



The Rooster

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Roos Parish Council

At the meeting on 9th January all the councillors were present : Mike Cheeseman, Ken Cook, David Craggs, Alec Dodson, Ken Grant, Leslie Helliwell, Barbara Kirk, Jane Smales and David Winter (Chair).

Declarations of interest

No changes were required. The Clerk had enquired about the position of Cllr Grant. The advice was that, having acted properly in withdrawing from the special meeting in September about wind turbines, he need not change his declaration of interest form.

Minutes

After a minor correction the Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

The following matters arose from the Minutes.

Quality Parish Councils

The Clerk had sought advice. It appeared that it would be appropriate to submit an application for Quality Parish Council status after the next election in May 2007. Whether to apply would be a matter for the newly-elected councillors at the time.

However, it was agreed to study the documentation afresh and at the February meeting reconsider the advantages and the criteria to be met. It would then be possible to reach a decision whether the new Parish Council should be recommended to apply.

Cllr Helliwell said that the Parish Plan would recommend an application, though the qualifying requirements were quite demanding.

Gas cavern funding to enhance the environment

Cllr Mrs Kirk circulated copies of a report of the meeting that she and Cllr Cheeseman had attended on 8th December.

Sign at Tunstall beach

The Clerk had been advised that the damaged sign would be repaired before the 2006 holiday season.

Litter bin at Tunstall Village Hall

Cllr Craggs said that, in view of the cost of having the bin emptied by the local authority, the Village Hall Committee had decided to deal with the matter themselves.

East Riding Chairman's Awards

Cllr Smales noted that Mr & Mrs Walter Holbrook, having completed a training course to qualify as youth leaders, were now running a Youth Club on Friday evenings.

Mr Holbrook had also earlier chaired the Children's Playground Association and successfully applied for matching funding for the equipment now in place. In this he had been most energetically supported by Mrs Ann Coupe, who had helped organise and publicise many fund-raising activities.

It was agreed to submit all three names for consideration for a Chairman's Award.

myeastriding website

The Clerk provided confidential details of the access codes by which councillors could access the progress of planning applications affecting the parish.

Condition of Tunstall paths, etc.

The Clerk had reported to Highways Cllr Craggs's concern about the paths and the condition of the grass verges.

Cllr Smales noted that the Roos-to-Tunstall road was narrow and needed passing places and signs to alert motorists to them.

Cllr Cook said that the roads in Owstwick also needed attention, e.g. a hole near the Quaker Chapel.

Cllr Kirk cited the Rectory Road verges in Roos, badly cut up by traffic where the highway was narrow.

Mileage rates

The Clerk had sought advice. It transpired that the East Riding's mileage travel allowances ranged from 31p to 42p per mile.

It was agreed that members who used their cars for travel on Roos Parish Council business should be entitled to reimbursement at the rate of 31p / mile

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Roos Parish Council Meeting

Monday 13th February

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

Litter

Because of school holidays the Clerk had not yet sent the request to local head-teachers to help publicise the need to reduce litter. Members approved the drafts she read out of letters she had prepared.

Correspondence

ERYC : Environmental improvements

Sue Baldock had sent a poster (already displayed) about the public meeting on 18th January in Roos Memorial Institute, 2.00 - 4.00 p.m., seeking views about the use of the £6,000 available from the Gas Caverns scheme at Aldbrough.

ERYC : Contributions from developers

Philip Parker, Head of Planning, explained that, as the Local Development Framework took over from existing Local Plans, the contribution scheme for community benefit would be reviewed. He advised that the views of parish councils would be sought.

Mrs Mary Winter : Park-and-Ride scheme

Mrs Winter noted that the park-and-ride facility on Hedon Road, though lacking the amenities of park-and-side sites to the west of Hull, had been a great help to motorists travelling from east of the city. The parking area had been provided by Hull City Council as a temporary measure to reduce car traffic while North Bridge was under repair.

Mrs Winter urged the Parish Council to support the case for retaining the Hedon Road park-and-ride site as a permanent amenity. She herself had already made the case in letters to the *Hull Daily Mail* and *Holderness Gazette*.

Members agreed with Mrs Winter and the Clerk was asked to write in support : the site should be retained, its features should be improved and it should have better signage.

ERYC : Translation Service

Details were supplied and noted.

Horticultural Property Services (01964 - 671941)

This Burton Pidsea company was able to offer grounds maintenance.

ERYC : Planning enforcement

Mr Des Simmonds, (Principal Enforcement Officer) had sent a map of the enforcement areas : Roos Parish is in Area 2 (01482 - 393727). He requested Parish Council help in monitoring local developments – e.g. if members knew of any local infringement of planning consent.

(If residents suspect an infringement they should contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Lesley Dearing : 01964 - 670877.)

Planning

Planning Committee decisions

60 Pilmar Lane, Roos (Mr & Mrs Stevenson)

Two-storey extension to side; dormer windows to front and rear. Approved subject to conditions.

(An apology was included : the Parish Council did not know of the decision at an earlier meeting as notification had been sent to the wrong address.)

Sunderland Farm (Renewable Energy Systems)

Guyed anemometer meteorological mast. Approved.

New application

West of East View, Sth End (Mr & Mrs Herschell-Smith)

Application for outline planning consent to erect a dormer bungalow. Members recommended refusal since the site was cramped and there would have to be shared access.

Progress report requested

A member noted that there was no sign of work being started on the Aldbrough crossroads. Completion had been promised by the end of 2005. The Clerk would enquire.

Accounts

The following payments were approved.

Clerk's salary and expenses (3 months)	185.25
Cllr Kirk : travel expenses, 53 miles @ 31p	16.43

East Riding Local Development Framework Draft Statement of Community Involvement

At the December meeting this hefty document had been referred to the Parish Plan Committee for comment. Cllr Helliwell apologised that he had not yet passed it to the Committee.

Any other business

Bulb planting. £6 had been allocated for bulbs but Cllr Dodson explained that none had been bought since those available had been sub-standard.

Salary of the Parish Clerk

Cllr Helliwell proposed that the salary of the Parish Clerk should be reviewed. He said that since taking over the post in July Mrs Dearing had given exceptional service. For example, she had provided in advance of each meeting a briefing sheet on the correspondence and planning applications received and had often researched in advance information likely to be needed. Such initiatives had been of great help to members.

He recalled that in setting the salary of the person to be appointed as Parish Clerk in November 2004 he and the Chairman had used the scales for part-time clerks then recommended by the National Association of Local Councils. There was a degree of discretion since one factor was an estimate of the number of hours that would be spent each month on parish business.

Cllr Helliwell said that two things were necessary in order to review the salary : an update on the recommended scales and a realistic assessment of the hours that Mrs Dearing spent on the work each month.

Other members agreed with the proposal. The Chairman said that he would find out the current recommended scales and Mrs Dearing was asked to provide a statement of the hours she worked each month. It was agreed that the review would take place in private session at the close of the February meeting.

(In November 2004 Mrs Dearing and Mrs Janet Eastman were interviewed for the vacancy. Mrs Eastman was appointed and was a very effective Clerk. Unexpectedly, in March 2005 she felt bound to offer her resignation as she knew she might soon be leaving. The post was offered to Mrs Dearing. She accepted but owing to other commitments could not take over until July. The Council was fortunate to have two such strong candidates.)

Kilnhouse Lane, Tunstall

Cllr Smales said that a pond voluntarily cleared of weeds by a neighbouring resident had been much improved. As a result, however, it now posed a potential hazard to motorists and others who might be forced off the narrow road.

She said that a warning sign should be erected.

The Clerk undertook to seek Highways advice.

Support needed for good causes

A Healing Song – "A Shoulder to Lean On"

Tens of thousands are still suffering from the effects of the devastating Tsunami on December 26, 2004.

American-born international recording artist Marisa Turner (now living locally) has penned and recorded a new charity CD, "A Shoulder to Lean On". Aided by many friends across the U.K. (who all gave willingly of their time and talents) this new single has emerged to benefit the survivors of the disaster.

Proceeds from the sale of the CD (£3.99) will be donated to the Save the Children Fund and therefore also benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina and the Asian Earthquake.

From 23 January the CD will be available from

www.amazon.co.uk

and also at local outlets :

The Roos Arms, Main Street, Roos
Roos Post Office and Store, Main Street, Roos
Costcutter, The Garage, Burton Pidsea.

On Friday 13th January page 4 of the *East Riding Mail* had photographs of both Marisa and the Bishop of Hull, the Right Reverend Richard Frith, who supported the CD by recording on the B-side a poem by the London-born Quaker William Penn.

For more details about Marisa log on to :

www.marisaturner.com

PUBLIC SESSION

Roos Village Design Statement. A member had said that planning recommendations were made by councillors, not by the VDS. Mr Willis Ainley stressed that the VDS had been approved as Supplementary Planning Guidance and had authority to be quoted on planning matters.

Litter. Mrs Pat Cheeseman said that litter continued to be a problem, even during school holidays : schoolchildren waiting for their bus were not the only offenders.

WANTED : KNITTING WOOL

A knitting group of about ten ladies meeting weekly in Roos seeks supplies of unwanted knitting wool, any type, any colour.

The group supplies (through Mrs Christine Houlton) items such as blankets and jumpers for Real Aid, the Beverley-based charity. The goods are sent to help needy people in such places as Albania and Sierra Leone.

If you can donate left-over knitting wool please contact :

Mrs Val Adams,
Brooklands,
Chestnut Garth, Roos. 01964 - 670409

Coming events

January

18 Public meeting to discuss use of the Gas Cavern Funds.
Roos Memorial Institute. 2.00 - 4.00.

February

1 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Speaker, Sandra Hardy :
The tent-makers of Egypt.
6 Roos Horticultural Society AGM. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
13 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

March

1 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. (*Details pending*)
13 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

Roos & District Horticultural Society
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7.30 on Monday 6th February
Roos Memorial Institute
New members very welcome



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UK energy needs in the 21st century

"Fierce winds of change are battering the nuclear energy agenda. This was quite literally the case three months ago when Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Louisiana / Mississippi border, devastating the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans. It also sent shockwaves through the global energy market, raising profound questions about the interdependence of our economies."

With these words Malcolm Wicks, Minister of State for Energy, began an article in *The Observer*, 4th December 2005.

The Prime Minister had asked him to consider a review of energy policy for the decades beyond 2010. It would consider nuclear energy as an option, including the problems of decommissioning old power stations and disposing of radioactive waste. It would also address our continuing need for oil and gas and the technical challenge of reducing, capturing and storing undersea the emission gases harmful to the planet and its climates.

Precarious UK gas supplies

"For years an energy island with surplus supplies of cheap oil and gas from the North Sea, we have now become a net importer, exposed to the international energy market. Katrina's impact on supplies and prices left us in no doubt how volatile that can be.

"On the face of it, there's plenty of gas in the world. There could be enough supply from Russia, for instance, to keep the EU's fires burning for decades to come."

Mr Wicks was writing before Russia, keen to supply gas to western Europe, threatened the Ukraine with a fourfold increase in price. Some saw this as revenge on the Ukraine for its "Orange Revolution". Others excused the move as a realistic adjustment to the tariff. Whatever the motive, the supplier had the whip hand.

Mr Wicks continued :

"Projections... show that by 2050, if we don't take stock now, the UK will be generating some 60 per cent of its electricity using gas. We would be more exposed to the risk both of natural disasters like Katrina and political instability in other producer

countries. And the chances of us achieving our ambitious 2050 carbon emission targets would be seriously threatened. Should we therefore be looking more to cleaner home-grown sources of energy?"

A changing world

Our own North Sea oil and gas have shrunk faster than expected, global oil prices have risen by 50 per cent in three years, there has been a hardening of the scientific consensus around climate change and 30% of the UK's generating capacity is set to close by 2020. "This is a very different world from just three years ago."

Need for an energy mix

"Only through maintaining diversity within the energy mix can we ensure true energy security."

Renewable energy

"Research... recently confirmed that Britain has the best wind resource in Europe, providing most energy during peak daytime and Winter periods. I am wedded to increasing the amount of energy we source from this and other forms of renewables. This year, there's been record growth in the industry and our drive to reach our 10 per cent target by 2010 is undiminished."

Public opinion

"The British public is notoriously difficult to gauge.... What I'm sure of is that the effects of far-flung events like Katrina, together with dire warnings on climate change, have planted energy at the forefront of people's minds. I sense an appetite for debate on this issue and that's what I intend to tap into as I conduct this review over the coming months."

I have tried not to misrepresent Mr Wicks but I have cannibalised his article shamelessly. My aim was to use parts of his piece to suggest a different focus on wind turbines.

Opponents of E.ON's proposals scorn the idea that three turbines near Roos (however offensive to locals) could save the planet. The issue is ridiculed as a ludicrous David-and-Goliath contest.

Malcolm Wicks offers a different perspective : wind power as one of a mix of resources we need to meet our country's looming energy crisis. Great Britain plc cannot survive without a solution, including our own contribution to it.

Accident at Priest Close

At about 2.15 on Friday 16th December, in good conditions, Mrs Gail Scott of Mayfield Farm, Hilston, was driving towards Roos.

The driver of a white Mercedes van on his way to Burton Pidsea lost control on the rising bend nearing Priest Close and hit Mrs Scott's car more or less head on.

It spun round and landed on top of Mrs Scott's car, crushing it. Almost at once another vehicle ran into the rear. She was trapped and badly injured.

A fire engine arrived and managed to free Mrs Scott. Another motorist rang for assistance and phoned Mr Scott who arrived soon afterward. About ten minutes later an ambulance came. Its paramedics tended Mrs Scott at the roadside to prepare her for the journey to HRI. A police helicopter kept watch overhead.

On 26th December Mr Scott rang to supplement the note of the accident in the December newsletter. He wanted to thank all the friends and neighbours whose help and kindness after his wife's accident he had deeply appreciated.

At the time of the phone call Mrs Scott was still very ill in hospital. Her face has been badly marked and she suffered three broken ribs. Both legs were seriously injured. She has already had some surgery and is to have more.

It will be at least six months before she can hope to walk again, though she is unlikely to recover the full use of her legs. For someone who enjoyed an outdoor life (e.g. riding and cycling) her injuries have been devastating.

(A note of the accident will be added to the log of traffic incidents, though the cause was driver error at a bend rather than any major fault with the road system.)

The Rooster 2006

Many thanks to the following donors (as on 14th January)

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Donations for 2005

"The Rooster" is supplied to 522 addresses, including some outside the parish. For the year to 31st December 2005, 187 households (35.8%) donated £920, an average of £4.91 per household.

A full statement of accounts will be printed in February.

Donations for 2006

Many thanks for the 58 donations already received. The list of donors above includes some who have already been thanked. The total amount received so far is £277.

If you wish to contribute but have not already done so please pass / post your donation (in an envelope marked *The Rooster*) to L.Helliwell at Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos, HU12 0LB, or leave at the Roos Store.

Include the slip provided last month (or a similar one) giving your details : name, address, phone number and the amount enclosed.

The suggested minimum donation per household is £3.00, maximum £5.00. Since there is a healthy bank balance, no household needs to contribute more than this (unless adding postage).

The bank requires cheques to be payable to "L.Helliwell".

A Rooster Association

The December newsletter floated the proposal to form an association of donors from whom a committee could be elected. The committee would ensure the continuation of the "The Rooster" : it would initially provide a safety net, a group of people willing to act if problems arose.

Of the 56 persons who have so far returned the 2006 donation slip, 27 said that they favoured a Committee to help manage "The Rooster" – but no one offered to serve on it! Too busy or too modest? More likely too wary of taking on an unknown commitment, a pig in a poke.

To clarify : If your present editor could not continue, the Committee would need to fulfil three roles :

- **Editorial.** Assembling and laying out the material in newsletter form to pass to the printer.
- **Printing and distribution.** Liaising with the printer and preparing the printed copies for delivery.
- **Accounts.** Managing the bank account, keeping a record of income from donations and paid advertisements, paying bills and expenses and producing an annual financial statement.

The Committee would need to fulfil none of these roles at present : it would exist as a stand-by in case of need.

However, I should be immensely grateful if someone would volunteer – at once – to take on the finances. I am not good at balancing the books and am uneasy at being the only signatory to the newsletter's bank account.

How to set up The Rooster Association

I intend to set up an inaugural meeting in February. It will be open to all who wish to guarantee the continuance of the newsletter, including all donors, past and present.

A simple constitution could be adopted. It would set out the purpose of the Association, rules for managing its funding and accounts and definitions of the roles of the committee and of any officers that were agreed. (I would supply a draft constitution for consideration.)

Who would attend a meeting?

Nobody? Two or three? Ten or a dozen? Forty or fifty? Possibly more? Ideally a large number would attend to show their support. It may be necessary to seek to book the Memorial Institute as a venue.

To help me to decide the venue please ring me on 670291 if you intend to come.

ROOSTER DEADLINE

News, reports, notices, letters, photographs, complaints, ... should be provided by

Friday 9th February

to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos :

01964 - 670291

or to Gavin Eastman at the Roos Store

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Litter

Use the bins or take your litter home.

Dog-owners

Don't leave dog mess on roads, paths and grass. Disposal bags may be obtained from Customer Service Centres. Put the bags in the litter bins.

Church News

From Rev Gordon Smethurst, Roos Rectory

Last year began reacting to the news that my son and his bride had escaped drowning from the tsunami on their Maldives honeymoon. He dealt with it by talking on local radio; she by silently resenting excited enquirers.

Disaster programmes throughout the year brought surprise that science can explain but not protect us from nature, but leave us unrepentant that we bring a lot of the suffering on ourselves; eg. burning fossil fuels and building on flood plains etc. In other cultures faith is strengthened by suffering, in ours we suddenly remember God just to doubt Him.

Similarly, global terrorism provokes draconian security measures. Neither penitence for provoking some of that hatred nor faith that can call the terrorists` bluff is found in our society.

TV programmes about make-overs of homes, gardens, faces and fashion sense try to kid us that we could be gods and goddesses in a heaven here on earth. Not even the debt spiral daunts us so long as some equity is left in our homes.

We are deaf to the call of Jesus to build up credit in Heaven by serving the needs of others; and of St. Paul, who taught us to treat our bodies as temples of the Spirit not palaces. Real beauty in a home may be in the love and support it offers to neighbours in need, rather than those in envy.

If we forget we are to be children of God, we`ll become chumps of the media; if we feel no need to repent, our appetites and vanities go unchallenged.

If only TV programmes focussed more on a search for spiritual satisfaction rather than spiritual fads, we could hope for rescue from ourselves in 2006.

Anglican Services

HC =Holy Communion. MP = Morning Prayer.
BCP = Book of Common Prayer. CW = Common Worship

January

15	Sun	9.00	Garton. MP. BCP.
		10.30	Roos. (Visiting priest.)
		3.00	Tunstall. HC.
22	Sun	10.30	Roos. HC.
		3.00	Hilston. HC.
29	Sun	10.30	Tunstall. BENEFICE SERVICE.
February			
1	Wed.	11.00	Eastfield Centre. Holy Communion.
5	Sun	9.00	Garton HC.BCP.
		10.30	All Saints, Roos + Methodists. HC. CW.
		3.00	Tunstall. HC. BCP.
6	Mon		Bishop's Training Day for Clergy. Bridlington.
8	Wed	7.30	Roos PCC. 23 Elm Garth.
12	Sun	10.30	Roos. HC. CW.
		3.00	Garton. Evening Prayer. BCP.
18	Sat	2.30	All Saints, Roos. Marriage of Mark Thompson & Elizabeth Kerr-Delworth.
19	Sun	9.00	Garton. Matins. BCP.
		10.30	Roos. Morning Prayer (Rev Grenville Heale)
		3.00	Tunstall. HC. CW.
26	Sun	10.30	Roos HC.CW.
		3.00	Hilston. HC. BCP.
		3.00	Garton. Evening Prayer. BCP.

Methodist Services

Services are held at 10.30 in Roos Memorial Institute unless another venue is shown.

	Preacher / leader	Venue
Jan 15	-----	
22	Covenant Service	Rev J Brown
29	-----	
Feb 5	United Service	Roos Church
12	Worship Group	
19	-----	
26	Mr A.Pottage	

Tunstall Village Hall

On 7th December fifteen members of the Village Hall Group enjoyed their annual Christmas Dinner, held this year at the Crown & Anchor, Elstronwick.

The grant from Centrica for community projects has already been put to good use. Two large curtains made by a Group member have been hung centrally to divide the Hall into two areas. The grant has also funded purchase of four halogen heaters to replace two obsolete gas heaters. Heating an area for the Group's weekly meetings in winter is now easier and quicker.

A Christmas tree with a good complement of lights was set on the roof of the Hall porch, shining like a beacon for all those passing by.

On 22nd December the Group held its annual Christmas Concert, with entertainment by Brian Garbutt and friends from the Hornsea Choral Society. There were songs from popular musicals, comedy sketches in Yorkshire dialect and carols in which the audience heartily participated. The evening was rounded off with a wholesome buffet, kindly provided by the Group's ladies. Over fifty attended. A good time was had by all.

(Apologies to Tunstall : much of this report was inadvertently omitted from the December issue.)

A Happy New Year from
Steve, Elaine and the staff at the Roos Arms

Steak Nights
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday : 7.00 - 9.00
£7.99 for an 8oz Rump or Sirloin steak
plus a free pint

Pensioners` Specials
Tuesday lunch : £3.50

Quiz Nights
Every Sunday 8.45
A gallon of beer to winners

Chris Lee – Stage Hypnotist
Saturday 28th January : 9.00
Not to be missed!
