

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUDBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD 13TH JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM IN THE HUB, METHODIST CHURCH, HUTTON RUDBY.

Present: Councillor Mortimer (Chairman), Councillors Barker, Bragg, Puttick, Saxton, Simpson, Tate and Voke. Councillor Bury arrived at 7.34pm.

3 members of the public.

1. To approve apologies for absence.

Councillor Jopling and North Yorkshire Councillor Hugill. RESOLVED to accept.

2. Declarations of interest.

Councillors Tate and Barker - Item 8.f.ii

Councillors Bragg and Saxton - Item 8.f.iii

3. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held 9th December 2024 as a true and correct record.

Subject to one amendment – Item 6. 'Councillors Simpson' should be singular. RESOLVED to accept.

4. Meeting open to the public.

5. Police Report.

Report for the period 1st-31st December 2024 detailed 5 crimes, all Violence against the person. NOTED

6. Report from North Yorkshire Councillor.

Not present.

7. Stokesley and District Community Care Association

Mrs Caroline Rathmell attended on behalf of Stokesley and District Community Care Association; this is a registered charity which has been going for over 30 years and is run by a board of trustees with 150ish volunteers. They offer services such as a transport scheme, a home befriending and respite sitting scheme, dementia day-care centre twice a week, lunch club in Stokesley Town Hall every Thursday alongside other activities.

The Association is keen to maintain links with local communities, ideally having representatives from local Villages on the trustee body. The role of Trustee involves coming to a meeting 4 times a year, it is an unpaid role and they are seeking new members and would welcome anyone from the local community, no experience is necessary.

She also confirmed there is plenty of space at the dementia daycare centre, should anyone from our Parish need respite care, please contact them.

They are also looking for Volunteer Minibus Drivers.

8. Matters arising.

a. Finance

- i. Employers Summary. NOTED

b. Parish Neighbourhood Plan/ NYC Local Plan/EV Charging

Councillors Mortimer and Simpson had attended meetings with NYC planning policy team and Katie Atkinson of KVA to begin scoping out the work needed to complete the Neighbourhood Plan process. Advice from NYC and KVA was broadly consistent; Updating of housing needs evidence and a screening review of the earlier draft plan to identify which policies will need redrafting because of changes in the NPPF or other reasons were identified as the key early actions. Another Reg.19 consultation will be needed.

KVA had supported RPC through all the previous phases, however while the project has been stalled for about three years her standard day rates have increased.

It was RESOLVED that subject to agreement of a rate adjustment in line with inflation, that KVA should be retained and be instructed to carry out a screening review in parallel with the review being carried out by NYC.

An email had been received from NYC's planning policy team before the meeting. They advised that their housing enablers do not have the capacity to carry out a housing needs assessment so the Parish will need to make other arrangements. It is anticipated that the housing needs assessment is unlikely to show there is a need for a further allocation given the extant approvals off Garbutts Lane (25 homes at the Wickets and 50 homes at Paddocks End). However, this needs to be evidenced.

It was RESOLVED that the Council should make enquiries about costs and availability for conducting a housing needs assessment with suitably qualified consultants.

Some of the original steering group are willing to continue, but others have declined the invitation to continue. Re-establishing a steering group of sufficient size and a public re-launch of the process will be needed.

Based on the discussion with KVA and NYC it was felt that 12 months to adoption could be achievable if no significant delays arise from unforeseeable factors.

It was noted that a resident has requested an EV charging point at the Village Hall.

c. Paddocks End.

RPC responded to the developer's community benefits proposals, which has been acknowledged. NOTED

d. Footpaths.

A letter was received from a resident regarding water freezing on the footpath close to Mustard Garth footpath. Previous work had been done by the owners of Mustard Garth in an attempt to reduce the amount of rainwater discharging onto the path. Downpipes discharging onto pavements and paths as a common arrangement. It was felt that no further improvements could reasonably be requested, there are alternative access routes which could be used during periods of poor weather. RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to the resident accordingly.

e. Sports Areas

i. Station Lane. Safety Inspection reports received recommending work to football nets and cutting grass. RESOLVED to ask for costings for nets and decline grass cut until spring.

ii. Middleton on Leven. Safety Inspection report recommended grass cut. RESOLVED to wait until spring. A quote to install a gate at the playground had been received. RESOLVED to confirm the quote complied with safety legislation.

f. Village Green.

- i. Christmas Tree - £50 donation made to Sarcoma UK following the Scouts removal of the tree
- ii. 15 East Side – Resident reply received which was unsatisfactory. RESOLVED to engage in conversation to try to suggest a mutually acceptable resolution.
- iii. 37 South Side – No further correspondence received. RESOLVED for the Clerk to follow up.
- iv. Tree Inspections – Elliott Consultancy has suggested delaying the bi-annual tree survey until the Summer in order to better assess the trees physiological condition throughout various seasons (the last one being carried out in Spring). RESOLVED to accept the suggestion and fee quotation, but to also remove trees 72 and 73 from the survey (which are not on RPC land and were included in error on previous surveys) and request special consideration be given to any pruning work which may be required to maintain reasonable distances around phone lines and adjacent buildings.

g. Speed limits signs.

Nothing to report.

h. Village Event

Date for this year's event is 28th June 2025. RESOLVED to organise a working committee and commence arrangements. Councillor Bury to lead.

9. Planning applications.

The following applications have been received by the Council. Full details of any responses are available on <https://planning.hambleton.gov.uk/online-applications>

ZB24/02129/FUL Embleton Farm, Garbutts Lane, Hutton Rudby. Application for change of use of farm buildings to domestic dwelling and ancillary infrastructure. RESOLVED to recommend approval.

ZB24/02214/CLP Brewsdale Cottage, Middleton on Leven. Application for Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed new outbuilding. RESOLVED to request more information on the proposal.

ZB24/02343/FUL Four Gables, Stokesley Road, Hutton Rudby. Application for single storey extension to bungalow, revisions to doors and windows, insertion of flue, cladding to front and rear and render. RESOLVED to carry forward.

10. Decisions of North Yorkshire Planning

ZB24/02002/TPO 18 Linden Close, Hutton Rudby. GRANTED

ZB24/02155/CAT Highfield, 12 Enterpen, Hutton Rudby. GRANTED

ZB24/02163/CAT 6 Levenside, Hutton Rudby. GRANTED

ZB24/02027/TPO 7 Goldie Hill, Hutton Rudby. GRANTED

ZB24/02078/FUL 19 Langbaugh Road, Hutton Rudby. GRANTED

ZB24/01916/FUL 5 Wynd Close, Hutton Rudby. GRANTED

Certificate of Registration for the change/add of alias name – The Maples, 3 Willins Close, Hutton Rudby.

11. Hutton Bank.

RESOLVED to accept SDH Engineering's quotation to repair the railings at £300.

12. Steps across the village green to Church House

Revised quotations still awaited.

13. IT/Website

Nothing to report.

14. Staffing Committee

Staff appraisal has been satisfactorily completed. Ongoing Job Description being carried out. NOTED.

15. Village Hall/Tennis Club Lease

Still no reply from Jacksons Law. Clerk to chase.

16. Allotment renewals

All but 3 allotments have been renewed for 2025. RESOLVED to offer available plots to those on the waiting list first and advertise any remaining.

17. Grass Cutting

RESOLVED to accept LRSS quotation for 2025.

18. East Rounton Battery Energy Storage Facility

RPC Chairman gave a short introduction; although outside of our Parish it is local and of interest. The site is of just over 60 hectares, the transformers are expected to be approx. 22m high, so a massive industrial scale. These sites need to be located close to main transmission lines, which is the case at East Rounton, hence the interest in the site. The day-to-day impact is most likely to be noise during operation and disruption during construction. It is likely that as we are on the east side of the A19 there would be limited impact to our parish as the A19 would probably drown out noise, the only impact could possibly be if there was a major incident, so it is the Chairmans opinion that RPC should continue to monitor the planning application process.

Two members of the public from East Rounton stated that if this planning application goes ahead, it would be the largest facility in the world with approx. 900 containers on this site. The site is probably not going to be seen as it will be in a valley, but it is on waterlogged land. The main concerns include construction traffic through East Rounton Village and safety aspects as there is no realistic water supply (currently 3" water mains). The evacuation zone is alarming. There would be some impact of flood risk and in the event of fire or spillage local water supplies could be affected. Noise is a major concern.

The current status is developers have applied for planning, but there is nothing on the planning portal as yet and developers say they have responded to public consultation, but nothing has been seen yet. Further local meetings are being held.

Security is anticipated to be wire and razor wire fencing. Bunding for spillage has been questioned, but unknown at present. The Fire and Rescue service is likely to have concerns about water supplies and access.

Councillors recommended the Rountons Campaign Group obtain their own baseline acoustic data and push for berms to mitigate noise impacts.

19. Accounts

Staff salaries November 2024, paid in accordance with contract.

Staff Pension contribution paid in accordance with contract

Charlton Services (Riverside Footpath)	£ 2208.00
Charlton Services (Riverside Footpath additional stone)	£ 720.00
Wave water bill	£ 30.42
HP Ink	£ 11.99
Lebara Mobile Phone	£ 5.00
SLCC Clerk Training	£ 144.00

Money received.

Bank Interest	£ 361.60
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Allotment Plot 7	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 23	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 17	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 16	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 4	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 19	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 14	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 18	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 25	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 6	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 3	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 8	£ 45.00
Allotment Plot 12	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 13	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 10	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 21	£ 45.00
Allotment Plot 20	£ 22.50
Allotment Plot 24	£ 11.25

20. Correspondence for decision.

5 December 2024	Email	NYC Urban Grass Cutting. RESOLVED to decline.
10 December 2024	Email	Community First Yorkshire. Defibrillator. RESOLVED to look for suitable locations for an additional unit, possibly Garbutts Lane or Middleton.
12 December 2024	Email	Resident regarding Sewerage Works Footpath. NOTED
12 December 2024	Email	NYC Countryside Access proposed footpath diversion, Glebe House. RESOLVED to recommend approval.
16 December 2024	Email	Resident, Village Green Cobblestones East Side. See Item 8.f.ii.

21. Correspondence for noting.

5 December 2024	Email	Parish Liaison Reporting
16 December 2024	Email	NYC - Certificate of registration, The Maples, 3 Willins Close