

## The Rural Beach Guardianship Project

To keep this coastline beautiful, local volunteers have "adopted" the beach here at Tunstall.

Regular beach cleans are carried out to help combat the environmental and social problems of beach litter.

Please support their work by using the bins available or taking your litter home with you.

Volunteers are supported through East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Beach Guardianship Project.

This project aims to promote and care for all the rural beaches in the East Riding.

For further information please ring 01482 395212 or e-mail [rural.beaches@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:rural.beaches@eastriding.gov.uk)



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**Friday 8th July**

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## Coffee Morning

**Thursday 14th July**

**10.00 - 12.00 noon**

**2 Cherry Hill Park, Roos**

**Books, Bring-and-Buy, Tombola, Raffle**

**Admission : £1.00, including refreshments**

**All proceeds in aid of Leukaemia research**

## Column-fillers

(From a W.H.Smith 2002 Diary!)

Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons.

*Woody Allen, American writer and film director*

The more you read about politics, you got to admit that each party is worse than the other.

*Will Rogers, American writer*

Television is an invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn't have in your home.

*David Frost, English broadcaster*

Cocaine isn't habit-forming. I should know – I've been using it for years.

*Tallulah Bankhead, American actress*

There was no need to do any housework at all. After the first four years, the dirt doesn't get any worse.

*Quentin Crisp, English entertainer*

It's just a job. Grass grows, birds fly, waves pound the sand. I beat people up.

*Muhammad Ali, American boxer*

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Mrs P.Farey	Mr & Mrs D.J.Robinson
Mr & Mrs B.Garbutt	Mr & Mrs D.Wilson

## Roos & District Horticultural Society

### 63rd Annual Show

**Saturday 2nd July 2005**

**From 2.30 in Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall**

Charity stalls from 2.00

Sports 3.00

Presentation of Cups

at 4.0 p.m. by

Mr Dick Robinson

Formerly Bishop Burton lecturer and gardening expert on Radio Humberside

Raffle drawn at 4.0.

**34 Silver Challenge Trophies**

**& the Banksian Medal**

of the Royal Horticultural Society

Admission to Show : £1.00 Children free



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Glebe Farm, Hilston Road, Roos

**Sunday 26th June**

from 1.00 p.m.

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