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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor G.E. Winter took the Chair at the meeting of 10th March. Others present were: Councillors Cheeseman, Clark, Cook, Quarmby and Priest. Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Beal, Benson and Grant.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 10th February were approved. It was reported that a planning application discussed at the previous meeting had been rejected by the Borough Council. This was for the retention of a bow window at The Folly, Main Street.

Correspondence

The Parish Clerk, Mr. Cyril Woodhouse, presented a number of letters received, including a letter from the York Diocesan Education Council confirming earlier information regarding Roos School, which is "voluntary controlled". The Council were also notified of an application to the licensing justices from Mrs. M.E. Wilson for an off-licence at the village Spar shop and of an application by Mr. Ivor Ellis for renewal of his public entertainment licence at The Mermaid Tavern, Sand-le-Mere. The Holderness Director of Development had written about the publicity being given to tourist events in the area and requested the Parish Council to encourage submission of further information suitable for tourists. It was agreed to place the letter on the parish notice board.

Petition Against Nuclear Waste

Another letter from the Director of Development referred to the news that Killingholme had been short-listed as a suitable site for the disposal of radioactive waste. Along with others, the Parish Council in Roos had been requested to encourage residents to sign the petition against such nuclear dumping. The minimum target for Roos had been 109 signatures. So far only 82 people had signed. Councillors were keen to help reach the target figure and it was agreed to seek further petition forms from Skirlaugh.

Roos Memorial Institute

Mrs. Christine Mitchell, Chairman of the Memorial Institute, had written requesting the financial assistance already promised. It was needed to help meet the costs of structural and decorative improvements. Details were given of the work to be undertaken and of rough estimates of likely expenses. The work was to be carried out with assistance from N.A.C.R.O. A programme of fund-raising activities was already under way and was to include a May Fair on 3rd May. It was expected that work would commence in the summer. After some discussion, the Council agreed to make a grant of £250.

Roos Village Plan

In response to a query from the Parish Council, the Director of Development had sent details of information derived from the questionnaire circulated in the village during November. The material was substantially as published in 'The Holderness Gazette' on 3rd January. The Director said that a public meeting would be held in Roos "later this spring". Councillor Winter said that he had been led to expect the meeting in April or May.

The Village Appraisal

Twelve members of the Appraisal Group had signed a letter asking the Parish Council to hold, on behalf of the village, a grant of £50 offered by the Community Council of Humberside. Some of this grant would be needed to meet the cost of producing the questionnaire report that was currently being prepared.

Members of the Appraisal Group said that they were a body of volunteers, informally organised, and had no Treasurer or bank account. For this reason it seemed appropriate to invite the Parish Council to handle the public funding that had been offered. Some members of the Council expressed doubts whether they were authorised to meet such a request; they envisaged that the official auditors might disapprove. It was decided to seek advice from the Borough Council before considering the matter further.

Planning

Previous applications had now been approved by Borough in respect of properties at 2 Coltman Row, Roos House in Main Street, and 20 Pilmar Lane (the new post office). A new application had been made by Mr. Michael Hodgson in respect of Eastfield Farm: he sought permission to erect a farm dwelling would be more appropriately sited to the north of Pilmar Lane alongside the farm buildings - though they appreciated that the application has been made on the assumption that a dwelling to the south of the road would have easier access to sewerage facilities. They accepted the need for a dwelling, however, and supported the application as it stood, subject to approval by the Director of Development.

Accounts

The Council approved payment of an insurance premium due.

The Playing Field

Councillor J.R. Clark, speaking as a member of the Playing Field Committee, advised members that it was intended to apply for a grant from the National Playing Fields Association. For procedural reasons, the application would need to be submitted by the Parish Council. A formal request would be made to the Council to help in this way.

The Old School

Councillor J.C. Priest said that he had been approached by Mr. R.A. Crook who is converting the old school into a dwelling. Mr. Crook was anxious to preserve the original facade as far as possible and wondered whether residents would like the school clock to be replaced. Through Councillor Priest he was seeking Parish Council advice.

Councillor Winter thought that Mr. Crook should properly have submitted his request in the form of a letter. In any case, he thought that if the Parish Council supported reinstatement of the clock they might be deemed to have undertaken responsibility for its repair and maintenance. Not all councillors felt strongly about the procedural point but it seemed to be left that Mr. Crook should be advised to write formally.

After the close of the meeting when members of the public were able to comment, a number of people felt that Mr. Crook's enquiry had been badly handled. Mr. Crook had the interests of the village at heart and had quite properly asked a Parish Councillor to seek representative advice. It would be unreasonable to insist on a formal letter on such a matter. One person pointed out that work on the school frontage was well advanced and that if the clock were to be replaced it should be incorporated while builders were still on the job - not in a month's time after the next Parish Council meeting. Mr. Crook's request for advice needed an immediate response. Some councillors seemed to agree with these views but it appeared that the official meeting was not reconvened.

ROOS PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting

Monday, 14th April at 7.30

Roos Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING SHOW

Details are available of the Spring Show of the Roos and District Horticultural Society to be held on Saturday, 19th April in the Memorial Institute. The Show will be opened at 2.00 p.m. and presentations will be made at 3.00 p.m. by Father Aquinas. Admission will cost 30p for adults and 10p for children. Refreshments will be available as well as a cake stall, a bring-and-buy stall and a raffle.

There will be 43 classes in all, divided into six sections: Cut Flowers, Plants and Bulbs, Decorative Arrangement, Children's Classes, Fruit and Vegetables, and Eggs. Entries must be staged by 10.30. Judging will begin at 12.30.

A full schedule of the various classes may be obtained from Mrs. Jennifer Grant, Granleigh, South End, Roos (70576), to whom entry forms must be returned by **Thursday, 17th April**.

The 44th Annual Summer Show will be held on 26th July in Burton Pidsea Village Hall.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the March meeting, after giving a warm welcome to new members, the President, Mrs. Nora Hornby, invited all to sing birthday greetings to senior member Mrs. Dorothy Maltas. Mrs. Maltas was also congratulated on her entries in the Bulb Show of the South Holderness Group of Women's Institutes - as were Gwen Wright, Mary Maltas, Jennifer Grant and Val Hoe, who between them earned sufficient points to earn Roos W.I. second place.

The President expressed the appreciation of members to Irene Helliwell, organiser, and to Sue and Pete Sedgwick and staff for the excellent Birthday Dinner at The Roos Arms.

On 9th April there is to be a coffee morning with raffle and bring-and-buy at The Elms, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smith. Proceeds will be in support of the Memorial Institute Renovation Fund. What could be nicer than having your morning coffee with friends in such a delightful place? Transport can be arranged if necessary.

The guest speaker was Mr. Styche of Messrs F. Smales & Son, Fish Merchants, Hull. He arrived with a large variety of sea food and spoke most informatively of the many places where fish are caught and of various methods of processing.

Jennifer Grant, having won the monthly competition with her bowl of hyacinths, currently holds the Marjorie Maltas Memorial Trophy. Who will hold it next month? Enter the next competition and it might be **you**.

C.F.

ROOS F.C. 'A'

The long lay-off due to bad February weather seems to have recharged the team's batteries as the two fixtures played since the re-start produced emphatic wins, with 15 goals scored for and none against.

On 9th March we played Mill Lane United at home and won 8-0, the result never being in doubt from the kick-off. Goalscorers were: Dave Hampton 2, Nick Derbyshire 2, Dave Cowell 2 and Mark Battye 1.

The following Sunday, 16th March, Hull Clutch Centre were the visitors and also wished they hadn't come as they were beaten 7-0. Mark Nesti set the ball rolling after five minutes with a superb 20-yard volley that rocketed into the net and from this point on it was all one-way traffic towards the Clutch Centre Goal. Other goal-scorers were Dave Cowell 4 and Nick Derbyshire 2.

In these last two matches Roos have looked exceptionally capable in all departments, which bodes ill for future opponents. Everyone is now playing with a hunger and a will to succeed that are really heartening to see with the Cup Final to come.

The race for the leading goal-scorer award at the end of the season is really hotting up with Nick Derbyshire now only one goal behind Dave Hampton (19 goals). However, 'Crabs' Cowell is coming up fast on the rails with six goals in his last two games taking his total to 14. He seems to have rediscovered his early season form and could be a good bet to take the final honours.

Finally, a question: Where have all our supporters gone? We have a quality team which has reached a Cup Final and is going very well in the League, yet we cannot attract supporters. Why? I know that Rugby League is a tremendous spectator sport and when Roos Arms R.L.F.C. are playing at home they deservedly attract marvellous support, but what about when they are playing away?

R. Derbyshire

Roos Playing Field Association

Winning tickets in Spring Draw: 2nd March 1986 - 16, 135, 222, 363, 438, 988, 2021, 2040, 2517, 3001, 3005, 3077, 3252, 3361, 4023, 4056, 4064, 4138, 4192, 4218, 4284, 4516, 4658, 4790, 5103, 5844, 5909, 6212, 6402, 6555, 7151.

By the date of this notice all prizes will probably have been claimed. Any outstanding may be claimed via the person who sold the ticket.

FUN DAY : Bank Holiday Monday : 25th August

UNDER-FIVES AT ROOS SCHOOL

It is possible - but not certain - that next September children under the age of five will have special provision at Roos C.E. School.

Over previous years Humberside Education Committee has been extending its provision for children under the age of five. Where numbers were sufficient, nursery classes have been established. In other case, 'early admissions classes' have been approved.

Mr. Roger Sadler, Divisional Education Officer for East Riding schools, confirmed by phone that on 19th March the Education Committee approved early admissions classes at eleven Humberside schools. He stressed that many details remained to be worked out, not least with the headmaster, Keith Thorogood. Barring unforeseen problems, however, Mr. Sadler thought that there might well be a class for under-fives at Roos in September this year.

Mr. Thorogood says that the school applied for inclusion in the early-admissions programme last autumn. As soon as arrangements have been worked out, he intends to publish details for parents in 'The Rooster'.

COPY DEADLINE : Monday, 21st April

Material for the May issue of 'The Rooster' will be most welcome - news items, articles, letters - but by or before the deadline, please.

ROOS ARMS A.R.L.F.C.

9th March : Roos 15, Beverley 20

Man of the match: Neale Salton. Tries: Graham Marshall 2; Alan Hampton 1.

Goals: Graham Marshall 1; John Wigglesworth 1 (drop goal).

After a four-week delay due to bad weather, Roos can count themselves unlucky to lose. The game was a very hard affair, with the lead changing hands several times.

Slack defensive errors by Roos led to the first Beverley try. However, Roos regained their composure, John Wigglesworth linking brilliantly with Graham Marshall on the outside to send the centre sprinting under the posts. A conversion was added and five minutes later John Wigglesworth executed a drop goal to extend Roos's lead to 7-4. Just before half time Roos scored a fantastic try through full back Alan Hampton. The move involved the three-quarter line with Bryan Lawson releasing the ball at just the right time for the full back to cross in the corner.

The second half was equally competitive. After persistent pressure, Beverley scored in the corner but Roos replied straight away, Graham Marshall scoring his second try to restore the seven-point margin. However, Beverley produced a storming finish: a converted try from their left winger and an interception try in the last five minutes cruelly ended Roos's hopes of winning. The Roos stars in this match were Neale Salton, Jimmy Towler and John Wigglesworth.

16th March : Roos 22, Withernsea 24

Man of the match: Neale Salton. Tries: Neale Salton, Mike Newhall, John Wigglesworth, Mark Marsden. Goals: Graham Marshall 3.

The large crowd were entertained to a vintage exhibition of Rugby League football fit for Wembley Stadium in a Cup Final.

Withernsea opened the scoring with a penalty goal after five minutes but Roos quickly replied with a John Wigglesworth try and a Graham Marshall conversion. At this stage Roos were playing some lovely football and only excellent Withernsea tackling kept them out. Soaking up the pressure, Withernsea seized on a loose ball to tie the score at six all. A further try took them into the lead for the second time. However, typical of the match, Trevor Bailey cleverly put Neale Salton over for an excellent try and Graham Marshall's conversion put Roos in front 12-10. A third try from Withernsea and a Graham Marshall penalty made the half-time score fourteen all.

The second half was just as exciting. Withernsea scored a converted try followed by a Mike Newhall try for Roos. With only five minutes to go, a Withernsea try and a score of 24-18 seemed to spell the end for Roos. Trevor Bailey had different ideas. His one-handed pass to substitute Mark Marsden put Roos within two points of Withernsea. However, the try was not converted and Withernsea ran out victors by the two-point margin. Outstanding performers for Roos were: Trevor Bailey, Neale Salton, David Staniforth, Steve Karsera and Dick Thompson.

D.W.

**Roos Arms A.R.L.F.C.
DISCOS AT THE MERMAID, SAND-LE-MERE**

Food available. Late Bar. Raffle

Friday, 11th April from 9.30

With Duo SOYA & BEAN

Adults only. £1.00

Friday, 25th April

Children: from 7.00 to 10.00 - 50p

Adults: from 10.00 - £1.00

FACELIFTS

The changing face of Roos is reflected in the renovation of its old buildings. In the Parish Council report reference was made to the adaptation that the old school is undergoing.

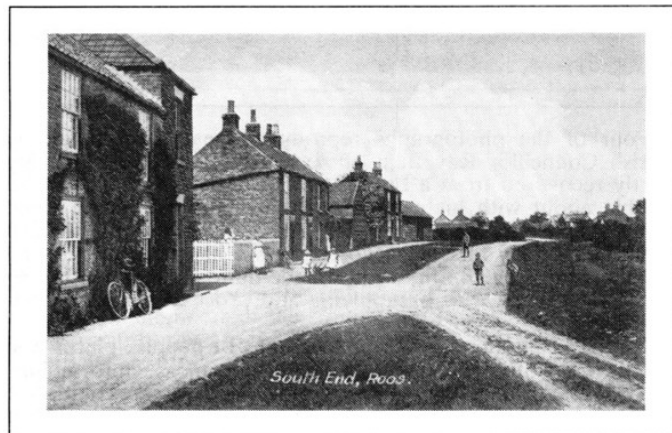


The building has been semi-derelict for too long. It is clear from work in progress that this side of 'School Corner' is going to be much improved. The main external change, of course, is to the windows. The replacement of the tall windows of 19th century institutional design was necessary to make the building suitable as a dwelling. The new smaller frames will blend both with the facade of the structure and with other architectural features of the village.



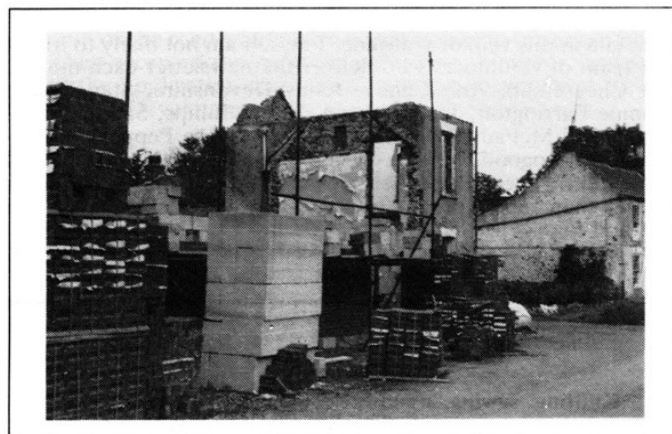
This view along the start of Pilmar Lane shows how the renovation will present a perspective very compatible with the terraced cottages beyond. At one time it seemed likely that there might be four entirely new buildings on the site of the old school. The retention of the fabric of the old building itself seems far preferable, conserving a good deal of the character of this part of the village.

Farther south, work has been in progress for several months on the property formerly occupied by Mr. Brigham Read at the corner of Dove Lane and South End Road. In the old days - before new housing to the north and south - the cluster of dwellings round Dove Lane corner must have been a quiet and rather isolated little group.



In this old print the little boy standing in the road is, according to Mr. Ken Lawson, an early version of himself!

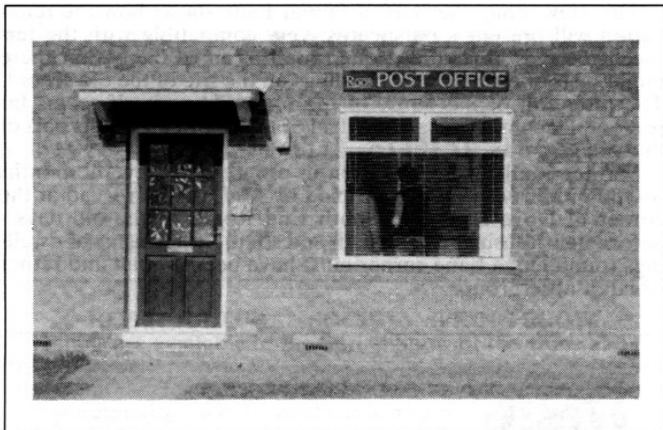
The first stage of the work was a matter of demolition. The result looked like bomb damage with only the tower-like structure left standing roofless on the corner. Then resurrection commenced.



Like a phoenix from the ashes the modern building has now taken shape. The frontage blends well together the retained corner section and the completely new part to the left.



Finally, in this juxtaposition of the old and the new, here's a view of the post office in its new premises at 20 Pilmar Lane. Compare its modern clean straight lines with the Georgian-windowed post office in Main Street of seventy or so years ago (in 'The Rooster', September issue).



Four of the photographs reproduced here were taken by Parish Councillor Ray Beal of Aysgarth, South End. Having partly recovered from a broken ankle, he is only now able to hobble about with his camera to fulfil a promise made some months ago. He has undertaken to supply photographs each month especially for 'The Rooster'. As it happens, he is being assisted in this by another offer - made quite independently - by Mr. Brian Wells who is supplying and processing the film without charge.

Ray Beal intends to take photographs of people, places and events - organisers of forthcoming events please inform him (70635) and/or me (70291) in good time. As to pictures of places, the loan of old photographs will be most welcome, especially of views of the village that have changed. We can then maintain a 'Past and Present' series, showing each location as it used to be and as it is now.

I am sure that very many in our community will share my own appreciation of the commitment of Ray Beal and Brian Wells in offering open-ended support to 'The Rooster' month by month. And we are continually in debt to Martin Lunn for generously printing the newsletter for us: without his unceasing philanthropy our village could not sustain a newsletter in its present excellent format.

While in this vein of gratitude, I myself am not likely to forget the team of volunteers who deliver the newsletter each month: Pat Cheeseman, Ann Cundy, Jenny Devonshire, Stan Dalby, Connie Farrington, Jean Jackson, Judith Jumps, Sandra Lockwood, Bill McFadyen, Margaret Payne, Joyce Pepper and Christine Thorogood. Not forgetting Chris Leeman, who helped until recently: expecting her second child, she has a weightier matter than 'The Rooster' to carry and deliver. Best wishes to her and thanks to all.

L.H.

Calling all makers of

'THINGS'

Knitting, sewing, woodwork, painting - any craft idea

Please help support the Memorial Institute. We are having a craft stall at the **May Fair, 3rd May**. If you would like to sell any of your 'makes' please contact **Jean Towe, Telford, Lamb Lane (70581)**

75% of cost to you, 25% to Institute funds. Mark all items clearly: name, address, phone, price.

ROOS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Christine Mitchell, Institute Chairman, reports that plans are proceeding for the alterations to be started in the summer and for the May Fair, Saturday, 3rd May, which is intended to help raise funds to pay for them. Further offers of help with the May Fair will be welcome, especially from people willing to run a stall or other fund-raising activity.

As to renovation of the building and its equipment, bricks and chair-menders are needed: bricks (secondhand, any condition) are needed for restructuring of parts of interior walls; chair-menders are asked to offer help in repairing a number of chairs that need only a little knowledgeable attention to be made good again. If you can help in either way, ring 70771.

THE PEOPLE OF ROOS

There are probably about 770 people living in Roos Village. Of these, over half have been here for a relatively short time-ten years or less. Over a fifth have lived here for three years or less.

The Appraisal Questionnaire

These estimates are based on responses to the recent questionnaire, which was completed by 247 people - though the number of persons represented is greater than that since in several known instances a single questionnaire was handed in for both husband and wife together. The number of households covered was 144: that is 51.25% of the assumed total of 281. Evidence derived from over half the village is likely to be substantially true for the village as a whole.

Commuter Mobiles and Others

Information about the length of time that people have lived in Roos emphasises the high mobility of a significant section of our population. We all know that Roos is an attractive dormitory village. Persons coming to jobs in the Hull area wish their families to live in a rural environment within commuting distance - many gave this in the questionnaire as their main reason for living here. And if work brings people to Hull, work can take them away again, and away from Roos.

Surprise, Surprise?

Because we do know of this tendency, the fact that the questionnaire gives evidence of it is no surprise. What is surprising is the actual figures and their relative proportions. The fact that 51.09% have lived here for ten years or less is surely an unexpectedly high proportion for a country village. Four out of every five have lived here for no more than twenty years. (Of course this includes young people aged 16-20 who were born here). Conversely, only one in five has lived here for **more** than twenty years.

Sources of Friction

A high proportion of newcomers in a village can upset the social equilibrium and seem to threaten cherished customs and traditions. The 'outsiders', while grateful for the friendliness of established residents, become aware of a 'them-and-us' divide. Established residents, especially those whose families have lived in the area for a generation or two, are inclined to be suspicious of strangers who, keen to play a part in the community, seem pushy and destructive. In the questionnaire there was clear evidence of this. One question asked for suggestions to improve the quality of life in Roos. There were many positive ideas that no one, whether 'old' or 'new' could object to; but there were some responses that were full of suspicion: if people came to live in a country village (said some), they shouldn't start trying to change it; if they wanted urban amenities, they should have settled in a town; if they didn't like the village, they should go elsewhere; and so on.

Shared Values and Purposes

In defence of the 'newcomers' (having lived in Roos for only eighteen years), I would argue that they all **chose** to live in Roos and did so for the very reasons that have kept 'older' residents staying here. There is far more community of interests and values than is suspected. In the questionnaire it was the newcomers who voiced most strongly the need for preservation and conservation.

Good-Neighbourliness

There is said to be a generation-gap between parents and children. We don't want a 'residence-gap' in Roos - a division between new residents and old. The population figures demonstrate the potential risk. The future of the village - both materially and in community life - depends on continuing collaboration and goodwill. Let's hope that what one respondent called Roos's good-neighbourliness will prevail.

L.H.

COMING EVENTS

April

- 2 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15. Speaker: Mrs. Susan Taylor (nee Payne) on 'Ladies' 19th Century Costume'.
- 6 Playing Field Committee. Sponsored Family Walk.
- 6 Roos F.C. 'A' v Amy Johnson (Away)
- 6 Roos F.C. 'B' v F.C. County (Home)
- 9 Memorial Institute Committee Meeting (Ring 70771 for venue and time).
- 9 Roos F.C. 'A' v Crown (Home). Kick-off 6.30.
- 10 Combined Benefice Coffee Evening and Draw. Roos School. 7.30
- 11 Youth Club. Sponsored Games Night. Memorial Institute. From 7.00 p.m.
- 13 Roos F.C. 'A' v Norland (Away).
- 13 Roos F.C. 'B' v Croda (Home).
- 14 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30
- 19 Roos & District Horticultural Society. Spring Show. Memorial Institute. 2.00.
- 20 Roos F.C. 'A' v National (Home).
- 27 Roos F.C. 'A' v Lambwath Rangers (Away).

May

- 3 May Fair. Memorial Institute.
- 7 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15. Speaker: Mr. Kersham, Northern Dairies.
- 23 Darby and Joan Club. Spring Fayre.