



The Rooster

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Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 13th September was attended by Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Craggs, Dodson, Grant, Helliwell, Kirk, and Winter (Chair). Cllr Mrs J.Smales had sent her apologies. East Riding Cllr Richard Stead was also in attendance.

Minutes & matters arising

The Minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Aldbrough Crossroads. Since the accident on 29th July discussed at the last meeting there had been a further collision on 12th September. Cllr Helliwell tabled photographs of the damaged cars. It was agreed to send yet another letter to the Highways Department. Cllr Stead recommended referring the incident to The Holderness Gazette so that he could use its report to apply his own pressure. (*See the article later in the newsletter.*)

Overgrown hedge at Hinch Garth. There had still been no reply from Mr Lenney's solicitor.

Failure of postal deliveries. In the past correspondence sent to the Parish Clerk had failed to arrive. She had tested the system by addressing mail to herself, some of which had not been delivered, and had taken up the matter with the Royal Mail.

Snaith Charity. Rev. Gordon Smethhurst had now agreed to act as Chairman of Trustees and Cllr Grant undertook to contact him so as to arrange a meeting.

Dog fouling. The Chairman reminded members and the public that he has materials available for dog owners and for residents who want to display posters.

Pavement parking at North End

The Chairman allowed public participation on this topic.

The Chairman had received two letters from North End residents : one was in favour of double yellow lines and the other opposed them.

Mr Gary Collinson took exception to the criticisms of him in the report of the last meeting. Another person present, a long-time resident, supported him and the action he had taken to protect his property. Both accused the person who had made the personal criticism of being the worst offender as far as pavement parking was concerned. Cllr Stead said that the Parish Council should report the offender to the police by name and ask them to take action to stop the illegal parking.

Parochial Church Council. The Clerk undertook to seek advice at County Hall about the availability of suitable land for extending the churchyard.

Powergen : wind turbines

The Chairman said that the informal meeting to which councillors had been invited had been intended to explore the possibility of turbines at Rimswell. Cllr Helliwell observed that when this had become clear he and the Chairman had assumed that the invitation to Roos councillors had been a mistake. However, turbines at Rimswell would undoubtedly impinge on Roos and perhaps there had been no mistake. The Chairman added that in fact the site under consideration belonged to Mr Tuton and some of it lay within Roos Parish.

In the event no one in Roos attended the meeting since the invitation had been tabled the day before and no time and venue had been given.

Incinerator at abattoir. It was reported that the output from the chimney was being monitored.

Tree Preservation Order. The Chairman said that four responses from Eastfield residents showed that three would be satisfied to have the overhanging tree pruned (which is permitted); one wanted it felled (which isn't).

Overgrown Dove Lane. Although Dove Lane was not officially a parish path but a "green lane", Dr Hersom had agreed to ensure that it be tidied up.

Fallen sign. Cllr Grant said that the finger post to the bridge south of the church was completely submerged in the drain but would be recovered in due course.

Correspondence

Phone kiosks. There was a kiosk in Tunstall and another in Roos. Neither was much used. Because maintenance was expensive BT proposed to remove the Tunstall kiosk.

Parish Councils Forum. The Parish Councils Liaison Officer, Colin O'Connor, had sent an invitation to members to attend a forum on 2nd November at Beverley. Relevant East Riding councillors and officers would be present to lead discussion of the East Riding budget for 2005 - 2006. A buffet lunch would be available. No Roos councillors showed interest.

Roos Parish Council Meeting

Monday 11th October

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

Planning and Development Control. Colin O'Connor had advised of a series of sessions for councillors and parish clerks. The nearest venue to Roos was Beverley, 2.00 - 4.00 on 8th October. (Cllrs Helliwell and Kirk said that they would be interested to attend.)

Beaches Guardianship Project

East Riding officer Emma Cox had written to publicise the scheme, which involves local volunteers in the task of monitoring and tidying beaches and reporting when signs and life-saving equipment are damaged or need replacement. Another role could be to help organise beach events. Persons interested should ring 01482 - 395211.

Cllr Craggs said that it would not be worthwhile to operate the scheme at Sand-le-Mere until Mr Clark's barrier had been erected later in the year.

Streetscene

The Chairman had collaborated in this East Riding scheme earlier in the year. He had accompanied officers in a survey of Roos streets to identify places where repairs and improvements were needed. As a result some footpaths had been cleared and improved and better signs showing street names and directions had been erected. He would complete the satisfaction survey that had been sent.

Cllr Craggs said that recommendations arising from a similar survey in Tunstall had not yet been carried out. The Chairman said that the needs of some parts of the parish were still to be addressed.

Council for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE)

The CPRE was organising a seminar on the new planning system. It was to be held at Beverley racecourse on 29th September, starting at 9.15.

Cllr Stead thought that the East Riding's meeting for Clerks at Beverley would be more valuable. Cllr Helliwell said that CPRE was a national organisation with concerns and criteria distinct from those of government and local planning authorities. Its focus on the needs of rural areas was valuable.

Planning

Planning Committee decisions : Approval

East of Pinfold Cottages (Dry). Detached house east of Pinfold Cottages.

The Chestnuts (Teasdale). Two-storey extension at side with additional chimney stack.

New Applications

Plot 17 East of Main Street (GA Construction)

Revised scheme. Erection of a detached bungalow and garage with access from Greenacre Park. No objection was raised provided that access from the playing field track was forbidden.

3 Cherry Hill Park (Mr R.M.Dennis)

Erection of a rear extension to provide a sun room. There was no objection.

62 Pilmar Lane (Mr W.E.Bailey)

Erection of conservatory at side. No objection.

North Farm, Hilston (Mr & Mrs Nelson)

Change of use of existing commercial riding stables to provide holiday accommodation.

(Because of the substantial documentation in support of the application this item was postponed in August. In the meantime the material had been circulated to members.)

The Chairman referred to the condition imposed on the existing dwelling. Consent for its erection to house the manager of the riding school on this former agricultural site had been allowed strictly on the condition that if the riding school ceased to operate the property should revert to agricultural use. This issue had been one reason why councillors had opposed the application on its previous presentation.

The proposal was to retain the house and convert former stables into five residential units for holiday rental.

Members were aware of opposition to the application from the large majority of Hilston residents, who considered the proposal as unsuitable for the small settlement : during the holiday period it would virtually double the population, it would impinge on other dwellings, it would change the character of the area and it would bring additional traffic to the narrow bending road.

For the applicants (who had engaged two consultants) it was argued that the change of use of redundant farm buildings for housing was government policy, that tourism would be encouraged and be advantageous to the area and that the traffic generated by the five units would be no greater than that generated by the former riding school.

There were other arguments on both sides. Councillors were not happy with the application.

Cllr Helliwell, for example, while admitting that whether to invest in the adaptation was a commercial rather than a planning decision, thought the site was unsuitable. He said that most coastal accommodation for tourists claimed easy access to the beach (not a coast road that had been closed because of erosion), the near proximity of pubs and restaurants and ease of access. The site at Hilston could offer none of these.

Cllr Stead said that the opposition of the majority of residents could not be ignored.

It was agreed to recommend refusal. The Clerk undertook to summarise the arguments raised against the application.

Accounts

Payment of two accounts was approved :

Hire of the Memorial Institute for meetings	£22.50
Fee for audit of 2003 - 2004 accounts	£82.25

Draft Affordable Housing Strategy

Not discussed.

Any other business

Tunstall Village Hall

Cllr Craggs reported from the Village Hall Committee plans for the rented parish land between the Hall and the Church. An application had been submitted for a grant of £5,000 to lay out the plot with trees and shrubs but with space for communal activities. A proposed layout had also

been prepared for the triangle of land in front of the churchyard main gate.

The Chairman noted that the grant applied for would be inappropriate if the Village Hall was not granted renewal of the rental agreement in subsequent years. The expense envisaged implied continued tenancy of the plot between the Village Hall and the Church.

Cllr Helliwell said that the Committee would be improving the parish land as well as making good use of it. The

Tolkien again

Readers of the *Yorkshire Post* on 4th September may have seen the article in the magazine section about J.R.R.Tolkien, author of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. It was prompted by the recent publication of *There and Back Again - in the footsteps of JRR Tolkien* by Matthew Lyons which records visits to places associated with Tolkien.

John Woodcock, the writer of the *Yorkshire Post* article, noticed the references to Tolkien's short time in Roos towards the end of World War One and made enquiries of Roos people, including me, in preparing his feature.

He was anxious to learn where Tolkien's wife and baby son lodged in Roos while he himself was stationed nearby recuperating from his war service. (Some say that Tolkien was himself billeted in Roos.)

In a phone call to me on 17th August John Woodcock was keen to glean an address. I explained that an attempt to find out by enquiries in *The Rooster* had met with no success. He also asked about the village itself and I sent him a copy of the Village Design Statement, from which some of the details in his article were gleaned.

I stressed that, though there is firm evidence that Tolkien's wife danced for him in the woods in Roos, there was no mileage in the quest for an address where she may have lived. Nevertheless, my name and *The Rooster* are mentioned several times as if I were an authority. It's embarrassing. Sorry!

Woodcock quotes from Lyons a story that in 1917 Edith Tolkien lodged in rooms above the post office. (That tale did not come from me. Nor was I guilty of a grammatical error in a sentence attributed to me.)

If the hypothesis could be proved, her lodgings would have been run by Edwin Wallis in the terrace where the post office is today. It was not until after the war that it moved across the road and was run by Percy Cheeseman.

There are quotations in the article from Lyons's book. To judge by their style it is unlikely to be worth reading. The author uses phrases so amorphous and flatulent that mere meaning evaporates.

Sadly, once an author is fashionable, as Tolkien now is, the biographers and researchers get on his bandwagon to make a name for themselves. In the process, speculation and hypothesis gain currency as if they were fact. Edith Tolkien may well have lodged above the post office in Roos but what is the evidence? None is given. Don't believe all you read in books!

L.H.

Parish Council should consider making the tenancy permanent. Cllr Grant said the land could be given to the Village Hall Committee.

No decision was taken but members warmly approved the schemes for both plots.

Road repairs needed

The Clerk undertook to request repairs to the following :

Seaside Road, Tunstall (bad potholes);

Hilston (underlying cobbles exposed at the sharp bend).

The Rooster

Many thanks for recent donations

Anon - 1 (Eastfield) (2nd donation)	Mr & Mrs Kemp
Anon - 5 (Owstwick, per Roos Store)	Mr & Mrs M.Lakeman
Miss L.Aston & Mr J.White	Mr & Mrs J.,B.Lambert
Mr & Mrs R.N.Cook	Mr & Mrs A.M.Lockwood
Mr & Mrs J.Dobson-Youngman	Mrs L.Oxlade
Mr & Mrs L.Foster	

Further donations will be very welcome. Suggested rate : £3.00 - £5.00 (maximum).

Each month 519 households now receive copies (including 12 posted to readers outside the area).

By 9th September almost 150 donations had been received to support the costs of production. This is less than one third of the households supplied. It would be fairer if the support could be pushed up to at least a half.

Thanks to the generosity of those who do contribute "The Rooster" is not short of funds but if there were more donations the recommended rate could be reduced.



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Lifestyle 2004

The Lifestyle scheme organised by Humberside Police has been running for some years. It aims to give youngsters something worthwhile to do during the summer and encourage a sense of community service. Prizes are awarded to the best teams.

The Roosters Rebecca Foster, Sophie Lythe,
Victoria Richardson & Lucy Sims.

A big thank-you to everyone who gave tombola prizes, donated money, bought our cakes and sponsored our walk.

We raised a total of £399. From this £33 was donated to the East End Cancer Relief Fund, £51 bought dog food and treats for the Carr Lane Animal Rescue Centre and £15 provided a Teddy Bears` Picnic for some of the village`s pre-school children.

We are very grateful for all the help and support received.

The Fab Four Emma Kitchen, Mayanne Smith, Hannah Spikings & Gareth Sunman (all aged 11)

+ 2 little helpers : Harrison Gill (9) & Owen Kitchen (6).

Ann Coupe writes : The Lifestylers successfully completed their goal of cleaning up the churchyard. And what a good job they did! They also did a sponsored swim and sponsored bike ride, ran a car boot, weeded the Roos Arms car park, had baking sessions and shopped for the elderly.

Their project, "Helping the Village", was not about raising money but they did raise £427. This was divided : £213.50 to RCPA and the same amount to Roos School for books.

Roos Children`s Playground Association

£220 has been raised by such recent events as :

Aug 21 Children`s Karaoke / Disco, the Roos Arms

30 Junior Pool Tournament, the Black Horse (won by Will Grayson of Tunstall for the 2nd year)

Sep 5 Beach Walk to Tunstall.

These occasions tend always to be supported by the same families, though there are surely many more village children who would love to join in. So come on, Mums and Dads. Bring them along. It is their playground that will benefit from the proceeds.

The next fund-raiser is a Bull`s-Eye Quiz at the Roos Arms on 17th September. So get your team together (2 / 4 people) and come and join us.

Watch out for posters advertising a Car Boot Sale in October in aid of RCPA and the Cricket Club. Date still to be finalised.

Advertising in "The Rooster"

(2 columns per page)

LOCAL GROUPS FREE

Commercial / Personal

Full page	£40.00	Quarter page	£10.00
Half page	£20.00	Display / col inch	£2.00

Small ads

4 columns / page) e.g. :
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presented by Torn Label of Leeds
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All Saints`, Roos

Harvest Service, Friday 24th September, 7.30 p.m.

The service will be followed by supper at the Rectory. All are very welcome.

Harvest gifts to decorate the church will be appreciated. They may be brought to church on the Friday morning between 10.00 and 11.30 or left in the preceding week at The Old School. Anyone willing to help to decorate the church please ring Tim and Kay Newton (671659).

Other harvest events may affect the dates and times of church services. See the Deanery Magazine or consult Rev Gordon Smethurst.

Charity Shop

The shop in the Memorial Institute on Saturday mornings continues to be well supported both by purchasers and by friends who just drop in for tea or coffee and a chat. Kathleen`s cakes are a good reason to call. (We have her word that she has added no calories!)

Items donated for sale may be brought on Saturdays or left at The Old School at other times.

Special Christmas Shop

We hope to stock appropriate items for Christmas. Can anyone make cards or provide suitable goods? There must be a host of talent out there. (Talk to us about terms!)

At present it is intended to share proceeds between the church building, the churchyard, and the Memorial Institute – all valuable assets to the village.

However, other groups may be planning events and there could be clashes. If such groups wish to join us we could have a big Christmas bash for village causes. If interested, please contact Tim or Kay.

Coming events

Sorry. No space this month. See other "Rooster" pages!

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Aldbrough Crossroads : Dicing with Death

Lucky escape

A Withernsea man was lucky to escape serious injury at this local black spot barely a week ago.

At about 5.30 p.m. on Sunday 12th September Mr Raymond Hindley was driving from Burton Pidsea to Roos when his car was struck at the junction by a car travelling at speed on the approach from Aldbrough.

Luckily, Mr Hindley's car was struck at the rear. If it had been hit amidships he could have been seriously hurt – and if there had been a nearside passenger the consequences could have been fatal.

Even so, his car was spun round a couple of times and ended up in the ditch some 20 yards nearer Roos but facing back towards Burton Pidsea.



Aldbrough Road to Rectory Road : the misleading view



who was returning with four members of his family from a visit to Scarborough.

Mr Chadwick had been aware of the car behind him for some time. He was amazed when, about 500 yards from the junction, it passed him at speed. He himself was travelling at about 50 mph and slowing when the other car passed him at an estimated 80 mph and hurtled towards the crossroads with no sign of brake lights.

The Chadwicks saw Mr Hindley's vehicle approaching from Burton Pidsea. They realised that a crash was almost inevitable but could only watch in horror. They noted the registration number of the offending car and then hurried to the assistance of Mr Hindley. They were relieved to find him alive and conscious, though badly shaken and clutching his chest.

The police and an ambulance were called. Mr Lindley was badly shaken but had no injury requiring hospital treatment. Since there was no evident physical injury it seems that there may be no police enquiry with a view to prosecution of the offending driver.

Nevertheless, Mr Hindley has been sleeping badly. He has been left with pain down his right side and in the kidney area of his back. On medical advice he is not to resume work for at least a fortnight.

Witnesses before and after

Just before the collision the offending driver overtook another vehicle at speed as he approached the junction from the Aldbrough direction.

The car overtaken was driven by Mr J.R. Chadwick of Tower Garage, Halsham,



Mr Hindley's car, back on the road, showing offside rear damage

After the arrival of the emergency services, Mr Chadwick told the police what he had witnessed but then left so as not to be in the way.

The family proceeded down Rectory Road, keeping a sharp eye to see if they could spot the offending vehicle, since there was a trail of water at first and it was obvious that it could not be driven far. They saw it, badly damaged, abandoned in Chestnut Garth and went back to tell the police, who came to examine it.

The offending vehicle

Mrs Susan Chadwick says that the police established that the ignition key was still in place and the doors had not been forced. One officer noted that the driving

seat was well forward : unless the seat had been moved by the impact, the inference was that the driver had been short in stature.

After the collision the driver of the car must have had difficulty controlling it. According to Mrs Susan Chadwick it first ended up on the left-hand bank at the entry to Rectory Road. The driver then reversed off and made a getaway down the road. Including the driver, there were two occupants, both males.

Whodunit?

Because of its number-plate there was no problem in identifying the owner of the car, who later recovered it.

It may be supposed that the car had been stolen, though the theft had not

been reported to the police before the accident.

Even if the police felt there were grounds for a prosecution, a charge would be difficult without reliable identification of the driver.

When the vehicle was dumped in Chestnut Garth its two occupants must have disappeared on foot.

Did any local people see two males, both probably somewhat dischevelled, and agitated, one of them perhaps rather short, hurrying away from Chestnut Garth and Rectory Road?

It would be useful to know.

Presumably the police would like to be informed.



The offending vehicle, abandoned in Chestnut Garth.



Another view of the damage, indicating the force of the impact.

KEEPING A RECORD

We all know how dangerous this junction is. Time and again the Parish Council has asked for more radical solutions than any yet tried.

Yet the Highways Authority say that statistically the junction is not as dangerous as some others – i.e. no one has been killed here yet. Until then, the Aldbrough crossroads are not a priority. It is also argued that staggering the junction may not be the solution. But if not, what is?

Not all incidents are reported to the police. When they do attend an incident, they log it but take action only when there has been personal injury. The Highways Authority make their judgements of statistical risk on the basis of police figures.

We need to keep our own record.

Jul 29 Kevin Smith of Roos was hit by a car approaching from Aldbrough.

Sep 5 Mr & Mrs Tim Newton of Roos were going to Burton Pidsea. A car sped across the junction and missed their bonnet by only a few feet..

Sep 12 Raymond Hindley of Withernsea was hit by a car from the Aldbrough Road.

Sep 14 Report, at present unconfirmed, of another collision at the junction

Noting, reporting, recording

If you witness an accident please note the date, time, licence numbers, witnesses and other circumstances.

Inform me by ringing 670291. Each month "The Rooster" will update the log of incidents.

Only if we can quote our own facts and figures have we any hope of effective action. Let`s not wait until the loss of somebody`s life makes the case unanswerable.