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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor K.G. Grant chaired the Parish Council meeting on 9th December at Roos Memorial Institute. Six other Councillors were present. Apologies had been received from Councillor J.C. Priest who was unavoidably absent for family reasons.

School Governors

After approval of the Minutes of the meeting of 11th November, matters arising from the Minutes were discussed. A letter from the local Secretary passed on a resolution from the Association of Parish Councils objecting to the provisions of the Education Act 1980 that deprived some Parish Councils of places on the governing bodies of schools: in Roos the Parish Council now had only one representative instead of two. The Association recommended local councils to fight the issue in their own areas in the hope that the Secretary of State might be persuaded to redress the situation.

Roos Beck

The Chairman expressed surprise at the letter discussed at the previous meeting concerning Roos Beck. The Holderness Director of Development had stated that responsibility for clearing unpiped sections lay with riparian owners. Councillor Grant thought this was contrary to previous understanding and practice. It was agreed to write to the Director of Development to protest at the view expressed in his letter.

Crime Prevention

Various items of correspondence were discussed. Mr. Helliwell had written advising the Council of leaflets about Crime Prevention that had been distributed in the village. This had been done at the request of the local Crime Prevention Officer following a spate of thefts from local properties. Delivery of the leaflets had been carried out by volunteers who distributed the Newsletter.

Other Correspondence

A 'ROOS' nameplate was available for placement as a road sign on the approach from Burton Pidsea. Through the Association of Parish Councils a request was passed on from the Royal British Legion that an effort be made to ensure that war memorials bore the names of all those who had died on active service. A letter from Churchwarden Barrie Broom invited Councillors to the Festival of Lessons and Carols at All Saints' on 22nd December and specifically invited a nominated Councillor to take part by reading one of the lessons.

Planning Appeal Dismissed

The Department of the Environment had written concerning Mr. John Kirkwood's application to develop a field for housing at South End. Mr. Kirkwood had appealed against the refusal of planning permission by Holderness Borough Council. The Inspector appointed to hear the appeal had rejected it. The Chairman read out some parts of the Inspector's ruling, commenting that, whatever one thought of the decision, it had been taken after a very thorough and thoughtful survey of all relevant considerations. He added that the Inspector's report giving his reasons was now a public document and could be made available for anyone who wished to read it.

Penny Rate

A decision was required by the Borough Council about the level of a Parish Rate for 1986-7 after some discussion of likely commitments, including a commitment to give assistance to the Memorial Institute Committee, it was agreed to precept for a penny rate. In 1984-5 a penny rate had raised £799; the estimated product of a penny rate in the current year was £791. The Treasurer, Councillor M. Cheeseman, reported a current balance of £410.01.

Planning Applications

Planning decisions by the Borough Council were reported. Approval had been given to applications for an extension to Forge House (Mr. Burn) and for the continuing use of a building in Lamb Lane as a wood store (Mr. Peart). A second application for an extension to the rear of Roos House (Mr. Jackson) had been refused on planning grounds.

Roads and Footpaths

A reply had been received from the Highways Department to the Parish Council's letter of 28th November about the repair of footpaths. An inspection was being carried out of 'most of the footpaths' in Roos with a view to necessary repairs. It was also hoped to include in the 1986 highways programme a scheme for the improvement of Main Street.

Village Appraisal

Under 'Any Other Business' the Chairman referred to the questionnaire being circulated in connection with the Village Appraisal. Though he himself had not seen a copy, many residents had and some had voiced objections. He did not know why some households had received several copies and some none at all.

Objections to Appraisal

One objection, said the Chairman, was that the questions were in placed too personal. It had also not been clear to many people that the questionnaire was in no way official; some had thought it had been put out by the Parish Council and that they were obliged to fill it in. One objection was that the head of each household was expected to sign a document in which there were detailed facts about his family.

The Chairman admitted that a proposal to carry out a Village Appraisal had been made at a Parish Meeting but he had no recollection that the Parish Council itself had given approval to it. The questionnaire should be seen for what it was, **not** an official enquiry but the work of a small group of people who no doubt intended to make use of the information gathered when discussions of the official Village Plan took place early in the New Year.

Councillors' Views

Councillor Winter agreed that some of the questions were 'too personal' but felt that it was good to know that some residents did have an interest in the village. Those who devised the questionnaire, however, had obviously not given sufficient thought to the questions asked. County Councillor Croft who was present at the meeting said that such a survey should not have been initiated except by the Parish Council itself. It should not have been taken on by a group of people who had no official status.

Other councillors made little comment. Those resident outside the village had not, of course, received a copy. However, in view of the Chairman's concern to make clear to residents that the questionnaire was not the work of the Parish Council, it was agreed to publish a statement to that effect in the local press.

Radioactive Waste

County Councillor Croft referred again to the topic he had first raised at the meeting of 14th October: the need to oppose any move to dispose of radioactive waste in Humberside. He gave horrific instances of the risks that might be involved. It was noted that the Parish Council had already written in support of the County Council's opposition to nuclear dumping in Humberside.

After the close of the meeting the Chairman invited members of the public to comment on any matters raised. During the meeting it had, of course, been impossible for anyone to intervene.

Defence of Village Appraisal

Mr. Helliwell asked leave to comment on what had been said about the Village Appraisal questionnaire. He said that he had been deeply saddened at the evidence of misunderstanding and suspicion in remarks that had been made. There was no secret group, has had been implied, plotting to manipulate the questionnaire for their own ends. The possibility of a Village Appraisal had been raised at two Parish Meetings - both fully reported in 'The Holderness Gazette' - conducted by the Chairman himself. It had been emphasised at all times that participation in the Appraisal was open to all. Residents had been invited - by notice and by circular - to take part. The dates of meetings had been advertised in the Newsletter. There had also been in the Newsletter - on at least two occasions - items stressing the difference between the Village Plan and the Village Appraisal; further, it had been stressed that the Appraisal was **not** official but a voluntary exercise, open to everybody but obligatory for no one.

He went on to deal with the allegations about the questionnaire itself. Questions alleged to be too 'personal' were presumably those about members of each household. At the recent meeting in Roos School, evidence from Hunmanby had shown how useful it was for a community to have actual facts about the age-ranges of its population and the prospects of local employment. Any thoughtful person should have been able to see that questions on these topics would be of statistical value but of no 'personal' interest in a sinister sense. In any case, residents had been invited to complete the questionnaire as a matter of willing co-operation: anyone who disliked a section of questions could simply ignore it. In the same way there was no compulsion for anyone to sign the document. It was simply that a signature would prove useful if a respondent had raised a topic that he might well wish to explain or elaborate later.

It had been the intention of those who had worked on the questionnaire that copies should be presented to each household by a personal visit from one of about twenty volunteers. At that time the points explained above would be made clear - that completing the questionnaire was voluntary, that there was no obligation to answer any questions that one did not want to answer, and so on. Mr. Helliwell admitted that these intentions had not been fulfilled in every case. Unforeseen circumstances had led to a delay and then a rush to distribute copies. Some copies, when residents were out, had apparently been posted through letter boxes. Some distributors had passed on their copies much earlier than others had been able to - hence the false impression that only some households were to be consulted. These practical problems were a matter for regret and it was easy to see how misunderstandings could arise.

Nevertheless, Mr. Helliwell urged the Parish Council to consider the effect that their proposed press statement would have. It would be very damaging to the Appraisal and perhaps to Councillors themselves. If Councillors publicly disassociated themselves from the questionnaire their press statement would be taken to imply more than they intended. He hoped that they would find it possible to reconsider.

ROOS PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting
13th January, 7.30
Roos Memorial Institute
Members of public always welcome

CORRESPONDENCE

It was a great pleasure to receive the following letter from an old lady now living in Salford, describing life in Roos from before the First World War. Mrs. Littler says that she could write much more, and I hope that she will. - Ed.

107 Derby Road,
Salford,
Greater Manchester.
24th November 1985.

Dear Sir,

Recently I received two copies of the Rooster from my nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wingham of Main Street, Roos. What a lot of memories this newsletter brought back to me! As you asked for information of the village in the past, I thought perhaps some of the contents of this letter may be of interest to your readers, especially older residents.

Before my marriage, my name was Sarah Thompson, and I was the third child of Joseph and Sofia Thompson. At 89 I am the only remaining member of that family. My mother was the eldest daughter of Morris Metcalf and his wife Sabina, who was formerly a Longman. Morris Met-

calf was a carrier and he had a small farm with some fields on the south side of the village, almost opposite Lamb Lane. One field was kept for grazing the two horses which he used to pull his carrier's cart. On Tuesday and Friday each week, my grandad went to Hull. At the south end of the village was another man, Mr. Reed, who was also a carrier.

My grandfather lived in the house opposite Mr. Wallis's shop. My friend from childhood days is Dorothy Wallis, now Landsberg, who married when her parents emigrated to Canada. She still lives there, in British Columbia. Recently my niece, on a visit to some of her relatives in B.C., called to see my friend. My nephew in Roos lives in part of the shop which used to belong to Mr. Wallis. Some of my own family went out to Alberta and B.C. My uncle, Harry Thompson, had a butcher's shop at the south end of the village. His daughter Gladys, married, and a few years afterwards, with other members of the Burnham family from Halsham, went out to Australia. At 93 she lives with her daughter. Last year her grand-daughter visited Roos.

A Miss Gardiner taught me in what was called the small school. It would now be called a junior school. In the big school or upper school, I was taught by a Miss Vaughan and a Mr. Lewis, who was the headmaster. We had to behave or we got the cane!

I remember many people mentioned in the newsletter like Mr. and Mrs. Eldred and some of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Cheeseman who had the post office, though I do not remember if the shop was on the same place that Mr. and Mrs. Found had it, on the corner opposite one of the public houses. The shop occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hinch used to be kept by Mr. Sowerby, and it sold bicycles. On the opposite side of the road was the house and shop of Mr. Jubb who was the tailor. He also sold drapery. On the same side of the road as Mr. Hinch there was the forge, and as children we loved to go and watch the blacksmith at work.

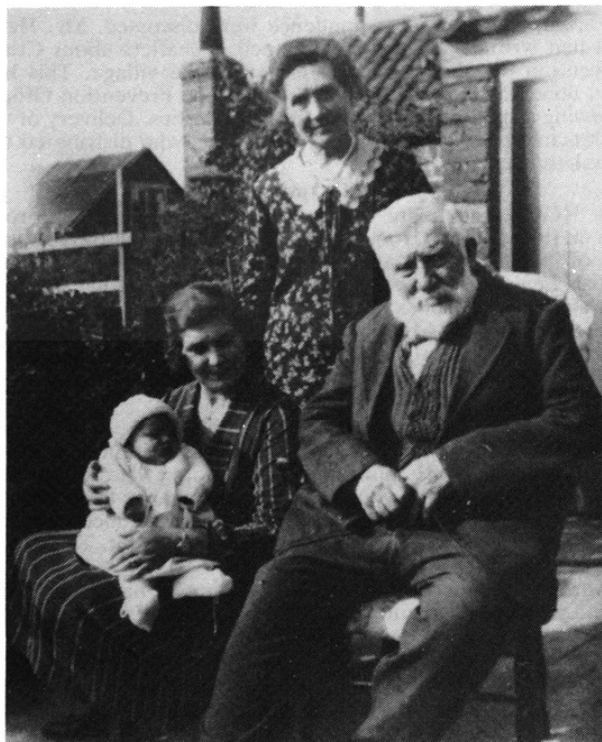
At the age of seventeen I kept house for my grandfather Metcalf. During the First World War I can remember serving tea and what food we could get, to the soldiers who came to the Institute. It was there that I met the man who I later married. That was in Roos Church, where I was also confirmed.

Opposite the Institute lived my uncle, Herbert Metcalf. By trade he was a joiner. I was happy to note that the church bells are to be rung again. I remember well the Smales family used to ring them, Mr. Charles, Mr. John or Jack as we knew him, and sister Polly. They used to accompany us as we went through the village at Christmas time, singing carols. One of them played the fiddle. We had a lantern to light our way.

I have many memories of Roos and could write much more. My family wanted to know all about Roos as I knew it as a child, and I have written down my memories for them. That is more of a family album and is being made into a little book for them. I hope that you can find something of interest in this letter, which you may wish to put in future copies of the Rooster.

Michael Wingham now lives in the house once occupied by my aunt and uncle in the Thompson family.

One photograph in the Rooster shows the Cheeseman shop. I think the man outside is Mr. Found, and he had a terrier dog called Spot. I note that you spell Pilmar in a different way from the way I knew it as a child. We always referred to it as Pilmoor Lane.



The enclosed photograph is four generations of my family. My grandfather was Morris Metcalf, his daughter, my mother, was Sofia Thompson, and the child on my knee is my daughter. The photo was taken in 1932.

Yours sincerely,
Sarah Littler.

A copy of this letter is being submitted to The Holderness Gazette
Telford,
Lamb Lane,
Roos.
22nd December 1985

Dear Sir,

Roos School

A letter from me on the above subject was printed in 'The Holderness Gazette' on 29th November. This elicited a reply from Father Aquinas. It had not been my intention to enter into a correspondence on the matter. However, his letter raises issues to which I must respond.

Father Aquinas quotes the process that preceded the building of the present school and delves back into a period when I was active in village life, though he had yet to join us. As those who are familiar with local government will know, Humberside County Council did not 'negotiate' with the Holderness Borough Council. Information was requested and provided as to the future population projections and, on the basis of these figures and other information concerning the catchments of other primary schools, a decision was taken to build the new school in Roos. Because of the condition of the old school, many parents invested considerable energy in pressuring the County Council to give Roos priority. It was one of only three new schools built in the whole county that year.

Since 1974 the number of dwellings in Roos has increased by over fifty (this against the figure of 41 said **not** to have been achieved). Further, there is current planning permission for an additional 18 dwellings.

If Father Aquinas is disturbed by the prospects for the future of Roos School, would it not have been wise of him to consult the Education Authority, who, after all, manage the resource? Following the Rector's reply, I asked the Director of Education to state his position, and quote the relevant section of the response I received

"You will appreciate, I am sure, that to make predictions as to which issues members of the Education Committee will concern themselves with in future months is impossible to determine. Suffice to say that Roos School is not unique in suffering falling rolls, but as the intake in the last two/three years seems to have levelled off at 11 pupils, then with seven year-groups of this number it may not be too long before the school population rises to near the accommodation capacity of 90 pupils.

"The Authority's policy with regard to the closure of small village schools is not yet clear, but it perhaps is significant that the intended closure of Bishop Burton C.E. Primary School - with 22 pupils on roll - is currently being reviewed with the intention of keeping it open."

Finally, can I say that I have attempted to address myself to the facts of the present situation. I consider that Father Aquinas has unreasonably used his position as Chairman of the Governors at Roos School by linking the issue of future housing development in the village with the future of the school. I hope that this reply will clear this up and that any future development within the village will be discussed on its own merits and not in the context of 'Save Our School'!

Yours faithfully,
Noel Towe.

**Roos C.E. Primary School
Parent-Teachers Association
JUMBLE SALE**
Tuesday, 21st January, 3.30 p.m.
Proceeds towards new video-recorder

ROOS ARMS R.L.F.C.

Despite the four recent defeats described below, Roos have shown considerable improvement. New coach Fred Stuart has instilled discipline and co-ordination into the team. The side is now playing purposeful and entertaining football. The Wednesday evening training sessions are starting to pay dividends, ball-handling in particular showing a marked improvement.

24th November. Roos 2, Bridlington 26. Goal: G. Marshall. Man of the match - S. Karsera. This away match will be remembered for the appalling ground conditions. Fielding a largely inexperienced side, Roos stuck to their task well. Moving Steve Karsera from the wing to the hooking role proved a master-stroke. Steve has produced four excellent displays in the front row and gave an excellent all-round display in this game.

1st December. Roos 0, Grange 26. Man of the match - D. Staniforth. This defeat against a high-flying Grange team may seem to have been a hammering but on the balance of play Roos were extremely unlucky not to score. David Staniforth and John Wigglesworth were particularly outstanding for Roos.

8th December. Roos 6, Northern Dairies 8. Try: M. Newhall. Goal: T. Bailey. In their best performance of the season so far, Roos were unfortunate not to win. Props Jimmy Towler and Mike Newhall were outstanding with strong penetrative running and high tackle-counts.

15th December. Roos 8, Withernsea 32. Try: D. Hoc. Goals: T. Bailey 2. Man of the match - M. Marsden. In this final game before Christmas against local rivals, highly-entertaining play thrilled the large crowd. Again, Roos were unlucky to be beaten by so many points. The experience of the Withernsea side marked the main difference between the team. In this game there was outstanding play from Graham Marshall, Mark Marsden, David Staniforth and Trevor Bailey.

The club is in very good heart and optimistic about the future. A good deal of local interest has been generated and sincere thanks are due to the large appreciative crowds that have backed the team all season. The players hope to produce the goods during the rest of the season to reward this excellent support. Fixtures for January are listed in 'Coming Events'.
D.W.

Friday, 31st January : Memorial Institute ROOS ARMS R.L.F.C. DISCO

Juniors 50p Adults £1.00
(7.00-10.00 p.m.) (10.00-1.30 a.m.)

Refreshments & Late Bar

CRIME PREVENTION

Thefts from local premises in recent weeks led to a visit by Ian McPherson, Crime Prevention Officer. He provided leaflets delivered round the village by 'Rooster', volunteer distributors. He has also supplied coloured illustrated booklets produced by the Central Office of Information in association with government departments and General Accident. Copies of these are available free in local shops and from L. Hellwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane.

Opinion in the village seems to be divided as to whether thefts from The Roos Arms and from two private houses were the work of local opportunists or of people from outside. Did the thieves know a time when the Roos Arms might be vulnerable and when both houses were empty because husband and wife in each case were at work?

One of the householders who was robbed is keen that we should all deliberately adopt a 'good-neighbour policy' and keep our eyes open for anything suspicious. It is probable that thieves in his own house were disturbed when a neighbour noticed something odd and rang for help. Nevertheless, they got away, not only with what they were mainly looking for - unidentifiable items in new condition - but also some that were irreplaceable, objects of historical and sentimental value. Expense apart, such losses are often hardest to bear.

Constable McPherson is anxious to do whatever he himself can to help householders. He is willing to speak to groups and to individuals who want advice about security - Ring Hull 781221, Extension 5426. Members of Roos W.I. are to have a talk on Crime Prevention by another officer late in the year (September). Meanwhile, for good practical help, why not pick up one of the coloured booklets available?

Spinning Wheel presents a
DISCOUNT WOOL SALE
in Roos Memorial Institute
Thursday, 9th January 10.00-3.00

ROOS F.C.

December had proved to be rather an inactive month for the 'A' team. Only one match was played owing to waterlogged pitches. In that one game - against Lambwath Rangers at home on 1st December - Roos produced another sub-standard home performance and allowed the opposition to steal a point in a 4-4 draw. Scorers for Roos were: Andy Bailey 1 (penalty), Dave Hampton 1, and Nick Derbyshire 2.

Very disappointingly, the much-awaited cup semi-final against Cholmley Woves, due to be played at Hedon on 15th December, was postponed. It will now be played on 29th December.

Current leading goal-scorers for Roos 'A' are:

Dave Hampton 14	Dave Cowell 7	Steve Jumps 2
Nick Derbyshire 12	Mark Battye 3	Paul McKinley 1
Andy Bailey 8	Chris Hodgson 2	Andy Howe 1

(Two own goals)

The 'B' team have not been much luckier with their fixtures, having played only two matches. They had a win over bottom team Saints and suffered a very narrow defeat away to unbeaten league leaders Preston F.C. The latter result was a really excellent one for the 'B' team and indicates the improvement they have recently made; if maintained it will certainly ensure a position at the top half of the league by the end of the season.

Roos F.C. would like to wish all our loyal supporters and everyone else in the village a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. (January fixtures are given in 'Coming Events').

R.D.

KEEP FIT

New term starts Thursday, 16th January in the School Hall

7.30-9.00. Adult fee £8.00

Come and redistribute the Christmas pud

ROOS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

During recent months, members of the Institute Committee have been attempting to find ways of improving the appearance and facilities of the Institute. It is hoped that N.A.C.R.O. - The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders - will be able to assist us by providing labour and expertise, leaving us the task of raising money to cover the cost of materials. At the moment I am awaiting the result of a Management Meeting to hear whether N.A.C.R.O. will be permitted to take on the project. I had hoped that we would know definitely by now but felt it better to jump the gun a little and let everyone know what we are attempting rather than allow another month to pass before getting things moving.

The Committee have proposed the following work which, it is hoped, will be carried out in the summer of 1986.

1. Alterations to the outside store to make most of it accessible only from the interior.
2. Turning round the outside toilet so that facilities for men and women will both have access from the billiards room.
3. Repointing where necessary.
4. Repairs to roof and exterior woodwork.
5. Repairs to interior: i.e. plaster and woodwork.
6. Repainting exterior and interior.

The Committee have asked each of the User Organisations to hold a small event between now and the summer. Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Cheeseman have kindly organised a comedy evening that I hope will be well supported at the end of January - see notice below. The Institute Committee themselves are holding a home-made wine-testing in February: the date to be announced later; meanwhile, wine-tasters and beer-brewers please take note! - All (or almost all) contributions will be gratefully received. On Saturday, 3rd May - **not** Easter as first proposed - a major event is planned: using the Institute and surrounds, there are to be cooking, craft, and handwork competitions, entries to be auctioned at the end of the day. There will also be displays (e.g. Maypole dancing, a band...), stalls, and a sponsored event - possibly a pram-push for the hardy.

I should be grateful for other suggestions and offers of help. If you can manage nothing else, PLEASE support events over the coming months and help us to make the Institute both more functionally efficient and really attractive.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15th January at 8.00 p.m. in the Institute.

COMING EVENTS

January

- 5 Roos F.C. 'B' v F.C. County, Home
- Roos Arms R.L.F.C. v Grange, Home, 11.00
- 6 Playing Field Committee, Roos Arms, 8.30
- 8 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute, 7.15. 'Natter & Nibble' evening.
- 9 Discount Wool Sale. Memorial Institute. 10.00-3.00
- 12 Roos F.C. 'A' v Hull Clutch Centre, Home
- Roos Arms R.L.F.C. v Wold Raiders, Home, 11.00
- 13 Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Institute, 7.30
- 15 Memorial Institute Committee, 8.00 in Institute
- 19 Roos F.C. 'B' v Four in Hand, Home
- Roos Arms R.L.F.C. v Northern Dairies, Away, King George V Playing Field, 11.00
- 21 Parent-Teacher Association. Jumble Sale.
- Roos School, 3.30
- 26 Roos F.C. 'A' v Barham F.C., Home
- Roos Arms R.L.F.C. v Orchard Park. Sir Leo Schultz School, 11.00
- 29 Headway Players in 'It's Not Fur, Darling'. Memorial Institute, 8.00
- 31 Roos Arms A.R.L.F.C. Disco. Memorial Institute, 7.00 and 10.00

February

- 2 Roos F.C. 'B' v Needlers, Home
- 5 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute, 7.15. Tony Ellis: The Work of H.M. Coastguards.

DEADLINE FOR COPY : MONDAY, 20th JANUARY

Club Secretaries and others are invited to submit material to Leslie Helliwell, Lamb Lane (70291).

'The Rooster' is published on or after the first Monday of the month. Sometimes 'Coming Events' Items at the start of month are by then out of date. To ensure relevance, submit 'Coming Events' items for the first week or so of the **subsequent** month - e.g. some February items in the January issue.

Don't miss seeing The Headway Players in

IT'S NOT FUR, DARLING

Memorial Institute, Wednesday, 29th January

at 8.00 p.m.

Afterwards enjoy a sing-along with your cup of tea and mince pie

Adults 75p OAPs/Children 50p

Proceeds in aid of Institute Funds