

ROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SCHOOL, WHITE GAP ROAD, LITTLE WEIGHTON ON THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2009

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

Apologies: Councillor H.Rook

96/09 OPEN FORUM No members of the public present.

97/09 MINUTES - RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th May 2009, having been circulated, are approved as a correct record and signed.

98/09 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor S.Howarth declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 14a (Accounts for Payment), 8bii (Playing Fields- elected Member on the P.F.A). Councillor A.Woodall declared an interest in agenda item 7iv (Riplingham Storage Area), Councillor S.McCloud in agenda item 8bii (Trustee of the Village Hall Committee)

99/09 LOCAL POLICING TEAM - No Police Officer present.

100/09 PLANNING

No planning applications received by East Riding Council.

DC/08/05657 – Erection of single storey extension to front and side, conservatory to front and construction of porch to front of owners accommodation at Rowley Manor Hotel, Little Weighton Road, Rowley - **APPROVED**

101/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bench (Old Village Road) - Councillor Howarth reported that he had spoken with local residents who had previously raised concerns over the location of the bench on the junction of Old Village Road/Potterdale Drive. Residents were prepared to accept the location. Discussion took place and it was agreed that if any problem arises, and if the Parish Council consider it to be a 'nuisance factor' appropriate action will be taken to consider re-siting.

No Cold Calling Zones - The Clerk advised that letters had been printed and would be included in the newsletter for distribution to each household within the Parish. Letter responses should be left at the Post Office or returned to the Clerk.

Recycling Bins – Councillor Nuttall reported that no contact had been made at the Public House in respect of re-siting the 'proposed' bottle banks, however it seemed more suitable to place them backing onto the workshop where the brown recyclable bin is currently situated.

RESOLVED – A probable site agreed pending ERYC approval of location.

Action: Clerk

Riplingham Storage Area - The Clerk distributed copies of a letter received from East Riding Council detailing materials to be stored prior to their removal to a waste recycling site, comprising of excavated Concrete, kerbs, tarmac, soil, stone, gravel and road planings. Materials would be deposited at the site by the Council's normal fleet of vehicles, predominantly smaller 7.5t gross weight vehicles.

Discussion took place and Council members were in agreement that materials listed were acceptable. However from the photographs of the site provided by East Riding, it was assumed that motor vehicle tyres had been "fly tipped." It was agreed that the tyres be removed as soon as possible and that the gate to the site remains locked when not in use. It was further agreed to advise the authority that further enquiries are being sought for a current commercial "rental value" of the site, in accordance with their own "best value" policy.

RESOLVED - Letter to ERYC Operations Manager to express the councils concerns

Action: Clerk

102/09 COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter/Website – The clerk advised that the newsletter had been printed and was ready for distribution. The Website is currently receiving 1000 visits per month.

Little Weighton Village Hall

No meeting held during the past month.

Playing Field Association

Councillor McCloud attended the recent Playing Fields Annual General Meeting and reported that they were very optimistic with Pauline Speed, who hopes to provide funding. Councillor Howarth added that he was disappointed that a poor "turn-out" from committee members was evident, with no other members of the village present at the meeting, and felt that community engagement with the village/parish is required.

Fundraising – No further meeting held.

School Liaison

Councillor McCloud reported that he had visited the School as a 'private resident' and spoken with the Head teacher regarding engaging the community/school children on local democracy. He had expressed concern with the recent information of a wind turbine being subject to a planning appeal at a neighbouring parish. Mr McCloud will be visiting the school again to discuss with the children's school council their views on local democracy. (This is on non council business).

Little Weighton Cutting/Quarry Liaison – Nothing to report.

Emergency Planning – Councillor Howarth reported that he and the clerk had not yet met to discuss the Emergency Planning Document, but would endeavour to meet before the next meeting.

Alliance Cornhill Insurance – The clerk reported that clarification had been sought on the Parish Councils insurance cover for individual councillors and details were presented at the meeting.

103/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Ernlca Newsletter - Distributed to all members for their perusal. **NOTED**

East riding Parish News - The April 2009 issue had been circulated to all members for their perusal. **NOTED**

NPower Invoice – The Clerk presented an Invoice for payment for the festive lighting 2008.
A total charge of £36.11

104/09 CPRE

A proposal by Councillor McCloud to rejoin CPRE Membership was discussed. Councillor McCloud expressed that as a large rural council, membership should be sought. Councillor Nuttall expressed concern in the fact that she wasn't aware of the organisation or their remit. The clerk advised that they are a charity dedicated to the protection of rural England to protect local countryside. Members asked if further information could be circulated and the item placed on the agenda for discussion in July.

Action: Clerk

105/09 BUS Timetables

Councillor McCloud distributed timetables for the 180/182 bus service running from Beverley through to Hessle. He felt that the issues relating to services at the last meeting were not clear. Councillor Nuttall reported that the timetable is fine; however felt that a later evening service should be provided as the last service is 6.21pm. A late service should be reinstated for people visiting/leaving Beverley as this service was always full, with a good atmosphere but was withdrawn without any reasoning. Discussion took place regarding the current service provided.

RESOLVED – That the clerk writes to East Yorkshire Motor Services to ask for a late service which would suit the social need of the young and old. Also seek the views of other parishes on this route.

Action: Clerk

106/09 EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Winter Services Review – The clerk reported that a community consultation is being undertaken giving town and parish councils the opportunity to comment on the services the local authority provide to treated routes. Discussion took place on roads and footpaths within the parish. It was felt that the road from Bluestone through to South Cave should be added to the treated routes as accidents occur each winter. The Chairman also asked if legal clarification could be sought in respect of salting footpaths.

RESOLVED - The Clerk seeks clarification on footpath salting.

Action: Clerk

107/09 FINANCE - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

NPower	Festive Lighting	36.11
Clerk	Salary	350.03
Print Works	Newsletter & Advertising	145.00
Great Gardens	Noticeboard/Materials/Weed Killer/Plants	388.52
Post		20.09
Travel		36.06
Office Expense		45.00
Ian Allen	Grounds Maintenance	207.50
Robert Cooper	Grounds Maintenance	172.50
Petty Cash		100.00

RESOLVED – That the above accounts be approved for payment.

108/09 WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor P.Smith reported that she is now vice chair of the NHS Scrutiny Committee, and advised that in Bridlington they are currently introducing a 'red tray meal system', where vulnerable people who need help in opening things will be identified with a red coloured tray.

The LAT Meeting recently held highlighted the proposed BMX bike park at Brough. The Chair re-iterated his previous concerns regarding the timings of the meetings. These were not conducive with a "volunteer lead council" whose majority membership has a 9.00/5.00pm working schedule which prevents attendance.

Councillor Smith also advised that Car Park charges are being reviewed by the ERYC. A public meeting is to be held in Cottingham on June 11th 2009 at 4.30 pm.

109/09 PONDS PROJECT/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Chairman reported that the Open Gardens held on Sunday 31st May 2009 was a well attended and successful day and asked that the clerk writes to thank the gardening club for a well promoted & organised event.

Councillor McCloud enquired if there is a particular reason the hedgerow passed Sockenwood cottages, Rowley Road protrudes onto the roadside verge making it difficult for horse riders. Councillor Woodall reported that the hedges have a designated trimming schedule, as authorised by DEFRA, which in this instance prevents cutting back.

Councillor Howarth enquired if the fence on Rowley Road was to be repaired by East Riding Council, however the Clerk advised that although Highways Officers agree it is untidy, they do not consider it a safety hazard and cannot justify the expenditure associated with any repairs. ERYC will check on ownership and report back to the Clerk.

Pond – Councillor Howarth reported that it would be a good time to take a further water sample from the pond and have this tested again, as it may not be as hazardous since introducing the reed beds. He also stated that a local resident had bought some more ducks for the pond, however with their best intentions, had removed a section of netting in the pond.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Howarth will speak with the individuals and ask them to repair the fencing or meet the costs of repair.

Action: S.Howarth

Their being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.55 pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 9th July 2009 at The School, White Gap Road, Little Weighton.

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