

# ROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SCHOOL, WHITE GAP ROAD, LITTLE WEIGHTON ON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009

**PRESENT:** Councillors; S.Howarth, A.Woodall, R.Elvidge, J.Nuttall, E.Hunter, P.Davison, S.McCloud, P.Heron, S.Hunt (Clerk), Ward Councillor P.Smith

**APOLOGIES:** H.Rook, Ward Councillor T.Galbraith

Members welcomed Jody Nightingale, Trading Standards Officer from East Riding Council. Jody presented to the Council information relating to a 'No Cold Calling' Scheme that has been set up for the past 3 years, this is a national initiative established by the Trading Standards Institute and the Local Authority. The aim of the scheme is for residents, where the majority 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 contact number to report companies who call. 60 zones in the East Riding are already set up and have provided positive feedback. The scheme is free of charge inclusive of signs & door stickers. Letters will be sent out to all properties, which will ask each resident for permission to say Yes to this scheme.

Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.15 pm.

### **39/09 OPEN FORUM**

Mr K.Davison (Chair) Little Weighton Playing Field Association addressed the meeting and expressed his concern over support for the Playing Field. He continued to say that without funding from the Parish Council, and the failure to meet ERYC requirements in providing equipment to the value of £8000, (to keep the rent level at £700 pa) monies would be sought from the Playing field Committee. Members to support this as individuals, resulting in the closure of the Playing Fields. Letters have been written to 11 people, and 2 have been visited in respect of providing financial support. Mr Davison confirmed that the grant request for 2009/10 is £3300.00 which is an increase of £300 on previous requests.

### **40/09 MINUTES - RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009, having been circulated, are approved as a correct record and signed.

### **41/09 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor P.Davison declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 19, as her husband is the Chairman of the Playing Fields Association.

**42/09 LOCAL POLICING TEAM** - PC Matt Clarke attended the meeting and reported that full statistics were not available for Jan and February, he also apologised that the police had not attended the last meeting. However, Jan 2 incidents; possession of cannabis when a vehicle had been stopped on Walkington Road and persons checked, also a car had been Tampered with on Old Village Road. Having expressed its full support for P.C.Clark's input at the Council meetings, the Parish Council agreed to write to Sergeant Bradley expressing its concerns on the apparent lack of information the local policing team appeared to have been provided with in this instance.

**RESOLVED** – Letter to Humberside Police (Sergeant Bradley)

**Action: Clerk**

#### **43/09 PLANNING**

**DC/09/00061** – Creation of new vehicular access to front at 7 White Gap Road, Little Weighton - **RESOLVED** – That this application is recommended for APPROVAL.

**DC/09/00338** - Erection of two storey extension and conservatory to rear and first floor extension to front at The Manor House Residential home, 35 White Gap Road, Little Weighton - **RESOLVED** – That this application is recommended for APPROVAL.

#### **44/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**a) Station View** – The Clerk reported that she had contacted ERYC, however no progress to report. Awaiting budgets for 2009/10 and for work to be scheduled. Discussion took place and it was agreed that a letter be sent to Highways Officer John Hannah regarding the Parish Councils concern over safety.

**RESOLVED** – Letter to be sent to John Hannah, Highways Officer ERYC regarding the concern for safety.

**Action: Clerk**

**b) Bench (Old Village Road)** - The Clerk reported that a site visit had not yet taken place. Discussion took place as it was felt that a suitable location for the bench would be directly behind the bus shelter built into the bank at pavement level. Councillor Howarth also presented details of the bench design and costs of approximately £265 plus VAT. Members agreed to the bench design and costs subject to ERYC approval of the bench location.

**Action: S.Howarth/Clerk**

**c) Village Hall Steps** – The Clerk reported that awaiting ERYC Highways Officer to schedule a visit.

**d) Recycling Banks** – The clerk reported that the site assessment for recycling banks in the village had not yet been received; however, it is expected by the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **45/09 COMMUNICATIONS**

**Newsletter/Website** – The Website is now up to date. The Clerk reported that the deadline for the next edition of the Newsletter is 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 - April/Easter edition.

**Fundraising** – Councillor Howarth reported that the fundraising meeting held in January had been well attended. Discussions have taken place with a professional fundraiser in the village and it is hoped that further information will be provided for the next fundraising meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

**Partnership day** – The Clerk reported that arranging the Community Bus for the 31<sup>st</sup> May is providing difficult to arrange with other partners as it is the May Bank Holiday weekend. However, it was suggested that the School be contacted for their diary of events to see if the partnership day could be combined with one of their events.

#### **46/09 SCHOOL LIAISON**

The Clerk reported two children had recently attended County Hall with the Community Governor to receive the Travel Plan Certificate.

The Children have also had training from the Community Police Officers on road Safety and cycle training has been bought forward to March for the older children.

#### **47/09 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Village Task Force** – The Clerk reported that the Parish 'Walkabout' – Village Task Force has scheduled a visit for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009, 10.00 am commencing at the Black Horse Car Park.

**Power of Wellbeing Seminar** – Information relating to the Power of Wellbeing Seminar to be held 24<sup>th</sup> March had been distributed. Councillor Howarth and the Clerk will attend.

#### **48/09 EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**(a) East Riding Parish News** - The February 2009 issue had been circulated to all members for their perusal. **NOTED**

**(b) No 'Cold Calling' Zones** – Following Jody Nightingale's information relating to the No Cold Calling Scheme, members discussed and agreed to proceed with the scheme for the whole Parish.

**(c) Road Repairs Research** - A discussion forum will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March which is to give members of the public and their representatives a chance to influence the way it chooses between construction methods and materials. **RESOLVED** - Councillor Woodall to attend.

**49/09 Local Action Team** – The Clerk reported that the last meeting was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and a copy of the minutes had been circulated to all members. - **Noted**

**50/09 EMERGENCY PLANNING** – Discussion took place regarding progressing a Parish Emergency Plan in line with other Parish Councils in the East Riding. Councillor Howarth asked if the Clerk would distribute to all members a copy of the template and associated papers in order to arrange an Emergency Planning Working Group. It was also proposed that Ward Councillors Smith & Galbraith would give an input of their own involvement of this subject prior to the start of the March Meeting 7pm start

**Action:** Clerk

#### **50/09 FINANCE - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

Payments		
Little Weighton V.Hall Committee	Grant Payment	£920.00
Clerk	Salary	£349.02
Post		£10.71
Travel		£24.66
Office Expense		£45.00
ERNLLCA	Chairmanship Course	£38.00
SLCC	Power of Wellbeing Seminar	£40.00

**RESOLVED** – That the above accounts be approved for payment

Councillor Smith reported as follows; East Riding is hoping to bring forward some capital projects to hopefully help local employment, which includes work on the A164 and affordable housing.

#### **52/09 HIGHWAYS**

The Clerk reported that the 'Passing Place' signage on Risby Lane requires straightening. Bags have been fly-tipped near Sockenwoods and low Hunsley which need reporting to ERYC.

## **51/09 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Heron reported that although many potholes on Rowley Road have been repaired, however there are still many holes requiring attention.

## **53/09 ERNLLCA**

**Advanced Chairmanship Course (Part 2.)** - Councillor Woodall reported that he had attended this session of the Course and found it to be very interesting. Points raised at the Course were discussed with members.

## **54/09 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE/POND**

**Pond** -.Discussion took place regarding the copies of information received from ERYC regarding the company at Holme on Spalding Moor G.R. Shaw Agricultural Ltd who were willing to remove the silt from the Pond. Councillor Howarth will make contact with the Company and ask for a quotation for the work to be carried out, along with other companies discussed at the meeting.

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

**Parish Improvements** – Discussion took place regarding the Parish Improvement walkabout held with Councillor(s) Woodall, Rook, Davison & the Clerk held 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009. A spreadsheet detailing the work will be discussed at the Streetscene visit on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

## **55/09 LITTLE WEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Grant Award 2009/10 & request to carry remaining balance of 08/09 grant to 09/10.** The Village Hall Committee have asked if their remaining grant award could be carried over to the 09/10 financial year as work is still required on refurbishing the kitchen and the entrance hall. An in-depth discussion took place on the issues surrounding the grant award and application for the forthcoming year. It was resolved therefore, that on this occasion due to the work required on the Kitchen and entrance hall, that the remaining balance will be carried forward to the 2009/10 financial year. The 2009/10 grant was also approved at £2100.00.

## **56/09 PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION**

**(a) Application for Grant Award 2009/10** – An in-depth discussion took place regarding the Playing Fields and their request for a grant payment for 2009/10. It was agreed that a letter of ‘continued support’ for the PFA would be sent to ERYC in respect of the lease. The grant request for 2009/10 was also approved for £3300.00

## **57/09 LITTLE WEIGHTON CUTTING**

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

**Action: Clerk**

The Chairman and members congratulated the Clerk for successfully completing a ‘working with your council’ course run by the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Their being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 at The School, White Gap Road, Little Weighton.

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