



The Rooster

FLOODING: The aftermath

Introduction

As personal belongings and skips of refuse are removed from the roads of Roos. Piles of sandbags still remain in place in case of further heavy rainfall. They serve as a constant reminder of the events of 25th June.

Roos village is around twenty feet above the natural flood plain lying to the south. In these circumstances flooding was an event which should never have happened even during periods of exceptionally heavy rainfall. But it did!

On 26th July only just a month after Roos was severely flooded, a heavy storm hit the village. The storm was not unduly severe, just typical of that to be expected during a normal summer. But this is no normal summer!

Yet again, Main Street was flooded, threatening properties with further flood damage.

Dimples Cottage, where renovations were just about to commence, was most at risk. Fortunately the rain stopped just in time and the property was spared.

Mr. D. Dry was on hand again and together with Councillors Ken Grant and Jackie Cracknell, lifted drain covers to examine what lay beneath. They discovered tree roots and silt restricting the normal flow of water, providing clear evidence and justification for the complaints made to various authorities by Mr and Mrs J.Cook over the past year.

Clearly, there are problems with the drains in Main Street which require urgent attention and possibly elsewhere in the locality .

So, could it have been prevented? What lessons are there to be learned?

A detailed examination into the causes of flooding in the centre of Roos is underway.

EXAMINATION OF ROOS BECK

On Saturday, 14th July, Parish Councillors, Winter and Grant, (Chairman of Keyingham Drainage Board), were accompanied by two representatives of the ERYC, who with Mr E. Winter and Mr. D Dry undertook a detailed examination the length of Roos Beck. Their full report is awaited, however, early indications suggest that some parts of Roos Beck still remain to be cleared.

A further examination was undertaken by ERYC technical experts on 25th July.

STRUCTURED DE-BRIEF MEETING 20th JULY.

The meeting was led by Richard Powell, a visitor to the parish, with extensive professional expertise in this field.

The broad aims were to identify, share and discuss personal experiences in order to establish:

- what went wrong (negatives);
- what went right (positives);
- future strategies for improving existing practice.



Identified negatives:

- lack of maintenance of drains and Roos Beck;
- no support provided from the Local Authority or Emergency Services;
- lack of information;
- no emergency plans in place;
- health risks

Identified positives:

- community spirit;
- actions of local builders and farmers in the use of their own equipment.

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Identified future needs:

- emergency plans to be prepared
- maintenance of Roos Beck
- sources of equipment and labour in event of an emergency
- action from authorities when needed
- welfare of residents.

This summary is supported by detailed evidence.

The full report will be considered by the Parish Council who will develop and then implement future policies.**RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES & RIPARIAN OWNERS**

Introduction

For several years past, Lamb Lane Roos, has been subject to flooding in times of heavy rain. Here, the cause is known. Roos Beck collects water draining from the many ditches and drains surrounding the village. It runs through the village centre where various sections have been potted. Grills designed to prevent debris entering them, become regularly blocked with debris, causing a back up of water making the road impassable for cars and pedestrians alike.

Flooding elsewhere, in Main Street and Hodgson Lane, is more likely to be caused by inadequate road or foul water drainage.

Understandably, the public often link the two together and look to a single body for assistance and remedial action.

In practice things are more complicated as several different bodies are charged with specific responsibilities, determined by separate but related, Acts of Parliament:

- The Public Health Act 1936;
- The National Rivers Authority (now the Environment Agency) Land Drainage Byelaws 1981.
- The Land Drainage Act 1991 and 1994, and,
- The Water Resources Act 1991.

For example,

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council is responsible for the drains which remove surface water from a highway. Their responsibility is limited, the ERYC website states.

'We will only provide sandbags to protect property where the water is actually coming off the public highway'. 'Water which flows off the surrounding land is the householders responsibility to take whatever action is necessary themselves'.

For further advice contact the ERYC floodline on 01482 393399

Yorkshire Water is responsible for foul water, usually carrying sewage. Contact Yorkshire Water on 08451242424

Riparian Ownership.

So far as it is possible to determine, there is currently no evidence of there having been any advice given, or published, about the rights and responsibilities of Riparian Owners for residents within Roos Parish.

For full details visit the website of:

The Environment Agency. Living on the Edge

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/flood/362926/?version=1&lang=en>

Extracts taken from this, and other documentation, indicates that :

You are a Riparian Owner if:

you live in property or own land adjacent to a watercourse, even though it may be outside the boundary described in your property deeds, or, beyond what you generally understand to be your garden boundary. In these circumstances you are considered to own the land up to the centre of the watercourse, unless it is known to be owned by others. This includes culverts or potted sections.

Riparian responsibilities:

A Riparian owner is required to maintain the watercourse clear of:

- rubbish, garden refuse, animal carcasses and any other debris;
- excessive undergrowth, trees and tree roots, etc. growing within the channel.

A Riparian owner is not permitted to construct any structure likely to affect the flow of water without prior approval from responsible bodies such as the Environment Agency.

Failure to carry out such responsibilities could result in possible civil action from others.

Legislation provides for authorities to take or enforce action where necessary.

A further reminder, consult the website:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/flood/362926/?version=1&lang=en>

At this stage it is not known what policies or action the various authorities may decide to take.

This article was taken from ROOS PARISH website

www.roosparish.info

APOLOGY Our apologies to Mr & Mrs Collinson of Field View, Fitling. A paragraph in the July issue, submitted to the editorial team for inclusion, was incorrect and should have read:- "Mr & Mrs Collinson of Field View, Fitling, had water under the floor boards and had to evacuate horses and livestock from outbuildings"

Local Events



65th Annual Summer Show



Whilst a lot of local events were cancelled in the area due to the serious flooding, the Roos & District Horticultural Society held their annual show on July 7th at the Memorial Hall, Burton Pidsea.

Exhibitors and entries were down as expected, but the standard of the entries was still very high, with the children once again excelling in all classes. The children from Roos School won the Bert Parsons Memorial Trophy for the most points in the Cottager's fruit and vegetable classes.

Cup or Award	Winner		
The Royal Horticultural Society	R. Haythorpe	The Alice Gardner Memorial Trophy	Mrs J. Whitehead
BANKSIAN MEDAL		The Bert Parsons Memorial Trophy	Roos School
The Green Rose Bowl	G. Baker	The 60th Anniversary Cup	Barnaby Teasdale
The William Burn Memorial Cup	R. Haythorpe	Special Award! A Miniature Cup	Sophie Peyman
The Grower's Cup	R. Haythorpe	The Tyson Shield	Mrs C.Charlesworth
The Strangers Cup	Mrs J. Grant	The Burton Pidsea W.I. Cup	G. Baker
The William Grant Cup	G. A. Nelson	The T & M Kellock Cup	B.A. Baron
The Whitehead Cup	Mrs J. Grant	The Mrs. D. Monkman Memorial Trophy	Mrs S. Tyson
The Bessie & Leslie Raisbeck Trophy	Mrs J. Fisher	The R.S. Baker Memorial Cup	Mr J. Charlesworth
The W.F. Lane Memorial Trophy	Mrs E. Cooper	The Mr & Mrs P.W. Cheeseman	George Burns &
The Sheila Grotrain Challenge Trophy	Mrs J. Grant	Memorial Trophy	Beth Jackson
The Moreton Stewart Vase	Mrs J. Grant	The R. Green 50th Anniversary Cup	G.A. Nelson
The Mrs H.M. Carrick Memorial Cup	Mrs D. Winter	The Kathleen Barker Salver	T.F. Kellock
The Mackman Cup	Louise Baker	The Chairman's Shield	D. Lockonby
The Virginia Reckitt Memorial Cup	Mrs Alison Grant	The Committee Shield	M. Barnard
The 25th Anniversary Cup	G.E. Clark	The Geoff Roe Cup	Mrs C.Charlesworth
The H.S. Barker Trophy	Mrs J. Fisher	The Reg Green Memorial Cup	Jamie Brown
The John Drotleff Memorial Trophy	P.J. Tuplin	The Dorothy Maltas Memorial Trophy	Mrs J. Whitehead
		Junior Competitors Award of Merit	Hector Teasdale

Mrs Carol Rymer presented the trophies and congratulated everyone. She was then presented with flowers by Samantha Simmonds. The raffle was then drawn.

The committee wish to thank everyone who helped on the Friday evening and on the day of the show.

Show dates for 2008 are:- The Spring Show in Roos Memorial Institute on April 5th, and the Summer Show in the Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall on July 5th. **See you all again next year.**

CAR BOOT SALE

Held Sunday 8th July in Roos Playing Fields

Not many people turned out for the event as there were other activities taking place in the vicinity and the weather for a few days previous had not been very kind. However, on the whole it was not a bad morning and the sum of £127.36 was raised to be split evenly between the Roos Cricket Club and The Children's Playground.

Many thanks to those who attended.

Tunstall News

On Sunday 29th July the Village Hall Group held a Table Top Sale. The weather was excellent on the day and this encouraged several people to attend. Although the event is not one of the Group's big fund raising efforts it did nevertheless raise £80, which will go towards the upkeep of the hall. Information about the Village Hall Group and its activities can be found on the Roos Parish website.

On Saturday 11th August the Friends of Tunstall Church held a Cream Tea Afternoon on the green in front of the church. The weather was again excellent and the event was well supported. Cream teas were served in the church and there were various supporting activities. Funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the church, which is one of the many outstanding churches in Holderness.



**Friends of Roos WI
Pig Bingo**



**Tuesday 4th September
7.00pm for 7.30pm start**

**In the Memorial Institute, Roos
All Welcome
Proceeds to good causes.**

Letter received from Mr I W Spikings of 27 Beechwood Views. Roos

Do any of the readers in the Beechwood Views / Hinch Garth vicinity suffer a disturbed tv signal through their aerial between approximately 8.30pm weekdays and a little earlier Friday and weekend evenings. The disruption started a couple of months ago but it is getting progressively worse; we lose the picture completely and our digital signal is non-existent when the interference starts. The loss of programme can last up to a couple of minutes then clears itself, almost as if someone has flicked a switch!

I am unsure what is causing the problem, which according to neighbours does not affect satellite, but would welcome any constructive ideas as to what the root of the interference might be.

ROOSTER ASSOCIATION

DONATIONS FOR MAY 2007

Many thanks to the following recent donations received between 7th July to 8th August 2007.

Blenkin Mr & Mrs S
Cawkwell Mr L L
Dickinson Mr & Mrs P A
Johnson Mrs G
Pearson Mr S
Roos Horticultural Society
Woodhouse Mr & Mrs T

139 households have now donated £743. for 2007

ADVERTISING REVENUE

We wish to acknowledge with thanks, the Advertising Revenue received from the following:-

Graystone Butchers
Ray's Taxi Service
Roos Church Appeal (Wedding dresses)

FURTHER DONATIONS

If you intend to contribute but have not yet done so, please post / deliver your donation to:-
Ken Cross

Tall Trees, 1 Hinch Garth
Roos HU12 0HR.
or leave at the Roos Store in a envelope marked *Rooster*.
Please enclose a slip giving your name and address, phone number and amount. (**Strictly Confidential**)
Please note that any cheque must be made payable to:

The Rooster Association

The deadline for items to be included in next month's Rooster is the 8th Sept

***Alec's Patch* By Alec Dodson**

Patio, Planters & Pots

Water daily. Don't be led into a false sense of security after wet weather. Dead head flowers to promote new growth. Move to a shady spot before going on holiday. Take cuttings of shrubs such as Potentilla, Berberis, Choisya, also Fuchsias and Geraniums. Take cuttings from non-flowering parts, including herbs such as Lavender, Bay and Rosemary.

Roses

Remove blooms as they fade. Do not apply fertiliser as it will encourage soft growth which will not mature before the winter.

Tomatoes

Keep well watered to avoid splitting. Many tomatoes are slow to ripen due to the lack of sun. Be sure to remove leaves up to and above trusses as long as the tomatoes are set.

Roos Women's Institute

The meeting was held on 1st August at 7.30pm in the Memorial Institute

The President, Mrs H Boynton welcomed members. After the minutes were read and signed, Mrs M Winter was thanked for arranging our visit to the Police Horse Stables in Walkington.

Three members, Mrs S. Tyson, Mrs C. Charlesworth and Mrs J. Grant won trophies at the recent Roos Horticultural Show and were congratulated by the President.

We have a walk round Spurn Point, a walk in the Pocklington area and a visit to Hollym W.I. to hear a talk by Doug Stewart, to look forward to in the next few weeks.

At the recent Bingo evening, £100.00 was given to Mr Tim Newton for the church roof fund. Other good causes in the village will benefit from these evenings. Everyone is most welcome. The next one is on Tuesday 4th September at 7.30pm.

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs Julie Marshall from Hedon Museum. We were given an insight into how it works, what is there and a very interesting evening it proved to be. We have an asset right on our doorstep, situated behind the Town Hall in Hedon.

The V.O.T. was given by Mrs P. Brown. Competition winners were:- An old kitchen gadget 1st Mrs E. Townhill and flower of the month 1st Mrs C. Charlesworth.

Our next meeting is on September 5th at 7.30pm. There will be a library talk and book review.

New members are very welcome.

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Roos Parish Council Meeting 13th August 2007

All Councillors were present with the exception of Councillor D. Kirk

The July minutes were approved. Extracts below.

Proposed affordable housing development at Rectory Road Roos

The Chairman welcomed Roger Jones of HWRCC to the meeting who distributed amongst members copies of an initial site layout plan for the proposed development. Whilst members initially approved the layout in principle, concerns were raised that road safety could be compromised in terms of access onto Rectory Road near to a blind bend and the possibility of flooding occurring at the proposed site, given that the dyke fronting the area was totally overwhelmed recently with all the continual heavy rain.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Proposed conservation areas within the parish

Arising from the previous visit of Mr Atkinson from ERYC, members had been circulated with conservation area appraisals for Hilston, Roos and Tunstall and expressed general satisfaction with their contents.

Proposed sale of land at Manor Farm Tunstall

The Clerk reported that he had ascertained that rents had been collected for well over forty years on the land in question and after detailed discussion it was agreed that the Council enter into negotiations with the prospective purchasers after all the necessary legal formalities as to the grant of possessory title from the Land Registry has been obtained, prior to which a Statutory Declaration before a Commissioner for Oaths would have to be made.

Parish Plan

Paths - The Clerk reported that agreement had now been reached with ERYC on the schedule of paths for maintenance this year and that he had further negotiated with ERYC for them to attend to a couple of paths which required major works at their expense. Members expressed their satisfaction at the general outcome of the matter.

Bus shelter at Tunstall.

The Chairman reported that in view of the recent flooding situation Mr Dry had been unable to carry out the necessary repairs, as he had been involved with more pressing issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

Area forum - nomination

It was agreed that Councillor Ward be nominated as a candidate for election to the South Area Forum arising from the vacancy recently declared by ERYC.

Traffic calming measures

A reply was received from ERYC relevant to proposed speed reactive signs which stated that a speed radar survey had been undertaken on Pilmar Lane and that application for a sign was being considered for erection at the location, but that budgets are set for each financial year throughout the ERYC area. It was agreed to also ask the engineer of ERYC to include a sign for erection at Main Street for consideration in next year's financial budget.

Proposed playing field sign

The Clerk reported receipt of a reply from ERYC which stated that the sign was ordered on 3rd April and should be available for erection in the near future.

No smoking in enclosed public places

A letter from the Passenger Services Manager of ERYC was reported which stated that enclosed bus shelters would now have to display no smoking signs, as a consequence of which the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman had ordered an appropriate sign from ERYC for erection on the bus shelter at Tunstall.

Thorngumbald Horse & Pony Show

A letter was received from the organisers of the show requesting a donation towards the cost of funding this year's event. It was agreed not to contribute a donation.

PLANNING

Applications

7 Manor Cottages, South End, Roos

Construction of two dormer windows in the roof at front and rear for Mr & Mrs Walker.

Members recommended approval for this application with proviso to ERYC that any proposed development be carried out using materials which are sympathetic and in keeping with existing materials.

Decisions

The following applications were granted by ERYC.

Manor Farm, Main Street, Tunstall

Change of use of barns to 5 units for holiday accommodation and alterations to outbuildings in connection with their use to five units for holiday accommodation.

Hazy View, Hilston Road, Roos,

Erection of single-story extension to side, for Mr & Mrs Palmer.

Cont.

Parish matters *Minutes of The Roos Parish Council Meeting*

Flooding within the parish.

This item was included in full in the July 2007 issue.

Parish Plan

Members had no matters to raise other than consideration be given to Quality Council status, upon which it was agreed that this be considered at the next meeting.

ACCOUNTS

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that rental for the hire of the Memorial Institute was due in the sum of £22.50 and that the Clerk's quarterly salary of £325.00 was due for payment. It was resolved that both payments be made and it was also confirmed that the Clerk's salary be increased to £1,750.00 per annum with effect from 1st July 2007.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members had no other business requiring attention.

PUBLIC SESSION

Several members of the public raised serious concerns at the level of flooding which had occurred in particular in Roos. Vociferous lengthy issues were highlighted including communications, debriefing, emergency planning, counselling/medical help, a survey of the drainage systems, financial assistance from central government, public health matters including the awaiting removal of approximately 40 tonnes of rubbish both natural and man-made from the beck and subsequent insurance claims for affected residents and their properties.

Roos Parish Council Meeting

Monday 10th September

7.30pm in Roos Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

CHURCH NEWS

Anglican: Roos United Benefice

Unfortunately due to the vicar retiring at the end of August, he has not been in touch and we have been unable to make contact for further updates and forthcoming events.

AUGUST CALENDAR

18th	Sat	2.30pm	Roos. Marriage between Matthew David McCoid & Samantha Louise Hupper.
19th	Sun	9.00am	Garton MP.BCP.
		10.30am	Roos. MP.CW.
		3.00pm	Hilston HC.BCP.
26th	Sun	9.00am	Tunstall HC.CW
		10.30am	Roos. HC.CW
		6.30pm	Garton Evensong BCP.

Early notice. Fri. Nov. 16th St. Margaret's Day, a Mediaeval Banquet, Hilston Church. Costume optional.

KEY HC = Holy Communion. MP = Morning Prayer.
EP = Evening Prayer.
BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Old Prayer Book)
CW = Common Worship (New Prayer Book)

Methodist *services*

Roos Memorial Institute

AUGUST CALENDAR

19th	(No Service)	
26th	Sun 10:30am	Houlton

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

2nd	Sun 10.30am	John Richardson UNITED SERVICE WITH ANGLICANS
9th	Sun 10.30am	June Brown
16th	(No Service)	
23rd	Sun 10.30am	Terry Butcher

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