

THE ROOSTER

Roos Village Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council

(Because publication has again been delayed, this issue carries reports of two Parish Council meetings.)

14th August

Five members were present : Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Priest, D. Winter and G.E. Winter (Chair).

Minutes

The July Minutes were approved. The following topics arose.

Millennium monument near the school. The Parish Clerk undertook to explore possible designs for the next meeting.

Roos Beck. There had been no reply yet to the request for further piping.

Children's play area. Cllr David Winter reported that the Playing Field Committee had discussed the request for a play area. Several suggestions would be given further consideration.

Speed limit signs. The signs were still awaited.

Roos Carr figures. The Chairman referred to a news report of the return of the figures to Hull after exhibition abroad.

Correspondence

Audit of Parish Accounts. The audit for the two years 1998 - 1999 and 1999 - 2000 had been satisfactory.

Local Government Agenda 21 : Draft Policies. The East Riding document had been received.

The Willows Group, Hornsea. A group of Hornsea residents had objected to the development of the Willows site in Hornsea and to inadequate local consultation by the East Riding. The group had written to councils to invite residents to join them in an ongoing forum. The aim was to act as a watchdog for local interests in planning matters and collaborate in fighting against inadequate consultation wherever community interests were ignored. The Parish Council approved of the purpose but decided to contact the Willows Group only if there was a need.

The Chairman referred to a news item about planning appeals. At present only the applicant had a right of appeal if planning consent was refused. The Chairman argued that local people should be allowed to appeal if consent was granted to an application that was against the interests of the community.

Audit Commission. The Commission proposed changes to the audit procedures to reduce the expense to local councils.

Playground equipment and furniture. A leaflet on this subject was passed to the Playing Field Committee.

Party politics. The East Riding of Yorkshire Council wished to dissociate itself from a letter circulated by Cllr David Nolan on the grounds that it was party-political. Cllr Nolan had written about the threat to the role of local councils.

Parish Councils Liaison Officer. Colin O'Connor had written asking for details of local mayors.

Accounts

Members approved payment of £12.69 for the Holderness Gazette advertisement for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Planning

Reports on previous applications

Amboseli, Burton Road. The application to erect a detached dwelling had been resubmitted. (See April "Rooster") The matter would be reconsidered on 26th September.

Sand-le-Mere extension. Consent had prohibited the use of Kiln Lane for access. An appeal against the prohibition had been withdrawn.

The Old Rectory. Retrospective consent for the new gates and fence had been granted.

Wind turbines at Hollym and Out Newton. Powergen and National Wind Power had appealed against the planning authority's refusal of consent. The inspector's decision on the appeal was expected on 15th September.

New applications

Plot 3, Manor Farm (Beckside Villas). Marriott Builders. Erection of a two-storey dwelling. No objection.

South of Orchard House, Main Street. Mr & Mrs F. Foster. Detached bungalow. No Parish Council objection.

Any other business

Cllr Cheeseman referred to two dangerous holes : near the telegraph post opposite the school and near the Tunstall Road corner. It was agreed to report both to the Highways Authority.

PUBLIC SESSION

Tunstall Road grass cuttings (Raised at Parish Meeting). In answer to a question, the Chairman reported that he had spoken to the resident who voluntarily cut the grass verge. It transpired that the cuttings were not left indefinitely but were removed once they had compacted. Councillors approved the public spirit of the resident concerned in keeping the verge tidy. However, the questioner was not convinced that the matter of the cuttings had been resolved satisfactorily.

11th September

The meeting was attended by Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Grant, Kirk, Priest, Quarmby, D.Winter, G.E.Winter (Chair). East Riding Councillor Stewart Willie was in attendance.

Arising from the Minutes

Millennium marker. Mr Anthony Ellis had offered some pieces of granite. As to the design of the proposed structure, councillors examined what appeared to be a newspaper cutting provided by the Clerk. No details were agreed. Councillor Grant observed that a single large piece of rock might be more satisfactory than a stack of smaller ones. Councillor Quarmby assumed that the structure might occupy a space five feet square; a foundation would need to be laid. It was agreed that he should ask Mr Bob Dry to carry out this work. A decision on the wording for the plaque was left to the next meeting.

Planning decisions

Approval had been given for the bungalow south of Orchard House and for the swimming pool at The Old Rectory.

Correspondence

Fire Service Charities. It was agreed not to respond to an appeal for a donation.

D-Tech. In connection with the provision of computers in villages, councillors were invited to a seminar on computer technology at Hedon on 26th September. No councillors were interested to attend. One observed that the phone bill for the computers at The Roos Arms had totalled £1,000 since their installation - paid for from public funds.

Fraud. Members agreed to display a poster about fraudulent claims for financial support. One or two expressed concern about spying on others and implied that they would be unwilling to report any offenders they knew about.

Empty properties. A letter from the East Riding explained the authority's obligation to maximise the use of the available housing stock. The Parish Council was asked to complete a questionnaire detailing properties that were known to have been unoccupied for more than a year.

Common Land and Village Greens. A seminar on the management of public spaces was to be held in Cheltenham on 12th September - the day after the meeting. No one seemed unduly upset to have missed the chance of attending.

Withernsea Employment Advice Centre. It was agreed to display a poster advertising an Open Day.

Accounts

It was agreed to pay two amounts : £19.50 for the hire of the Memorial Institute for meetings and £130.50 for the Clerk's salary and expenses.

Any Other Business

Purchase of bulbs. Mr A.G.Bowden had for several years planted roadside bulbs in the village. The Council agreed to his request to purchase more bulbs. He proposed to buy three sacks at £30.00 a sack - total cost £90.00.

Rectory Lane, Tunstall. A resident had written to the Highways Department about the poor state of the road to his property and asked the Parish Council to support the case for urgent repair. Councillor Willie said that he had himself passed on the request but urged members to do so as well. The Clerk

was asked to write a letter of support.

Trees at North End. A councillor had noted that some garden trees had been chopped down and asked if permission should have been sought. Other members said that no consent was required since the trees were not mature and had become an overgrown nuisance. The householder needed to keep open access to his property. There were also drainage problems.

Roos Beck

Councillor Quarmby picked up the last point in relation to the Beck. The more houses were built, the more surface water would be a problem. Flooded dykes encouraged rats.

Councillor Grant urged the need for clarification as to who was responsible for keeping Roos Beck clear. Regular maintenance was needed. It was not appropriate to lay the onus on the riparian owners. The Clerk was asked to write to the East Riding's Drainage Section at Goole to seek clarification, and to provide Councillor Willie with a copy of the letter so that he could add his support.

Councillor Priest said that rats - for example, in the dyke near the school - were a health hazard. The Clerk was asked to write to the Environmental Health Department on the matter.

Speed limit signs. The Chairman said that the signs would be in place and the restrictions be operative by 30th October or soon thereafter.

Roos Parish Council

Monday 9th October

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Residents are very welcome to attend.

Roos Village Design Statement

Meetings of the VDS Group have been disrupted over the holiday period but the Consultation Draft of the Village Design Statement is nearing completion.

The cost of supplying a copy to every household cannot be afforded. Instead an exhibition is to be held in mid-October. The material will be presented in the form of "blown-up" pages and a range of village photographs will also be shown.

As its name implies, the Consultation Draft aims to consult. YOUR opinions of it and YOUR suggestions and criticisms are invited.

Following this consultation period, a final version will be prepared, drawing on all the views that have been expressed.

The Village Design Statement should reflect the perceptions of the whole village. Please play your part by attending the exhibition and having your say.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE NOW

Roos Village Design Statement

Exhibition

Saturday 14th October : 9.30 - 1.00.

Admission free. Refreshments.

Memorial Institute AGM

The Institute is a valued village asset. It is well-managed and well-maintained and accommodates many local groups and activities.

In spite of poster publicity, the Annual General Meeting on 13th September attracted only supporters already committed.

The Committee and Officers were re-elected en bloc.

<u>Chairman</u>	Mike Cheeseman	<u>Treasurer</u>	Pat Cheeseman
<u>Vice-Chair</u>	Phillip Maltas	<u>Bookings Secretary</u>	
<u>Secretary</u>	Sally Spikings		Kath Billany

Roos School

As reported in last month's newsletter, Mrs Kath Naylor, the former headteacher, left in July.

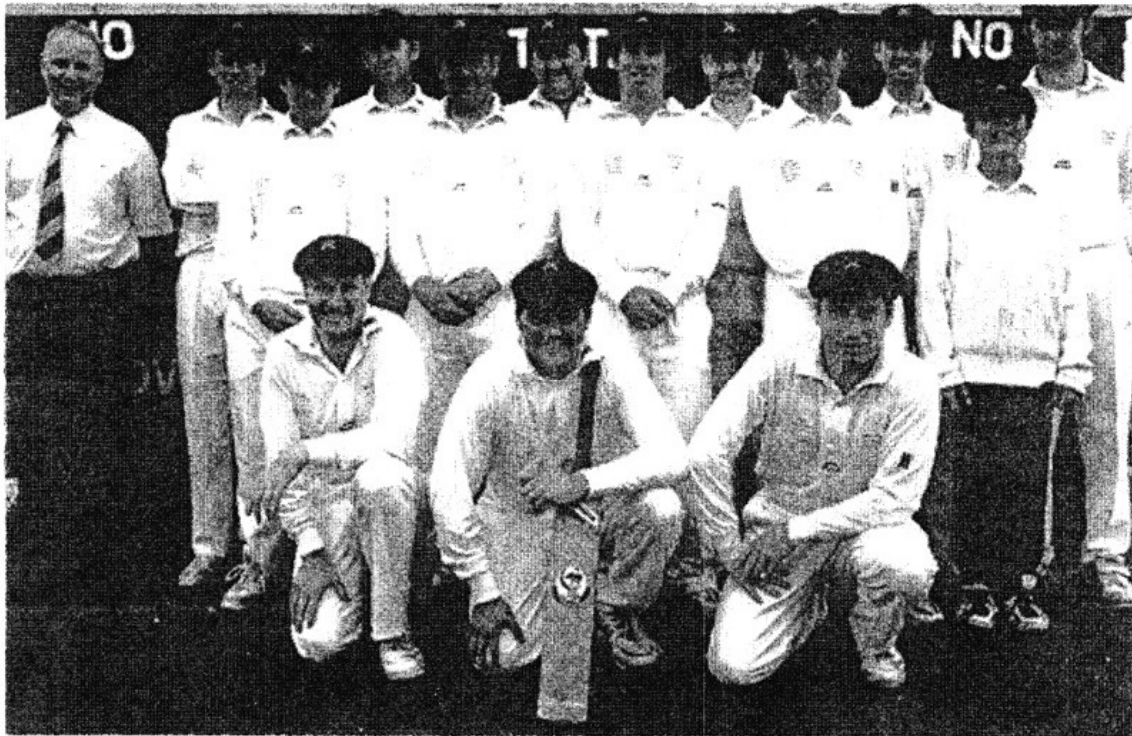
She has been succeeded by Mrs Penny Fairey as Acting Head for one term. Mrs Fairey was seconded from Inmans Primary School, Hedon. We hope that she enjoys her time in Roos.

Brian Rannard, Chairman of Governors, says that procedures are in place to appoint a permanent headteacher before the end of September to take over the headship in the New Year. It may be possible to give more details in the next issue.

Roos Cricket Club - League Champions

Congratulations to the Captain, Phil Wright, and his team on a highly successful season during which they completed their league games as champions of Division 3.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Northfield Club on Friday 6th October. An invitation is extended to all who wish to attend. Ring David Winter for tickets - 670234.



Back David Winter (Club Chairman), Steve Cowell, Jon Dearing, Pete Dearing, Simon Thompson, David Cowell, James Hewson-Smith.
Middle Karl Jeffs, Paul Kitchen, Dale Loney, Jon Thompson, Danny Williams (Scorer).
Front Andy Bailey, Phil Wright (Club Captain), Les Sennett.

And Football

The photographs on the next page have been kindly loaned by Ken Burrell of Garton. Ken was a keen footballer - much in demand - and from time to time played with the successful Roos soccer team in the post-war years.

The first shows a celebratory tea in 1949 with the players and others standing behind the trophy on the top table with the VIPs. (A pity Peter Grant's handsome features are blurred!)

The second shows the team when they won the South Holderness League Cup in 1953 - an achievement dwarfing that year's less significant events such as the Queen's Coronation and the conquest of Everest.

Names have been given for each photograph but some are missing. Any help to supply the missing names will be welcome.

The Rooster

Donations have been gratefully received from:

Anon - 3 (Main St), Mr & Mrs W.E.Bailey, George & Christine Bilton, Andy Coyne & Lesley Wood, Mr & Mrs R.Gregson, Mr D.W.Hulme, Mr D.Knapper, Mrs Angela Monkman, Mr & Mrs P.G.Mullett, Miss S.Mullett, Mr & Mrs J.C.Priest, Mr & Mrs Derek Robinson.

My apologies (again) for the lateness of this issue - caused by holidays, other commitments, and the petrol shortage last week.

In future the target date for publication will be the week *after* Parish Council meetings - not the week before.

Copy deadline for October : Friday 6th

Please supply information, news items, and articles by this date.

Fifty years ago (or so)

1949



Standing Harry Everitt, Jimmy McCreaddie, Ken Grant, Jack Kelso, (a. —?), Ken Burrell, (b. —?), Ken Woodruff, Peter Grant, (c.—?), (d. ?), John Biglin, Geoff Moverley, Fred Foster, Harry Hinch.

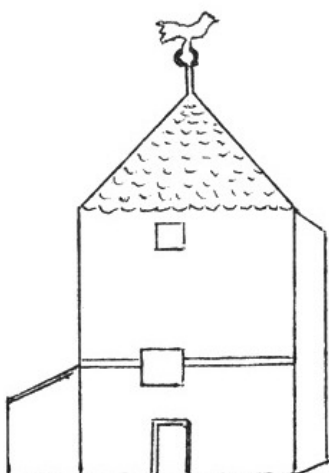
Seated Frank Robinson (Patrinton, former Councillor), Vic Lawson (and his girl-friend), Percy Cheeseman, Doris Burn, Charlie Burn, Marjorie Foster.

1953



Standing Jack Kelso, Jimmy McCreaddie, Ken Grant, (f.—?), Peter Grant, Fred Jeffs.

Seated (g) Nimmo, Ken Woodruff, Ken Burrell, Vic Lawson (Captain), Frank Robinson, Geoff Moverley.



History of Roos - 18 : The Dovecot at Cote Farm

The Normans introduced dovecotes to Britain - theirs were built as round stone structures. Later, half-timbered ones with six or eight sides became common.

Pigeons provided fresh meat in winter as an change from salted meat. Only nobility and clergy were allowed dovecotes, which were carefully stocked and jealously guarded. (One cause of the French Revolution was the peasants' resentment at the ravages caused to their crops by pigeons from the dovecotes of their aristocratic masters.)

Some cotes had up to a thousand nesting places. Access was by a revolving ladder that could be moved to each nest in turn.

The openings to the nest-holes are 6" square and reach 14" into the wall. The cavity enlarges into an L-shape 10" wide, allowing the hen to sit on her nest. The rows of entry-holes are 10" apart.

At Cote Farm the cote is a square brick building, 25 ft high to the eaves with a pointed tile roof and weathercock. The walls are 18 ft wide externally, 21" thick.

Modern farm buildings now hide the Cote Farm pigeon house. It has lost its pointed tiled roof and weathercock but its inside walls still have the nest-holes. A photograph of the interior should be available next month. LH