

ROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SCHOOL, WHITE GAP ROAD, LITTLE WEIGHTON ON THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2009

PRESENT: Councillors; A.Woodall, R.Elvidge, J.Nuttall, H.Rook, E.Hunter, P.Davison, S.McCloud, S.Hunt (Clerk), Ward Councillor T.Galbraith

APOLOGIES: P.Heron, S.Howarth

20/09 OPEN FORUM

Councillor Mrs Hunter asked to address;

Councillor Mrs Elma Hunter referred to our previous (January) meeting when a local resident (Mr Trynka) announced to the council his intention to make a complaint to the Standards Committee on the grounds that she had misled the members of Rowley Parish Council through "omission".

Councillor Hunter read out loud a statement she had made about this matter in which she referred to her long service on the RPC and emphasised to her fellow councillors that at no time had she ever misled them through omission or otherwise, and had in fact for some months declared an "interest" in planning matters etc., concerning Croft Park.

She further stated that she had always borne in mind that she was on the Council to serve the residents, and how refusing accommodation on site to any Manager/Owner of any five-star site could help any village or its residents was very questionable. She read out her letter from September last in which she supported Mr Fairburn's application for a Certificate of Residence and emphasised that this letter had been written in her private capacity as a resident of Little Weighton, and had been signed in the same vein.

21/09 MINUTES - RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th January 2009, having been circulated, are approved as a correct record and signed.

22/09 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor E.Hunter & Councillor P.Davison both declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6B.

23/09 LOCAL POLICING TEAM - No Police Officer present.

Partnership Day – The Clerk reported that PCSO Alison Pearson had contacted her in respect of organising a partnership day in the Village. This would be an event where residents get the opportunity to ask advice and help from other partnership members, including fire brigade, crime prevention, NHS plus many others.

Discussion took place and it was suggested that the Open Gardens day on 31st May would be a suitable day with many visitors coming into the village.

24/09 PLANNING

- a) **DC/09/00069** – Erection of extensions, new entrance, new canopy/seating area and extension to car parking area at Little Weighton Rowley CEVC School, White Gap Road, Little Weighton

RESOLVED: That this application is recommended for APPROVAL.

7/00721/UNUSE – Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Planning Appeals decided by a Public Inquiry – Appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of Croft Park Caravan Site, 53 Rowley Road, Little Weighton.

The Clerk reported that this appeal follows the issue of an Enforcement Notice in respect of the above land and that the appeal is to be decided on the basis of a 'Public Inquiry'.

Councillor Woodall reported that the Parish Council's decision of the previous planning application had been submitted to ERYC, and there was nothing further to add.

25/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) **Station View** – The Clerk reported that she had contacted ERYC, however no progress to report. ERYC are awaiting budgets for 2009/10, then the work can be scheduled.

b) **Police 'Speed Survey'** - A Police Speed Survey had been conducted by PCSO Watts on the 21st January 2009 during school times 0845-0915am, and again 0900-0915am, which showed 3 cars speeding in excess of 30mph. Further roads requested by the Parish Council for speed checks will be carried out as and when officers are available.

- c) **Bench (Old Village Road)** - The Clerk reported that a site visit had not yet taken place.

Action: S.Howarth/Clerk

26/09 COMMUNICATIONS

Councillor Rook reported that the website is now totally up to date. The Clerk reported that the Newsletter had been printed and was ready for distribution.

27/09 SCHOOL LIAISON

The Clerk reported that the Head Teacher, Mrs Dobson is keen to support the newsletter with poems/stories from Children at the School as a regular feature.

28/09 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Marshalls Pest Prevention** – The Clerk reported that Ivan Marshall had visited the pond area on 3rd January 2009, bait was replaced where needed, but generally the bait was considerably less.

b) **Groundtech** – A letter from Groundtech had been received, a company who expressed an interest in maintenance and upkeep of parish grassed areas. Discussion took place and it was agreed that a letter be sent to Groundtech to thank them for their interest and that the letter would be placed on file.

Action: Clerk

c) **Hull's Climate Change Challenge** - A renewable energy Seminar is to be held at the Guildhall - Hull, event being run by Hull City Council on 17th March 2009. This seminar aims to produce a basis of city wide response to the issues of tackling climate change and becoming more self sufficient in the production of energy locally and nationally.

After discussion, Councillor McCloud expressed an interest to attend.

Action: S.McCloud

d) Humber Emergency Planning Service – The Clerk reported that Community Emergency plans are being drawn up by many Parish Councils in the East Riding, and a ‘train the trainer’ event will take place on 24th February 2009 at Hedon Town Hall. This session will look at DVD clips that may be used as a training tool for members of a Community Emergency Team. The DVD will be sent out to all Town/Parish Councils once feedback is received on this session.

The Clerk advised that a draft document has been started, and Councillor Howarth had asked if this item could be put on the March Agenda for discussion.

29/09 EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

(a) Grounds Maintenance – The Green – The Clerk reported that the grounds maintenance charge for 2009/10 would be £100.42 plus VAT.

(b) No ‘Cold Calling’ Zones – This item was a report to the Safer & Stronger Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 29th January 2009, which detailed a scheme for residents, who all agree that they do not want cold callers knocking on their doors, and to establish a zone identified by signage. The signs indicate that cold callers are not welcome and provide a number to report instances of cold calling. Discussion took place and it was felt as a rural parish with a strong population of older people, it was recommended that an article would be placed in the Newsletter to advise that the Parish Council would support this initiative within the Parish. However, any person(s) who do not want any ‘Cold Calling’ zones should contact the Clerk.

RESOLVED – That an article is placed in the next edition of the Weighton Beacon.

Action: Clerk

(c) East Riding Parish News – The January 2009 issue had been circulated to all members for their perusal. **Noted**

30/09 Local Action Team – The Clerk reported that the last meeting was held on the 17th December 2008 and a copy of the minutes had been circulated to all members. - **Noted**

31/09 FINANCE - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) The following accounts were submitted for approval from the Council.

ERYC	ID Badges	£14.10
Little Weighton V.Hall Committee	Meeting Room	£8.00
Clerk	Salary	£349.02
	Post	£20.82
	Travel	£24.66
	Office Expense	£45.00
The Print Works (Hull) Limited	Newsletter/Advertising Leaflet	£135.00
Clerk	(Newsletter/Fundraising – Add'l Hrs	£50.34

RESOLVED – That the above accounts be approved for payment

c) Budget Monitoring Report – The clerk had distributed prior to the meeting a budget monitoring report to 31st January 2009 along with receipts and payments for each Bank Account balanced to the report. The Clerk reported that the Village Hall Committee had not yet received all their grant allocation for 2008/09. They had, however, asked if they could carry their balance over to 2009/10. Discussion took place and it was felt that if work has been committed then the balance of the grant could be paid. The clerk was asked to contact the Village Hall Secretary/treasurer and seek clarification.

32/09 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Galbraith reported as follows; The L.A.T are working towards reopening the clinic in Cottingham. No date has yet progressed.

A scheme is pending to have a BMX Skate park at Brough, this will cost approximately £90,0000, with Elloughton-Cum-Brough Parish Council contributing £13000 in the first year, however grants are being sought to promote against childhood obesity.

Council Tax is set to increase by 3.9%. Brown bins for 'garden waste' should be in the parish within 6 weeks, although Riplingham have already received theirs.

Councillor Galbraith reported that due to the weather currently experienced, 15000 tonnes of salt/grit have already been used, which is twice as much as last year.

33/09 HIGHWAYS

3 x Accidents have been reported on Westoby Lane, Riplingham, resulting in many drivers speeding on roads in icy conditions.

34/09 ERNLLCA

East Riding Central District Committee meeting - was held on 14th January 2009 at All Saints Centre, South Cave – No member attended.

Advanced Chairmanship Course – Information relating to an Advanced Chairmanship course had been circulated. This is a 3 part course during February and March 2009. Discussion took place. Councillor Woodall expressed an interest and agreed to attend.

RESOLVED - Councillor Woodall would attend.

35/09 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE/POND

Pond -.The Clerk reported that information relating to the Company at Holme on Spalding moor (TET Ltd), had been requested from East Riding Council. This is in respect of clarifying whether they have the correct certification to remove and transport the waste on the public highway. Discussion took place regarding Hugh Roberts costs and the amount/depth of silt to be removed from the pond. Councillor Woodall asked if enquiries could be made with the Environment Agency and Defra to see if any other pond project officer is available to continue with the pond without paying such high costs to Hugh Roberts now that he is working with a consultancy firm.

RESOLVED – That the clerk seeks further information relating to the depth of silt being removed from the pond and removal costs in relation to the remaining grant fund from East Riding Council.
Action: Clerk

Planting Schedule – The planting schedule will be placed 'on hold' pending confirmation of dredging the pond.

Parish Improvements – Discussion took place in respect of assessing what parish improvements could be made and it was suggested that Parish Councillors carry out a 'Walkabout' of the Parish. This would be in preparation of Streetscene visiting, as it had been 2 years since our last visit.

Councillor Davison reported that the hedge on Rowley Road was overgrown and branches were hanging across the pathway. Councillor(s) Woodall & Elvidge both explained that farmers can only cut their hedges every 2 years.

Councillor Davison also reported that the trees on Lilac Grove had been cut back. The height of the trees, however, is now very close to the Electricity cables. **RESOLVED** – That the clerk contact YEDL and explain the situation.

It was agreed by Councillors Woodall, E.Hunter, J.Nuttall, P.Davison, H.Rook to meet on 17th February 2009 to carryout a 'walkabout' of the Parish to assess any work required.

36/09 LITTLE WEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL

Recycling Banks – The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the Recycling Officer at East Riding Council and expressed the Parish Council's interest in having recycling banks in the village and an application was also made for the Recycling Credit Scheme.

This is a third party credit paid as a landfill diversion charge at £24 per tonne for Glass, Cans and £10.15 per tonne for Paper. A site visit will be carried out by East Riding Officers, once the application has been scored further information will be sent to the parish council.

Application for Grant Award 2009/10 – Discussion took place regarding the Village Hall Grant request for 2009/10 and also the remaining grant payment for 2008/09. It was felt that clarification of the grant request was required and if the Village Hall have committed themselves to the re-sanding of the floor and purchase of chairs, then the remaining grant amount could be paid.

Councillor Hunter reported that at a recent Village Hall Committee meeting, discussion took place regarding registering the building and land with Land Registry. Members and representatives were asked if they would sign the document as trustees. Councillor Hunter reported that she had not signed the document and felt that further information should have been provided for everyone about the role of a 'trustee'.

Village Hall Steps – The Clerk reported that Bert Sorsby had written to advise that a villager had missed their footing on the steps and had fallen into the road itself. Fortunately there was no traffic at the time and was not seriously injured. However, the steps are in a poor state of repair and require urgent attention.

RESOLVED – That the clerk contact the Highways Officer for a site visit.

Action: Clerk

37/09 PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

(a) Meeting held 14th January 2009 – No members of the Parish Council attended.

(b) Application for Grant Award 2009/10 – Application from for the Playing Fields Association had been circulated. Although members agreed that the cost of the project quoted on the form was for £3300.00 not including the land rent. The reason for their request is to fund the running costs which included the insurance, grass cutting and the utility supplies. Members felt that clarification of the exact grant amount should be sought.

(c) Fundraising Meeting – The Clerk reported that the fundraising meeting had been very well attended on the 22nd January 2009. The generally feeling of the meeting was that they wish to support events held in the Village and work together to enable each organisation to raise funds for their individual groups. An initial village event with all organisations working together is to be arranged for 31st May 2009 when the 'Open Gardens' are being scheduled. The next fundraising meeting will be held on March 26th 2009 in the Village Hall.

38/09 LITTLE WEIGHTON CUTTING

The Clerk reported that information relating to the Cutting is still being pursued.

Action: Clerk

Their being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01 pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 5th March 2009 at The School, White Gap Road, Little Weighton.

<i>Signature</i>		<i>Dated</i>	
<i>Name</i>			