

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2021 IN THE HUB, METHODIST CHURCH, HUTTON RUDBY AT 7.15 PM.

In attendance: Councillor E Foden (Chairman), Councillors K Clifford, A Collingwood, M McCluskey, A Mortimer, J Saxton, D Simpson, S Tate, N Thompson, A Voke, District Councillor Fortune, one member of the Police, two members of the public, Caryn Loftus of Climate Action Stokesley and Villages

1. **Apologies for absence.** Councillor Jopling, Councillor Hugill.
1. **Minutes of the meetings held on 9 August 2021.** The minutes were agreed unanimously.
2. **Meeting open to the public.** None wished to speak, the meeting was closed to the public at 7.17pm.
3. **Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch.**

PCSO Daniels was in attendance, and she will try to attend each month where possible. Councillor Foden confirmed that the police report had been received and circulated to all councillors. There was a discussion regarding speeding into and within the village. It was agreed that PCSO Daniels will raise the issue with her managers and in particular to ask them to action using the speed van or motorcyclist from time to time on the routes into the village and particularly on Stokesley Road. PCSO Daniels left the meeting.

4. Climate Action Stokesley & Villages Group (10-15 mins)

Caryn Loftus of Climate Action Stokesley and Villages Group was welcomed to the meeting. She explained that the group is a vehicle for group and individuals in the area to act on climate change. The group used the grants that they received to obtain insurance, create leaflets, and install notice boards. There is also an active Facebook Group, set up in 2019, which currently has around 200 members. The Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission are working towards a climate plan for the whole of North Yorkshire and Humberside; the focus is to look at what the region can do in a positive way. Hambleton District Council (HDC) and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) will also link in their plans, everyone wants slightly different things, but the aim is to create targets for the different areas of climate change. There are five sub groups which cover energy, food, nature, transport, and waste. Work being done includes helping to reduce energy use by renovating houses, a food share group run in conjunction with the Co-op, biodiversity, improved transport links (including the Endeavour Way between Stokesley and Great Ayton, the NYCC quiet lanes initiative, consultation to the rail timetable, the North Yorkshire rotters, and improved recycling, for example the Co-op will soon accept soft plastics including cling film for recycling. There will be a stall on 25 September during Great Big Green Week and there is a global week of action to link in with COP26. She advised that Stokesley have declared a climate emergency and Great Ayton have a standing item on their agenda to address climate issues. The group can help with developing a climate action plan if the Parish decides to adopt a plan.

Councillor Collingwood said that he has reservations about the use of the phrase climate emergency, but he is in favour of using the carrot not the stick to influence behaviour. A member of the public said that they have noted that even the UN Secretary General has referred to this issue as a code red for the planet, action cannot wait. The Parish Council has the ability to influence behaviour in the village, for example requiring allotments to be pesticide free. Councillor Foden said that there is funding available for local authorities to help householders to decarbonise their properties but that it is not widely publicised. A second member of the public said that more direct action is needed. Caryn Loftus said that the aim will be to create a one stop shop that can give advice, identify support and funding, and promote initiatives. A lot of work is already happening, but Councils are not always very good at saying what they are doing. Councillor Foden thanked Caryn Loftus for her presentation.

5. Matters arising.

a. Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Mortimer advised that the HDC Cabinet has approved the local plan main modifications to go into a 6 week consultation starting at the end of September. This will help us avoid any policy overlap when preparing the submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Ingleby Arncliffe Neighbourhood Plan is now going to referendum, and this gives us sight of an Inspector's report and recommendations for ensuring conformity with HDC's Local Plan.

By the end of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation 136 questionnaires were received from residents, 6 responses from statutory consultees and 8 other consultation responses. During the consultation period the Council was sent a number of letters/emails all of which were forwarded to the Steering Group and are included in the numbers above. The policies all got strong support and the broad content is in line with what the community is seeking. There will be changes in the submission plan iteration as that has a different structure to the consultation plan. Moving forward there will be an interim stage of a public review of the conclusions from the consultation which will be set out in a report on the recommended changes. It is hoped that this can be tabled for discussion at the November Council meeting if not before.

b. Footpaths.

Councillor Collingwood continues to chase NYCC for action on Chappies Field. Councillor Hugill has been tremendously helpful to date and will need to keep pushing the NYCC bureaucracy. There was a discussion about health and safety. The barbed wire presents a serious risk to anyone attempting to walk across the field as do the uneven ground and vegetation. This will need to be pursued via NYCC.

Councillor Fortune suggested also writing to Lisa Wilson at HDC as she may be able to bring some pressure to bear on NYCC, Councillor Fortune will support her with this once we have contacted HDC.

In Councillor Jopling's absence Councillor Mortimer raised the quote that has been obtained for the repairs to the footpath from Sexhow to the Wynd. The Clerk advised that a grant request has gone to NYCC. Councillor Mortimer proposed to await the outcome of that but that the work should go ahead in accordance with the quote once the position of the grant is known. Seconded by Councillor Thompson, agreed unanimously.

Councillor Simpson sought clarification of the role of the Path Keeper scheme. It was explained that their role is to walk the public rights of way in the Parish, to cut back any vegetation intruding onto the footpath, and to note any more major issues. Councillor Simpson noted that there were many comments from the climate action plan survey related to public rights of way and these will be forward to the Path Keeper Scheme.

c. Sports Area.

Councillor Tate proposed that the Council should seek to have the sports area transferred into the ownership of the Parish Council (it is currently leased from HDC), that a budget of £1,000 for initial legal fees should be set aside, that there should be sub-committee of Councillors Jopling, Tate and Thompson to progress the issue, and that the Council should write to Gary Nelson in the legal department, the Chief Executive and Councillor Fortune to request the transfer of the asset. Seconded by Councillor Thompson. Agreed unanimously.

There was a discussion of dog mess both around the sports area and the village more generally. Residents are reminded that no dogs are allowed on any part of the sports area including the car park. Anyone seen with a dog there should be reminded of this. Dog mess anywhere in the village should always be picked up and properly disposed of by the person walking the dog. Councillor Foden will put a reminder on the Hutton Rudby Appreciation Society Facebook page.

d. Village Green.

It was noted that the steps from opposite the Kings Head onto South Side are in poor condition and residents should take care when walking on them. It was also noted that the nearby bin is not in an accessible location and may need to be moved, but that both issues will have to dealt with as part of a future project.

e. Middleton on Leven

It was noted that the play area grass has not been cut, previously this was kindly done by a Councillor who lived in Middleton. It was agreed that GGN should be asked to start cutting it, the hedge also needs to be cut annually. Middleton on Leven to be added as a standing item on the agenda.

6. Planning applications.

The following applications have been received by the Council. Full details of any responses are available on www.hambleton.gov.uk/homepage/16/planning

None.

7. Decisions of Hambleton District Planning.

- a. 21/00078/MRC Oakwood Farm, Tame Bridge. Application for variation of condition 4 (caravan numbers - to increase the caravan numbers from 2 to 5) to application 16/00522/FUL for Change of use of land to a private gypsy site and new access and the siting of a caravan and tourer (granted on appeal reference APP/G2713/W/16/3165207). Councillor Mortimer attended the hearing of the Planning Committee on 26 August 2021 on behalf of the Council to oppose the application, Councillor Fortune also spoke in favour of RPC's position, however, permission was granted. Noted. Councillors Mortimer and Fortune were thanked for fighting hard on behalf of the Parish. Councillor Fortune advised that HDC has a new policy, requiring all campsites to have site managers who are DBS checked, don't have a criminal record, and are registered to deal with children's safeguarding issues.
- b. 20/02830/HNA Middleton Grove Farm Middleton on Leven report from Hambleton District Council dated 20 May 2021. Noted.

8. Reports from County and District Councillors.

Councillor Hugill advised via the Clerk that he has submitted an application for a grant for the footpath from Sexhow to the Wynd as reported above.

Councillor Fortune had nothing to add to the comments that she had made elsewhere in the meeting.

9. Relocation of village sign on Stokesley Road. Update.

The Clerk advised that the developers are in the process of getting planning sign-off on various conditions including highways matters. Once that has been done they will be able to put in for the technical consent from NYCC which will cover details such as the parish sign. There is no specific timescale at present. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda until a decision is needed to be made.

10. Fireworks display.

The cricket club have agreed to allow the fireworks to go ahead. The display will take place on Friday 5 November at 6.30pm. It was agreed to order the same pack as previously, Councillor Mortimer offered to collect them. Councillor Saxton agreed to provide first aid. The Clerk to contact Armstrong Richardson regarding the sound system. Councillor Foden has the laminated signs to promote the event and will also organise volunteers to collect donations at the entrance to the cricket club. Councillors Mortimer and Simpson will light the fireworks, more volunteers are needed.

11. Community Gritting Partnership

It was agreed that the priority needs to be to persuade NYCC to grit Campion Lane. The Clerk to request that the grit bins around the village are re-filled. These are to grit nearby roads and pavements and are not for personal use of villagers.

12. **Activities list.** Updates and progressing the relevant items.

Telephone box – Councillor McCluskey has obtained two estimates, one for £6000, the other £7000. In both cases the companies would need to take the box away and could not start work until 2023. It was agreed that the Council cannot justify that expenditure currently although work will be needed at some point as the phone box is Grade II listed. Agreed to research whether any grants are available.

Linen Mill wall - Councillor Collingwood advised that work on Rudby bridge is due to start on 14 September. It is hoped that the vegetation around the wall can be removed at the same time.

Notice boards – there has been a request to put up extra posters for WI and the Garden Club. It was agreed that where a matter relates to a community-based society then posters can be put up where space allows and will also be added on the website. Societies and clubs to be advised to promote their activities on Hutton Rudby Appreciation Society.

Queen’s Jubilee - it was agreed to set up a sub committee to plan activities and to encourage villagers to participate. A decision on planting a tree and installing a plaque can be done as part of that process.

Trees for Tomorrow – GGN have damaged a large number of trees when grass cutting, some of which have been killed. Almost every guard has been broken beyond repair. It was agreed that details will be sent to GGN for them to fund replacement trees, they should be insured in respect of this. Councillor Simpson will chase Hills regarding the beech tree to be replaced at the Village Hall.

Environment – Councillor Simpson said that 117 responses were received to the climate action consultation. 68% of those who responded want a climate action plan. He will go through the comments and report back to the Council with recommendations.

13. **Finance.**

- a. Employer’s summary August 2021. Noted.
- b. Annual accounts/AGAR update. Minor queries were raised regarding the variance sheet and a response given. PKF Littlejohn have now confirmed that the AGAR is complete. The Clerk will prepare the relevant notices in the next few days. Noted.

14. **Accounts**

Clerk’s salary August 2021	£ 587.77
GGN Sportscare – grass cutting green, sports area, verges August 2021	£1044.00
GGN Sportscare – grass cutting burial ground August 2021	£ 162.00
Interment fee AW Nicholson & Son (Anne Baillie)	£ 300.00
Station Software web hosting from August 2020 to August 2022	£ 96.00
Ink payment HP August 2021	£ 9.99
Neighbourhood Plan consultation costs	£ 245.84
Clerk Office subscription	£ 59.99
KVA Planning NP consultation	£ 214.80

Money received

Barthrams funeral services (reservation of two plots, interment A Baillie) £ 689.00

15. Correspondence

- a. Notice of Planning Committee Determination hearing on 26 August 2021 regarding 21/00078/MRC - Oakwood Farm. It was agreed that Councillor Mortimer would attend the hearing to represent the Council. Noted.
- b. Updated guidance document on the Public Works Loans Board (PWLB) lending terms, as well as information on future changes to the terms and conditions to be applied to PWLB lending in September dated 12 August 2021. Noted.
- c. Letter regarding the consultation on the Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan, survey closes 7 November 2021. Noted.
- d. Email Hambleton District Council with copy of report dated 20 May 2021 in respect of 20/02830/HNA Middleton Grove Farm Middleton on Leven. Noted.
- e. White Rose update 20 August 2021. Noted.
- f. North Yorkshire National Bus Strategy & Bus Service Improvement Plan Engagement, deadline 3 September 2021. Noted.
- g. The Rural Bulletin- 24th August. Noted.
- h. YLCA Remote conference on 17-18th Sept. Noted.
- i. YLCA National allotment webinar on 2nd Sept. Noted.
- j. NLAC Chief Executives Bulletin of 27th August. Noted.
- k. Hambleton District Council weekly briefing for towns and parish councils. Noted
- l. Email from Caravan and Motor Home club regarding South Lund Farm. Noted
- m. YLCA- Managing councils employees webinar on 7th Sept. Noted.
- n. YLCA- transparency codes - webinar. Noted.
- o. NYCC (Richmond area) constituency committee remote meeting on 8th Sept. Noted
- p. YLCA Law and Governance Bulletin, 3rd Sept. Noted.
- q. Email from Planning Advice Plus on behalf of Mrs Preston on 27th August regarding Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 submission). Noted.
- r. Letter from resident Kath Watts on 26th August regarding Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 submission). Noted.
- s. Email from Resident Scott Cunningham on 31st August regarding the Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 submission). Noted.
- t. Letter from Honeyman Trust on 31st August regarding the Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 submission). Noted
- u. Email from Landowner Ronnie Baird on 31st August regarding the Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 submission). Noted.
- v. Email from Sillington & Whitton parish council re Information on BMX track maintenance. Noted.
- w. Email from NYCC highways regarding maintenance on Hutton Rudby bridge commencing 6th September for 2 to 3 weeks. Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52pm.