

# The Rooster

# **Roos Parish Newsletter**

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# **Parish Council Reports**

This newsletter reports both the June and July meetings. Your Editor had the material for the June report but – because of other preoccupations – omitted to include it in "The Rooster". Here it is now.

## Meeting on Monday 14th June

The meeting was attended by Cllrs Cook, Craggs, Dodson, Grant, Helliwell, Kirk, Smales and Winter (Chair). East Riding Cllr Richard Stead also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cheeseman and Mrs Sandra Hardy, Parish Clerk.

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the May meeting were approved. The following matters arose from the Minutes.

#### Parish Plan

On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman had signed the grant application prepared by the Parish Plan Steering Group.

It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would make a contribution. In the application the amount, 5% of the budget, was given as £550. The Chairman was unclear how the figure was derived. He thought it should have been £380.

Cllr Helliwell said that he was confident that the Steering Group's figure had been properly calculated. He said that the calculation would be clarified at the next meeting.

#### Pavement parking at North End

#### Aldbrough crossroads

Nothing new on these two issues.

#### Path to Tunstall Church

Cllr Craggs said that the path had been constructed at a cost of £638.02. The Parish Council's agreed contribution was £150.

#### **Hodgson Lane**

To reduce flooding some levelling had been done and a gulley had been installed. Another gulley had been installed near the Black Horse.

#### **Hedge north of Roos Store**

#### Post box at Owstwick

There had been no work yet at these two sites.

#### **Parish Paths**

The Chairman reported from Dr Hersom that the necessary

work would be carried out when the materials were available and time allowed.

#### Correspondence

#### **East Riding Social Services**

A review was being carried out of the authority's Day Centres and of complementary provision by other agencies (e.g. clubs). Information was requested about provision by other agencies within the parish. Cllr Craggs mentioned activities at the Tunstall Village Hall: the Wednesday Club, whist drives and coach visits. The Chairman undertook to respond.

#### "Destiny Fitness"

A letter was read from Colin Wilson, Managing Director of the organisation now running the facilities at the former BP Social Club premises at Staithes Road, Saltend, Hedon, HU12 8DS. He offered local groups the opportunity to use the premises, including the playing field, for fund-raising.

#### **Holderness Volunteer Centre**

The AGM of the Hornsea Centre was to be held at on 18th June at the Victoria Tavern in Withernsea.

#### Planning

#### Plot 17 Main Street, Roos (GA Construction)

Erection of a detached bungalow and garage with access from the track adjacent to the school.

Members noted that the location was part of the site now known as Greenacre Park, to which access had been created by the demolition of Greenacre so as to avoid use of the track adjacent to the school.

They objected to the application on the following grounds:

- Development on the Greenacre site had been restricted to 16 dwellings.
- Access by the unmade track (of which part was owned by the church and part by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council) would need the agreement of the owners and was unsuitable for access.
- The track should not be allowed for domestic vehicular access since there would be danger to children and other pedestrians on their way to the playing field.

#### Steering Group, 27th May (continued)

Pearson undertook to deliver the documents by hand on Monday 31st May.

#### Postscript

Saturday 29th May: The application form was completed.

Sunday 30th May: David Winter signed it.

Monday 31st May: Derek Pearson took it to Leeds.

Its receipt was subsequently acknowledged. Steering Group members sighed with relief and prepared for their next meeting.

### Steering Group Meeting, 7th June

Mr David Kirk had sent apologies. All others attended.

Members exchanged brief biographical details as a way of becoming better acquainted and learning what skills and experience the Group could draw upon.

A constitution was adopted based on the Agency's model.

Members then discussed the format for the estimates of cost to be forwarded to the Countryside Agency

It was agreed that, if the grant application was successful, the main work of research and consultation would begin in September and run until September / October 2005.

Meanwhile the Group would meet in July and August to clarify how to progress the project within the stages agreed at the meeting on 27th May.

They would also develop ideas about the likely shape of the eventual Parish Plan.

## All Saints', Roos

Service times: 10.30 a.m.

United Service 1st Sunday of alternate months

Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays

Morning Prayer 3rd Sunday

All are most welcome to attend

Anyone unable to attend Church but wishing to make a donation to the continuing faith or the Lighting Fund is asked to contact the Churchwardens on 01964 - 671659.

#### Vandalism

The stained-glass window at the west end of the church has recently been extensively damaged. Repairs will cost in excess of £1,350. To combat this problem anti-vandal paint has been applied to various church surfaces.

If you see anything suspicious around the church or churchyard please contact the Withernsea police.

### Charity Shop in the Memorial Institute Saturdays from 9.00 to 4.00

Donations of items for sale are most welcome. They may be brought to the Institute on Saturdays or left at The Old School during the week.

Already some local people have shown interest in selling their own craft items (in return for a donation to the Charity Shop).

#### **ROOS PARISH**

The parish includes Roos, Tunstall, Hilston & Owstwick + 4 properties in Danthorpe & Fitling (with postal addresses in Burton Pidsea).

In the Parish Plan application the Steering Group had to state the population of the Parish. At the 2001 Census the figure was 1113. In Roos there has been new housing since 2001. The figure is probably higher now.

#### **Current Electoral Register**

	<b>Properties</b>	Electors
ROOS	484	790
TUNSTALL	55	96
HILSTON	12	23
OWSTWICK	19	40
DANTHORPE	2	3
FITLING	2	5
Totals:	474	957

When young persons under 18 are added (up to 200?) the total population must now be approaching 1,200.

# Roos A.F.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 22nd June

7.30 in The Black Horse
All interested footballers are invited. All welcome.
Enquiries to John Ward (670499)

## **Roos Parish Council**

This newsletter is being printed before the June Parish Council meeting. A report of the meeting will appear in July.

**Next Meeting** 

# Monday 14th June

7.30 p,m, in The Memorial Institute Members of the public always welcome

All Saints', Roos

# Music from the Shows

**Choir Concert in the Memorial Institute** 

# Thursday 17th June at 7.30

Admission (including refreshments) £5.00

<u>Tickets from Ben Pawson, Owl Tree Cottage (671087)</u>

# Dedication Day Wednesday 7th July

Family Service in Church: 2.15

Rectory garden: from 3.00

Games, stalls, refreshments for all the family.

Child-friendly gifts will be welcome : pen sets, colouring books, small toys, etc.

Council's contribution. He undertook to obtain a written explanation for the next Parish Council meeting.

# Parking at North End (See PUBLIC SESSION at end.) Aldbrough crossroads

Further minor accidents had not been reported to the police. The Clerk stressed that they should be reported so that they could be logged.

Cllr Helliwell suggested that motorists preferred not to report accidents to the police when there had been no personal injury. However, the Parish Council could keep its own log and present it to the police. (After the meeting Mr Derek Pearson advised that the police would not log reports from third parties.)

The Chairman proposed a site meeting with Mr Phil Hiscott, the East Riding officer now responsible for road safety. Other members referred to earlier site meetings that, in spite of new signs and "rumbles", had failed to eliminate further collisions.

The Clerk observed that the Highways Department was well aware of local concerns and had taken some steps to address them. It was agreed that only offsetting the junction would avoid accidents but the current low level of logged incidents was deemed insufficient to warrant any immediate expense.

#### **Hodgson Lane**

The Chairman noted that the additional gulleys installed had not cured the problem of flooding: after heavy rain there were still pools of water near the doctor's surgery. It was agreed to report the matter to Highways.

Hedge on Parish Path No.5 (Past Roos Store to Tunstall) Cllr Dodson reported that he himself had cut the south side of the hedge adjoining the path but the hedge had not been cut on its north side. It had been accepted at the last meeting that cutting was the responsibility of Mr Mike Lenney, the original developer of Hinch Garth. Details of Mr Lenney's solicitor were passed to the Clerk, who undertook to write requesting that the hedge be cut.

#### Postbox at Owstwick

Users were hampered by the wet and muddy approach. No remedial work had yet been carried out but it was suggested that it would probably be done under the present "Streetscene" scheme.

Parish Paths. No update available.

#### **Snaith Charity**

The Clerk had written to Rev Gordon Smethurst in the hope of there being an early meeting of the Trustees. No reply had yet been received.

#### Dog foulingPlay & Recreation

The Clerk said that owners could clean up after walking their pets by using the "doggy bags" available from the Withernsea Customer Service Centre. Notices requesting their use could be erected. Members welcomed the proposals

#### Correspondence

#### East of Main Street: Community Play & Recreation

Developers were required to supply space for play and recreation but could "commute" this obligation by paying

for recreational facilities elsewhere within a community.

Correspondence was tabled between Mrs Ann Coupe, Roos Children's Playground Association, and Mr Derryck Ellis, East Riding Development Control. It confirmed that Mr M.Lockwood, on behalf of himself and his codeveloper, had agreed to pay £6,240 as a commuted sum towards the cost of play equipment now installed on the Playing Field. (The payment had been sent in error to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council but the Playing Field Association was in the process of recovering it.) The Chairman signed a formal statement approving this use of the commuted sum.

#### **ERYC**: Charges for Parish Council elections

A letter confirmed that parish councils would continue to be charged for the cost of elections. Even if there were no ballot there would still be a charge to cover the cost of printing posters and literature for potential candidates.

### ERYC: Draft Affordable Housing Strategy

Hilary Bardon, Housing Association Development Officer, had sent a copy of the draft. Comments were requested by 31st August. The material was passed to Cllr Helliwell for consideration by the Parish Plan Group.

#### East Riding Community Plan - 2004 Update

A booklet had been received from Pam Jackson, Local Strategic Planning Manager. Like the previous document it was passed to the Parish Plan Steering Group.

(See separate articles on both the documents above.)

#### Skate Park Conference, Beverley, 13th July

Details were noted.

#### Roos Post Office opening times

Cllr Helliwell tabled a statement by Mr Gavin Eastman (printed as a letter later in the newsletter).

Members noted the reasons for the reduced opening times, which had been sympathetically understood by all customers who had spoken to Mr & Mrs Eastman.

Mr Eastman was irritated that a few criticisms had been reported at second hand but none had been addressed directly to him. "The Rooster" had reported that the Parish Clerk was to write but he had received no letter. The Clerk said that the letter had certainly been sent.

#### Planning

#### Previous applications

Plot 17, east of Main Street

The application had been withdrawn. (See June report) 2 Holderness Cottages, Owstwick. (See June report)

The Planning Committee had approved the application.

#### New applications

#### Kenby Farm, Owstwick

Installation of 15-metre tower with three antennae and two transmission dishes + housing for radio equipment and other development at ground-level for Vodafone Ltd. The Parish Council raised no objections.

The Chestnuts, Rectory Rd, Roos (Mrs S.A. Teadale)

Erection of two-storey extension at side with additional chimney stack. (Original and amended plans.) The Parish Council approved the application.

## July Parish Council Meeting: Public Session

#### Pavement parking at North End

Mr Gary Collinson disagreed with the view quoted in the April newsletter that, following the meeting with Inspector McGiveron, the problem was "better". Parking on the pavement had started again. He had reported instances to the police, who had logged the offences. He wanted double yellow lines, which Inspector McGiveron had seemed to favour. Was the Parish Council on the side of residents or not?

The Parish Clerk explained that if double yellow lines were instituted in one part of the village there would soon be demands for them elsewhere. They would be unpopular and would not serve the interests of the community. In any

case, the police could only recommend such a course. The decision would be a matter for the East Riding.

There was a lengthy discussion of the issues. Eventually the Chairman undertook to write to residents at North End asking them not to park on pavements.

# Roos Parish Council Meeting Monday 9th August

7.30 p,m, in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

#### Letters to the Editor

4 - 5 Main Street, Roos.

Dear Sir.

#### Post Office opening times

There appears to be some concern with regard to the change of opening hours of the village post office. Janet and I would like to clarify the situation.

The change has been instigated by ourselves but supported after consultation with our area division of the Post Office.

The reasons are purely commercial: there is no "hidden agenda" to gain a foothold towards closing the office.

To clarify

- We pay staff wages and any absence has to be covered.
- The Post Office makes no payment for heating, lighting and equipment and no contribution to cleaning or rates.
- We are paid a very basic wage by the Post Office and then according to transactions over the counter: fewer transactions = lower remuneration.
- From October 2003 we monitored transactions between 1.00 and 5.30 p.m. The results showed that it was not financially viable to remain open in the afternoon.
- For six weeks before our decision was finalised we asked everyone using the post office in the afternoon if it would inconvenience them. No adverse responses were reported. The majority supported our action.
- The store side of our business can no longer subsidise the post office.

We are surprised at the response of a very small element within the village. Clearly those who complain do not use the facilities in the afternoon or they would have been aware of the change before it was finalised.

We have approached various individuals offering to explain our decision but still, after two months, await an invitation. The issue has twice been raised as a matter of concern at Parish Council meetings but no one has had the courtesy to approach us or write to us either formally or informally.

I hope this throws some light on the matter and that, having stated our case, we can put the issue behind us and look forward to the future.

G.Eastman.

#### NOTE

Letters may be edited in the interests of brevity and clarity. Headings have been provided for both the letters here and the wording and layout have been slightly changed. The substance has remained unaltered.

10 South Park, Roos.

Dear Sir.

#### Houses bought up as homes for council tenants

It has come to our attention that several properties in the village have been or are being purchased for the sole purpose of providing potential homes for council tenants.

We have the following concerns:

- In the present economic climate it is hard enough for young people who have grown up in Roos to be able to afford to buy homes here. Now what do they do?
- The houses being bought up are typically appropriate for first-time buyers. Who will the tenants be? Probably not local residents.
- We are all privileged to live in Roos and pay highly for the privilege in the form of high mortgages and Council Tax. Most people feel that the Council have not been open about their policy. We should at least have been consulted or informed.
- Roos once had a good number of council properties, most of them now privately owned.
- Most of us have been brought up to believe that owning your own home is an asset, the biggest financial commitment we make in our lives.
- We do not pay good money for our homes to see them intermingled with council houses. Will this affect the value of homes nearby?

Richard and Pamela Smith.

This letter will be passed to the Parish Plan Steering Group, along with the East Riding's "Affordable Housing Strategy" outlined on the next page.

The housing authority is now the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Its "Affordable Housing Strategy" addresses both the actual issues and people's perception of them as illustrated in this letter. The letter attacks what the Strategy calls "Registered Social Landlords".

#### **East Riding of Yorkshire Council**

# Draft Affordable Housing Strategy, 2004/2005 - 2007/2008 **July 2004**

This draft document runs to 24 pages of A4. The only copy was tabled at the Parish Council meeting on 12th July. It was passed to the Roos Parish Plan Steering Group. Parish councillors had not read it - yet comments were requested by 31st August!

In a covering letter to the Parish Clerk, Hilary Bardon, Housing Association Development Manager, said that the document was "more a position statement than a Strategy" but did identify key issues.

The draft is very thorough and professional. It is full of data in the form of statistics, graphs, tables and maps. As a basis for understanding the issues and for stimulating even more input it is invaluable.

However, as often with such documents, the very fact that it is thorough and objective makes it boring to us laymen.

We respond better to a heartfelt personal view such as that of Richard and Pamela Smith in their letter on the previous page - even though such perceptions relate to only a small part of a complex topic.

It is to be hoped that more copies of the draft can be obtained both for the Parish Council and for those working on the Parish Plan.

Meanwhile, the best "The Rooster" can do to indicate the breadth of its coverage is to reproduce the list of the draft's contents in the panel alongside.

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## East Riding Local Strategic Partnership Your Community Plan 2001 - 2006: 2004 Update

One copy of this Update was sent to the Parish Council and passed to the Parish Plan Steering Group. It is an A5 booklet of 50 pages in full colour with many photographs. It provides a progress report on the objectives and past targets of the LSP (Local Strategic Partnership) and sets new targets for the future.

For more information about the Plan contact:

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The Community Aims of the East Riding are listed:

- Improved Health: Improved Quality of Life
- Greater Prosperity: Higher living Standards
- Safe Communities: Reduced Fear of Crime
- Lifelong Learning: Improved Educational Achievement
- Healthy Environment: For Future Generations.

Most of the booklet outlines past performance and new targets under these main headings. Here, under "Safe Communities", is one example of the way in which details are presented:

#### **TARGET**

Achieve a 5% reduction in domestic burglary per 1,000 households from a 2002/3 starting point.

Work continues in support of the achievement of the Local Public Service Agreement target to reduce the number of recorded domestic burglaries from 9.6 per 1,000 households to 8.6 burglaries per 1,000 households by 2005.

#### **CURRENT POSITION**

The total number of domestic burglaries per 1,000 households in 2002/3 was 11.15. This figure fell to 9.87 (a reduction of 13%) in 2003/4. The good progress made has been aided by the introduction of various initiatives and close working between the Safe Communities Team, Local Policing Teams and local organisations.

As a record of targets and measured performances the booklet is interesting - but wearing to read through!

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Roos & District Horticultural Society Summer Show was held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2004 at the Memorial Hall, Burton Pidsea.



Chairman Trevor Kellock welcomed everyone to the presentation of prizes and trophies and thanked both committee and non-committee members for all their support in making the show such a success.

In presenting the prizes local author Valerie Wood paid tribute to the quality of the plants, flowers and produce and reminded everyone how important it was to encourage children to garden. She said that gardening brought everyone together. All who had taken part were "winners" whether they had won a prize or not.

The names of prize-winners in each class have been printed in The Holderness Gazette.



Mrs A.R.Grant receiving the Geen Rose Bowl on behalf of her husband

There were fewer entries, presumably because of the poor weather, but the Show was once again a success and attracted new entrants.

However, it needs more - especially children. Do you make things, sew, knit, paint or take photographs? Do you bake, grow vegetab;es or flowers? Try entering the Spring and Summer shows. These are friendly occasions and details will be advertised in the local press.

#### **Trophy-winners**

RHS Banksian Medal Geen Rose Bowl William Burn Memorial Cup **Growers Cup** Strangers Cup William Grant Cup Whitehead Cup Bessie and Leslie Raisbeck Trophy W F Lane Memorial Trophy Sheila Grotrian Challenge Trophy Morton Stewart vase Mrs H M Carrick Memorial Cup Mackman Cup Virginia Reckitt Memorial Cup 25th Anniversary Cup H S Barker Trophy John Drotleff Memorial Trophy Alice Gardner Memorial Trophy Bert Parsons Memorial Trophy 60th Anniversary Cup

Special Award Miniature Cup Tyson Shield Burton Pidsea WI Cup

T&M Kellock Cup Mrs D Monkman Memorial Trophy R S Baker Memorial Trophy Mr & Mrs P W Cheeseman

Memorial Trophies

The R Green 50th Anniversary Cup Kathleen Barker Salver Chairman's Shield Committee Shield Geoff Roe Cup Reg Green Memorial Cup **Dorothy Maltas Memorial Trophy** 

Junior Competitor's Award

Messrs H Mellor & W Hobson

Mr A R Grant Mr R Haythorpe

Messrs H Mellor and W Hobson

Mr R Haythorpe Mr G A Nelson Mrs M Dodson Mrs E Cooper Mrs K Hobson

Messrs H Mellor and W Hobson

Mrs E Cass Mrs P Carrick Mrs P Carrick Mrs M Tuplin Mr A R Grant Mrs E Cooper Mr B Atkinson Mrs P Grant

Messrs H Mellor and W Hobson

John Barker Olivia Ellis Mrs M Dodson Mrs H Armstrong Mr J W Burn Mr F Pearman Carole Walker Gareth Sunman &

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# **FORS Annual Fun Day**

On Saturday 19th June the Friends of Roos School had their Fun Day. Although the weather was not too kind, over £1,500 was raised for school funds.

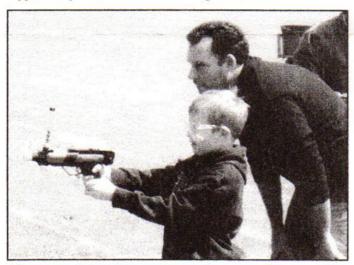
This was a marvellous achievement and the Committee wish to thank all who helped, whether by donating prizes, selling raffle tickets, helping run a stall or coming to support us the event.

Magic Mike started the day at one o'clock and did a wonderful job keeping the children entertained during the afternoon.

Refreshments were available throughout. The burger and hotdog stand was very popular, as was the beer tent which provided not just drinks but shelter from the rain! And mums and dads enjoyed their annual treat – Mrs Taylor's lovely cakes and biscuits.



The many stalls – including the Coconut Shy, Paintballing, Beat-the-Goalie and Hook-a-Duck – gave plenty of opportunity to have some fun in a good cause.



There was also a chance to guess the name of the beautiful doll made and donated by Ann Coupe.

The plant stall was very popular. The plants had been donated by Premier Plants and by Ron Wingham from the



village, who had done a fantastic job growing them and making up wonderful pots and hanging baskets for sale.



A woman's work...!
Penny Farey and helpers toil over the tombola tickets.

When the heavens opened the raffle draw had to move swiftly inside the school. The first prize of £100 was won by Sally Spikings. A full list of prize-winners is displayed in the school and the Roos Store.

Although the weather did its best to spoil things, the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came and all the hard work by the Committee proved worthwhile.

Our next event will be a fashion show in October.

## Roos Children's Playground Association

As most people know, the toddlers' playground is now up and running, thanks to the dedication and hard work of the Playground Committee. Phase 2, for juniors and teenagers, is progressing. Grant applications are being processed and fund-raising activities are planned.

As with most committees, members come and go as their commitments change. We do need a few new members – with new ideas. Meetings are usually held fortnightly in the evening and last for about an hour.

If you can spare the time, please come along to our next meetings at 7.30 in the Black Horse:

Tuesday 20th July & Tuesday 3rd August.

Car Boot Sale
Sunday 25th July, 9.00 - 1.00
Roos Playing Field
Refreshments & BBQ

Set up vehicles between 8.30 and 9.00 £5.00 per pitch

Proceeds to Roos C.C. & Roos Playground Association

# Humberside Police Lifestylers THE FAB FOUR

Roos's own Fab Four are Emma Kitchen, Hannah Spikings, Mayanne Smith and Gareth Sunman.

The title of their project is:

#### Helping the Village

The youngsters asked Ann Coupe to help them plan their programme and keep an eye on their progress. She has set them a challenge during their summer holidays – to clean up designated parts of Roos churchyard. (The project has been approved by the churchwardens.)

In addition to this major undertaking they are hoping to raise sponsorship to benefit Roos good causes by tackling other tasks and services.

- They will do a sponsored bike ride and a sponsored swim.
- From 10.00 to 12.00 noon on Saturdays from 24th July to 14th August they will be selling in the Memorial Institute produce that they have baked themselves.
- They will undertake dog-walking and shopping for anyone who would welcome such a service. (Contact Emma on 671899 or Mayanne on 671815).

(The Lifestylers project is an initiative of the Humberside Police and has been running with great success for several years. Young people are encouraged to do worthwhile community work and usually enjoy it even more than they expected. Good luck to the Fab Four!)