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PARISH MEETING

A Parish Meeting to discuss the Draft Roos Village Plan was held on 9th February immediately after the Parish Council Meeting (reported later). The Chairman was Councillor K.G. Grant and, in addition to councillors, about 24 members of the public attended.

An outline of the Draft Plan, including a composite map, was included in the January newsletter. Most of the time at the meeting was spent in discussing housing development, especially the first of three possible sites that had been identified - "A", "B" and "C" on the map.

The Plan had noted that housing development in Holderness averaged 10 units per acre (though it had been less than that in Roos) and that in recent years housing growth in Roos had been slow - averaging 4 new houses a year. The Plan assumed that this rate would continue for the next ten years. There was a need, therefore, to assess where suitable land might be found. Since there was already outline permission for 20 houses, the need was to identify land to accommodate a further 20.

"Site A" lies behind Pilmar Lane and Main Street. It has an area of 4.5 acres. If houses were built there at a density of ten to the acre it could accommodate 45 housing units.

Residents in the newest part of Pilmar Lane (sometimes called Pilmar Garth) were concerned that their cul-de-sac might become a busy thoroughfare and that both their peace and quiet and the value of their houses might suffer. They argued that Roos could not stand an estate of 45 new houses and that if Pilmar Garth were the only means of access it would be inadequate to cope with the traffic generated. On the other hand, if there were to be access from Main Street as well, then there would be a risk of through traffic using the route. There was a fear that existing hedging would be ripped out and that the rural atmosphere and habitat for birds would be destroyed.

Those most concerned about "Site A" would have preferred it not to have been identified as suitable for housing at all. However, there seemed to be a feeling that to recommend excluding it from the Plan altogether would have been futile. Instead, attempts were made to dispute the arithmetic of the development officers who had drawn up the Plan and to suggest that they had been inconsistent.

For example, sites "A", "B" and "C" taken together could accommodate 61 housing units, according to the planners. Yet they themselves had said that only 20 more new plots would be needed in the next ten years. If only 20 new plots were needed, why provide for 61? In the opinion of one speaker, the development officers had failed to get their sums right.

Further, the planners had said that development in Roos had normally been at a density of less than ten houses to the acre yet they had gone out of their way to state that 45 units could be built on "Site A". This would, it was argued, positively encourage developers to think of ten to the acre. It was an invitation to build more intensively than the planners themselves had said was characteristic of the village.

Other views were expressed. It was pointed out, for instance, that the Draft Plan was not proposing what *should* happen but indicating options - three sites that could, between them, easily accommodate the slow growth envisaged. The planners were not "proposing" that 45 houses *should* be built on "Site A", merely saying that the site could accept that number at a density acceptable elsewhere in Holderness.

It was also pointed out that the site was in multiple ownership and for that reason alone was unlikely to be developed all at one time as a single large estate - quite apart from the fact that demand in Roos was likely to remain at only four new houses a year. Further, all new development would be subject to the normal planning procedures: every application would be judged on its merits and could be opposed both by individuals and by the Parish Council if it was felt to be in any way detrimental to the interests of the existing community.

At brief moments, attention was given to other aspects of the Draft Plan. For example, the Plan was praised for its stress on the need to preserve trees and encourage more tree-planting and on the importance of safeguarding the unspoilt character of the village. The Plan had taken note of local concern about traffic hazards and the desire for a speed restriction. It had accepted the inadequacy of some of the roads and agreed that the Highways Authority should be asked to remedy some of the worst features. The Chairman referred to the Parish Meeting in June 1986. On that occasion, Mr. Robin Fell, on behalf of the Highways Authority, undertook to arrange for a survey of all roads and footpaths in Roos. The Chairman promised to ensure that the Authority be reminded of this undertaking and be pressed to fulfil it.

The Chairman admitted that sometimes requirements imposed as a condition of planning consent were not complied with - a speaker had referred to damage done to trees and hedging alongside Dove Lane. There was little case that the Parish Council could do after the event, though in such a case the Borough could insist on the replacement of trees and shrubs. He agreed that when permission to build the abattoir was granted there had

been a requirement to provide a screen of trees, yet no trees had been planted. He said that the point would be taken up at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

"Plot A", however, remained the recurrent topic to the end of the meeting. The Chairman said that the Parish Council sympathised with the concern of residents from Pilmar Garth and would take note of their arguments when comments on the Draft Plan were passed to the Borough's development department. Nevertheless, in spite of pressure to propose a limit to the scale and density of any development on "Site A", he repeatedly emphasised that the merits of any scheme could be discussed effectively only when an actual planning application had been submitted.



Dove Lane, February 1987

This photograph was taken from the Rectory Road end of Dove Lane. It shows the area where trees have been felled and the hedge alongside Dove Lane has been taken out. These were matters discussed both at the Parish Meeting in February and at the Parish Council Meeting in January.

The site to be developed runs as far as the line of Roos Beck. The area was formerly part of the garden of The Chestnuts and the boundary was well screened by trees and hedging. The house visible at the centre back is Southlands. Before the site was cleared, Southlands was never so exposed, even in winter.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of 9th February was chaired by Councillor K.G. Grant. Also present were Councillors Beal, Benson, Cheeseman, Cook, Priest and Winter. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clark and Quarby.

The Minutes of the January meeting were approved. In "Matters Arising" the Parish Clerk, Mr. Cyril Woodhouse, outlined the information he had supplied for updating the Emergency Plan.

Correspondence

Restoration of Verges. The Council had been informed of a letter concerning damage to grass verges during the snowy weather. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Payne had written to the Area Surveyor (the Technical Services Officer) at Hedon. They acknowledged the vital work done in clearing the snow from highways but pointed out that pathways had been blocked for a long time and that grass verges - down Main Street, for example - had suffered badly from the heavy machinery used. They hoped that in due course steps would be taken to restore the damaged area.

Community Resource Centre. Mr. Chris Copley, Director of the Community Council of Humberside, had written about the projected Resource Centre in Withernsea. Several parish councils (in addition to Roos Parish Council) had expressed interest in the project in principle. Mr. Copley had also written to the Holderness Director of Development urging early confirmation that the Borough Council would give financial support to this and other "social schemes" within the Humberside Rural Development Programme.

Planning

Hela, North End, Roos. Mr. and Mrs. Page had appealed against the refusal of outline planning consent by Holderness Borough Council for erection of a detached bungalow to the rear of the existing dwelling and vehicular access from Hilston Road. It was reported that the appeal had been upheld by the Inspector acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Environment and that outline planning consent was, therefore, granted. (A copy of the Inspector's decision is available for scrutiny on application to the Parish Clerk).

Caer Urfa, Lamb Lane, Roos. Outline permission had already been given for a two-bedroomed bungalow in the garden of Mrs. E.M. Parsons with vehicular access from Lamb Lane. A detailed application had now been submitted. Councillors were concerned that the point of access from Lamb Lane might be difficult and dangerous if taken through the high part of the banking. The application was supported subject to approval by the Highways Department.

Elm Garth, Roos. Messrs James Roberts Developments had submitted a revised plan for one of the three houses to be built on the South Park site with access from Elm Garth. No objection was raised.

Any other Business

Memorial Institute. Councillor Priest reported that the Institute Committee had now raised three quarters of the cost of the proposed extensions and improvements. He said that the Committee hoped that users would be able to find alternative venues while the work was going on. There was a proposal to include complete re-roofing in the NACRO scheme at an additional cost of £1,000.

Dirty Roads. There had been complaints to Councillor Winter about dirt on roads caused by development at South Park via Elm Garth. Councillors thought the complaints unjustified.

Smells from Sewers. Some residents had reported sewer smells to the Environmental Health Officers, one of whom had come to investigate. A blocked drain at the abattoir had now been cleared.

Waste Bins. Some information about types of bins was available but it was decided to defer a decision pending further advice.

Parked Cars. Councillor Cheeseman raised again the danger and damage to verges caused by cars parked on both sides of the road near the school. Off-road parking was essential.

ROOS PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting:

Monday, 9th March. Memorial Institute. 7.30 p.m.

Members of the public always welcome

To the Editor, "The Rooster"

4 North End Cottages,
Roos,
Hull
22nd January 1987

Dear Sir,

As many residents are aware, there are major differences of opinion between myself and the administration of All Saints' Church, Roos. During my term of office as churchwarden, major policy decisions were overturned or disregarded with such frequency that I felt it necessary to resign.

Since then many residents have approached me to express their own bitterness over many aspects of church life. I have brought some of these matters to the attention of certain members of the Parochial Church Council who - though giving me a sympathetic hearing - wished not to become involved. It has even been suggested that complaints from some members of our community should be disregarded on the grounds that they do not regularly attend church - so it has really nothing to do with them! Surely this begs the question: "Why don't they attend church? Where is the church failing in its role?"

During the past few months I have had several conversations and meetings with higher authorities within the church. Although agreement has been reached on many points, it would appear that - outside the parish - very little can be done to rectify matters. If so, the solution rests with the parish itself.

If you really care about your church and can fulfil the criteria set out at the foot of this letter, then you should apply without delay to be included on the Church Electoral Roll. Forms of application may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of Roos Parochial Church Council, Mrs. J. Kirkwood.

Once enrolled, you are entitled to attend the Annual Parish Meeting of All Saints' Church - to be held not later than 30th April. At the meeting you may bring up any matter of parochial or general church interest and you have the right to help elect a Parochial Church Council that will truly represent you. If you satisfy additional criteria (see below), you may yourself stand for election to the Council.

I strongly urge all members of our community who care about the church to ensure that their names are included on the Electoral Roll without delay. Only then have you the opportunity and the right to have a say in the affairs of our church.

The time, date and place of the Annual Parish Meeting MUST be publicised in advance by a notice on the doors of the Church and the Oratory for a minimum of eight days, including the two preceding Sundays.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) I.B. Broom

Qualifications for entry on the Church Electoral Roll

A lay person shall be entitled to have his name entered on the electoral roll of a parish if he/she

(a) is baptised;

- (b) is a member of the Church of England, or of a Church in communion with the Church of England;
- (c) is of seventeen years or upwards;
- (d) is resident in the parish or, if not so resident, has habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; and
- (e) has signed the form of application for enrolment.

Qualifications of persons to be chosen or elected by annual meetings

A person is qualified to be chosen or elected if:

- (a) his/her name is entered on the roll of the parish; and
- (b) he/she is in actual communicant member of the Church of England or, in the case of election to the parochial church council, an actual communicant member of any Church in communion with the Church of England; and
- (c) in the case of election to the deanery synod, he/she is of eighteen years or upwards.

Note that - if you satisfy these criteria - you DO NOT need to be a regular worshipper at a particular church to qualify for inclusion on its Roll; and that, to be considered for election, you DO NOT need to be a communicant at that particular church.

I.B.B.

Memorial Institute

Mrs. Jean Jackson, Treasurer of the Institute Committee, reports that the amount raised for the Renovation Fund now stands at £2,400. This includes the £250 grant from the Parish Council.

Further grants are looked for. Holderness Borough Council, for example, have promised to pay 15% of the approved final cost and a submission has been made through the Community Council of Humberside for a grant from the County Council. The possibility of a County Council grant is likely to have been decided during February; such a grant could be up to 50% of the approved final cost, though applications and the grants to be awarded are assessed on a basis of agreed priorities.

The target originally set was £3,500. This was a general estimate of the cost of materials, including materials for the re-roofing mentioned in the Parish Council report. Detailed estimates of material costs are now being prepared.

Labour costs are to be met by NACRO, who will be responsible for organising the workforce. It has now been agreed that NACRO will include the work in their schedule for the financial year 1987-8 and work is expected to start early in April. Assumptions that the work would be done during the current year had to be revised since the NACRO scheme required proof that the Institute Committee could meet the cost of materials and it seemed worth applying for a County Council grant for 1987-8 as one way of ensuring such proof.

The Renovation Fund still needs further funds since the level of a possible grant from the County Council is not certain. If there were, in the event, a surplus over the basic cost of repairs and restructuring, there would still be a need for the balance to provide internal redecoration and new furnishing, fittings and equipment to make the Institute a community centre to be proud of.

Unfortunately, these hopes for a new era in the history of the Memorial Institute have to be set alongside present anxiety about the security of the premises. A report on the Youth Club (see below) refers to problems caused by young people - not members of the Club - who cause a nuisance outside the premises.

The Institute Committee are aware that some teenagers have been getting into the building without permission. The side door is now bolted on the inside and the lock on the front door has been changed. Only three people have keys: Mrs. Christine Mitchell, Mrs. Marjorie Godfrey and Mrs. Jean Jackson. In spite of this, there is evidence that the building is still being entered unlawfully. Those responsible probably number no more than half a dozen, including two or three actual ringleaders.

The police have been informed and patrol the area from time to time. Intruders will be dealt with seriously. Residents are asked to keep an eye on the Institute and to contact the police or one of the key-holders immediately if they suspect that there is anything wrong. Sadly, our own village - like many much less happy communities - needs a neighbourhood watch scheme.

Roos Memorial Institute

BEETLE DRIVE

in aid of the Renovation Fund

Friday, 20th March — 7.00 p.m.

Prizes for Winner & "Booby" — Raffle

Admission: (including drinks and biscuits) 50p, Children 30p

All ages welcome, especially families with children

It is intended to hold further Beetle Drives on the third Friday of every month. Make a note! Watch this space for an alternative venue when the Institute is out of use owing to alterations.

Roos Youth Club

Most parents will be aware that the Youth Club is supervised by Mr. Mike Jackson and opens on Thursday evenings from 7.00 to 9.30 p.m. Young people aged from 8 to 21 are eligible to join. On most Thursdays the attendance averages 25. The majority are aged between 9 and 13, though a few are aged up to 18.

Members have the use of three rooms. This and the range of ages and the variety of activities taking place make supervision extremely difficult for one person. Help from parents or other adults is essential. A few volunteers - not necessarily attending every week - would guarantee adequate supervision.

Members actually attending the Youth Club are in general well-behaved. Unfortunately, there has sometimes been interference from young people outside the building who prefer causing a nuisance to actually joining the Club. Sometimes younger members have been intimidated. Of course, nuisance can be caused whatever group is using the Insti-

tute. Recently a meeting of the Young Farmers' Club was disturbed when an upper window was shattered from outside and glass showered down. Luckily no one was hurt.

It is at present not possible to prevent youngsters from leaving the premises and wandering about with non-members outside, a practice that most parents would want to stop. Mike Jackson wishes to stress that he cannot accept responsibility for youngsters who leave the building. Help from a few parents would make supervision more effective and would ensure that the youngsters had a more enjoyable and profitable time. Without such help, the continuance of the Youth Club is in jeopardy.

Glamour for the Ladies of Roos



Friday the 13th - Lucky for some! On 13th January about a hundred ladies enjoyed a professional demonstration of hair styling and make-up and an exhibition of costume jewellery and lingerie. These were provided by Debbie Stiggants from the Dunedin beauty salon, Patrington, and Joan Armstrong from Elegance, Withernsea.



Debbie Stiggants (centre) with Mrs. Christine Thorogood and Mrs. Joan Broom

The occasion was organised in Roos School to raise funds for the Parent-Teacher Association. The two demonstrators gave their services free and takings, before minor expenses, were £71.

Guides and Brownies

Mrs. Jean Jackson reports that, owing to other commitments, she is giving up her work with the Guides and Brownies. She wishes to thank parents and others who have helped by providing transport and acting as testers. The new leader will be Mrs. Diane Kennils (Phone 70074) and the Assistant Leader will be Mrs. Jane Uilyott (79868).

Roos W.I.

At the February meeting the Institute was full of delicious smells as Mrs. Quarmby and Mrs. Brocklesby prepared and presented several attractive dishes in their "Healthy Eating" demonstration.

While some of the food was being prepared, the President and Secretary, Mrs. Hornby and Mrs. Godfrey, proceeded with business matters.

Items included: the Birthday Dinner, the possibility of an afternoon visit to Radio Humberside, and the outing in June to Trent Valley Garden Centre. There was no response to the request for delegates to attend the Annual Council of the East Yorkshire Federation at Market Weighton and the Annual General Meeting of the National Federation in London. Anyone who might think that these meetings are boring would be wrong. They can be very enlightening and often humorous.

The monthly competition - for a fruit loaf following a set recipe - was won by Mrs. M. Winter. Mrs. Farrington and Mrs. Hornby came second and third.

The vote of thanks to the demonstrators was given by Mrs. Helliwell. Since the members were invited to look at the recipes and sample some of the "goodies", it was decided that the social half hour had already started.

The next meeting will be on 4th March when Mr. Alan Burnham will speak on "Garden Birds".

C.F.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Parish Council Elections: 7th May 1987

Candidates are urgently required!

Posters and leaflets with this heading have been circulated throughout the county. They come from the Humberside Association of Parish and Town Councils and the Community Council of Humberside. Their aim is to stimulate interest in the affairs of local communities and to promote grassroots democracy.

At the last election in 1984 over 70% of the elections were unopposed! The Parish of Roos was one of the shameful majority. In Roos, there were initially too few nominations to fill the places. Even after one or two "volunteers" had been persuaded reluctantly to stand, there were still not enough nominees to ensure an actual ballot.

Meetings have been arranged at various venues to inform possible candidates of what is involved in being a councillor. The meeting in our area was at the Borough Council Offices at Skirlaugh on 2nd March - a date probably already gone by the time this newsletter appears. Of course, eligibility for nomination does not depend on attendance at the meeting.

The information below is copies from one of the leaflets circulated. Perhaps it will stimulate people to stand for election. How about YOU?

Who Holds the elections?

They are conducted by the Returning Officer appointed by the borough or district council. He can be contacted at its offices.

The Election Timetable

Publication of notice of election - Not later than noon on 27th March

Last date for nominations - Noon on 6th April

Publication of list of Candidates - Not later than noon on 8th April

Last date for withdrawal - Noon on 9th April

Date of Poll - 7th May

The new councillors come into office four days after polling day. The poll is held jointly with the poll for district councillors (to save money).

What to do

1. A prospective candidate must deliver or send by post to the Returning Officer a valid **Nomination Paper**. This form is obtained from him. The candidate's surname, forenames, residence and description must be entered and his or her number and prefix letter from the current Register of Electors. The Returning Officer has a copy of this register and the clerk of the Local Council normally has one.
2. The nomination paper must also contain similar particulars of a proposer and a seconder. They must be electors for the area for which the candidate seeks election (i.e. the Parish, Community or Town or the ward if it is divided into wards): they must sign it.
3. The nomination is invalid if the candidate does not sign a **Consent to nomination** in the presence of a witness. This consent must state that the candidate is qualified and the nature of the qualification. The formula is usually printed on the back of the nomination paper.
4. **A candidate for a Parish, Community or Town is qualified if, when nominated, he or she is a British subject or Irish citizen, 21 years of age and is either in the list of Electors for the Parish, Community or Town or has during the whole of the preceding twelve months (i) occupied land as owner or tenant in it, or (ii) had a principal place of work there, or (iii) resided in or within three miles of it.**
5. A Returning Officer can be required to make out a nomination paper for signature and he is usually glad to do so. If this is desired, there should be a specific request with particulars of the candidate and proposer and seconder sent to the Returning Officer when applying for the nomination paper. This saves time and trouble and may prevent papers from being adjudicated void for a purely formal defect.
6. Those interested in standing for election should contact possible proposers and seconds before the date of Notice of Election.
7. **It is the responsibility of the candidate or his supporters to get the signed nomination paper back to the Returning Officer in time, even where he has prepared papers for signature.** He cannot accept any nomination which, *whatever the reason*, reaches him too late.

Expenditure by Candidates

It is rare for candidates to spend any substantial amount on Parish, Community or Town Council elections. Expenditure is, in any event, limited by law to £144 plus 2.9p for every entry in the Register of Electors used at the elections, but this amount is reduced by one-fourth for two joint candidates and by one-third for three or more joint candidates.

Powers and Work of Parish, Community and Town Councils

There is a summary in "The Powers of Local Councils" (price 85p). "The Local Election Review" (£2.80 per year or 80p per copy) contains up-to-date news about these councils. These publications are sold by the National Associations of Local Councils, 108 Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LD, and its County Associations.

Roos 'A'

Roos 'A' have been virtually redundant since before Xmas, having played only 2 matches this year. Unfortunately one of these was the cup semi-final against NDLB played at Leven on the 25th Jan.

Not having played a match for 4 weeks prior to this fixture was evident in the way Roos played, they being unable to string more than two passes together for most of the game. The first half belonged almost entirely to NDLB who went in at half-time 1-0 in the lead, however, Roos did come close with a brilliant shot from Foster which, unfortunately, hit the underside of the crossbar but rebounding back into play with the goalkeeper hopelessly beaten.

In the second half Roos were just not competitive enough in the vital midfield area, allowing NDLB the run of the pitch and going 3-0 down in consequence.

It was not until this score was reached that Roos started to play with any real conviction, putting the NDLB defence under really heavy pressure.

It was during this spell that with a little more luck with the bounce of the ball, Roos could have drawn level, however, it was not to be and NDLB broke away to score a fourth goal to seal victory. Roos did get a consolation goal near the end making the final result 4-1.

This was probably the worst performance of the season by Roos in what was their most important fixture, their luck deserting them at the wrong time, so there will be no Boothferry Park appearance this year. But watch us next year!

In their only other fixture played this year (because of bad weather and holidays) Roos beat Paull Wanderers 6-1 at home maintaining their position at the top of the league.

This form will have to be maintained from now to the end of the season to ensure the league championship medals come to Roos.

Forthcoming matches:

- 1st Cross Keys (Home)
- 8th Kingstonians (Away)
- 15th YEB (Home)
- 22nd Amy Johnson (Away)
- 29th Waterloo 'B' (Home)

This last fixture will be the deciding one as Waterloo 'B' are currently in second position in the table and are definitely, next to Roos, the best side in the league. So here will be a match that everyone should watch.

April

- 5th YEB (Away)
- 12th Thoresby YC (Home)

Coming Events

March

- 1 Methodist Church Family Service. Memorial Institute. 10.30.
- 1 Roos F.C. 'A' v Cross Keys. Home.
- 4 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15. Mr. Alan Burnham: "Garden Birds".
- 8 Roos F.C. 'A' v Kingstonians. Away.
- 9 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 20 Beetle Drive. Memorial Institute. 7.00.
- 27 Roos F.C. 'A' v Amy Johnson. Away.
- 27 Notice of Borough & Parish Council Elections due by this date.

April

- 4 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15. Speaker: Miss Reid on "Thimbles".
- 5 Methodist Church Family Service. Memorial Institute. 10.30.
- 6 Last date for nominations for Local Council Elections.
- 13 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

ROOSTER DEADLINE

Please pass material for the April newsletter by

Monday, 16th March

to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos. (Pat. 70291)

We have recently had a shortage both of group reports and of items for "Coming Events". Secretaries please consider the advantages of publicising your groups' activities.