



The Rooster

Roos Parish Newsletter

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Dear Reader – You will have noticed that things are already on the move to improve the safety of the Aldbrough Crossroads. As a local resident put it, tongue-in-cheek of course, approaching the crossroads at night from Owstwick was rather like being on the flight path into Heathrow Airport. Hopefully, the additional warning signs that have been added will warn drivers both night and day that they are approaching a dangerous crossroads, and should exercise the maximum caution. - Ed

Roos Parish Council

The meeting on the 13th December was attended by all but three of the councillors. Cllrs Kirk, Helliwell and Smales were unavailable and had sent their apologies. East Riding County Councillor Richard Stead was also present. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm. Chairman David Winter started the meeting off by welcoming our new Parish Clerk, Janet Eastman.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the Roos Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th November were signed and approved.

Aldbrough Crossroads

The outgoing Parish Clerk gave a brief account of the presentation that had been made by Mr John Lister ERYC, at the November meeting. She also added that in spite of the very visible signs, particularly at night, some sort of incident had taken place at the crossroads that very evening.

The Snaith Charity

Nothing to report

Parking at North End

Nothing to report

Fallen Footpath Sign

This has been retrieved by Cllr Dodson, and he has agreed to replace the sign.

The phone box at Tunstall

The phone box has not yet been removed

Streetscene at Tunstall

Cllr Craggs reported that the additional kerbing of grass verges that had been requested had not been done, nor had the bus shelter roof received any attention.

Tunstall Village Hall Group

Cllr Craggs reported that the village garden project was ongoing, but there was nothing major to report.

Plot 17, East of Main Street

Clarification had been sought that access to this plot is to be through the estate, and that no access is to be made via the track to the playing field.

Removal of Foliage off an Ash Tree, Grassmere, Rectory Road

This has been approved.

Library & Information Service

Following a consultation period the library and information service will be undertaking a number of changes. However, the library bus will still be visiting the village.

Correspondence

Locking Solicitors, Hull

The Parish Council has received a letter informing it of the change of ownership of the Roos Arms. This was for licensing purposes.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

A letter had been received from Emma Cox, of Rural Beaches, stating that an information board and litter bins would be sited at the beach at Tunstall.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council – Rural Partnership

A letter giving details of a Conference on the Rural Partnership will be held on 4th March 2005. Speakers will be John Mills and Lord Haskins.

Fair Access to Fair Housing

A letter giving details of a Seminar on the regional strategy, to be held on Tuesday 14th December.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

The Parish Council has received a map showing the ERYC's winter gritting routes. (See map on page 5).

The ERYC Chairman's Awards

This letter gave details of a whole range of awards that are given out annually to those who it is felt have carried out roles to enhance the image of the East Riding. Parish Councils are being asked for their nominations. At the suggestion of Chairman Winter, members decided to give some thought to this and report to the next meeting.

The Roos Parish Plan

The Chairman stated that he had received a copy of the Parish Plan Questionnaire. Cllr Grant quite rightly pointed out that before councillors could comment on the questionnaire they had to have the opportunity to go through it. Cllr Craggs, a member of the Parish Plan Group, agreed to get additional copies and to circulate them to members of the Council.

Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council

This letter was from Peter Hirschfield, LEADER+ Community Development Worker. It stated that he was seeking out community groups who might benefit from a pot of European grant money, which is known as LEADER+. The letter included a questionnaire. Chairman Winter felt that the Parish Plan Group would be interested in the details, and passed the letter to Cllr Craggs, who will present it to the Group at its next meeting.

Planning

New applications

- 1) Erection of a single storey extension to the rear, at Holly Cottage, Rectory Road, Roos, for Mr & Mrs B Hinchliffe – members supported this Application.

- 2) Erection of a detached bungalow with a garage, at the land to the west of Hodgson Lane Surgery, Hodgson Lane, for Mr R Symes – members supported this Application.
- 3) Erection of a Conservatory to the rear of the dwelling at 7 Elm Garth, Roos, for Mr Hupper – members approved this Application.
- 4) Extension of the cliff stabilisation at Sand-Le-Mere, for Mr A C Ellis.
Cllr Grant pointed out that such stabilisation could increase the rate of erosion further down the coast, and quoted Mappleton as an example. Cllr Craggs said that he had had a word with Mr Ellis about this, and he was of the opinion that, since the planned stabilisation would not project very far beyond the base of the cliff, the increase in erosion further south was not likely to take place. Members approved this Application.

Deferred Application

Change of use of land to site timber clad holiday units/caravans for holiday use as part of a farm diversification scheme at land south of Red Roofs, Southfield Lane, Tunstall. Applicant - Mr David Grayson. This was deferred from the last meeting.

Chairman Winter first read out a letter of objection to the Application from Andrew and Jack Smales of Kiln Farm. Cllr Grant said that he knew the area well, and was concerned about the drainage on the proposed site. Cllrs Dodson and Craggs expressed concern about access to the proposed site. Cllr Craggs was of the opinion that access would be mainly from the north, down Southfield Lane, thus increasing the traffic on the Roos to Tunstall Road. Members did not give the plan their approval.

Treasurer's Report

- 1) The Rent of £22.50 for the use of the Memorial Institute was now due.
- 2) A payment of £25.26 had been received from Wayleaves as rent for the siting of a telegraph pole.

East Yorkshire Citizens Advice Bureau

At last month's meeting the Council had received a request for a donation. A decision was deferred to this meeting. It was agreed that a donation of £50 should be sent to the Bureau.

Parish Precept for the year commencing April 2005

A decision on this was deferred to this meeting. It was agreed that the amount to be asked from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council would be £2000.

Any Other Business

Cllr Dodson stated that he would shortly be obtaining some sacks of daffodil bulbs for Tunstall and Hilston. He would inform Cllr Craggs when they had arrived so that they could be collected and planted.

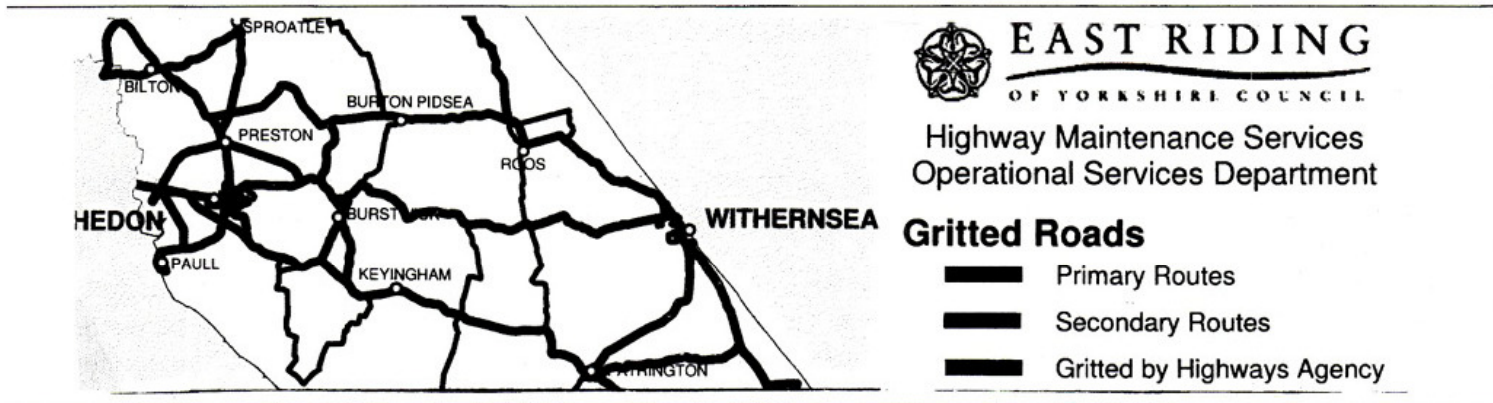
Cllr Craggs asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to donate the Parish land in Tunstall to The Village Hall Group. By doing this it may make it easier for the Group to get the Public Liability Insurance that they needed in order to qualify for a grant from Groundwork. Cllr Grant pointed out that since the Parish Council owned other pieces of land within the Parish, such a move would set a precedent. Cllr Craggs appreciated the argument and withdrew his request.

Public Session

Those present were invited to ask questions or make comments. No one wished to do so. Chairman Winter therefore thanked all those who had attended and declared the meeting closed.

The East Riding Precautionary Secondary Salting Network

Unfortunately, the routes on the map are colour coded, and the Rooster is unable to reproduce it in colour form. But all is not lost. On the portion of the map shown there are no roads gritted by the Highways Agency. The thick roads shown are gritted Primary Routes. The thin roads shown are gritted Secondary Routes. In our immediate area the roads are classed as Primary Routes, except the Roos to Tunstall road, returning to Roos via Southfield Lane and the Withernsea Road. This is a Secondary Route.



A Most Successful Event

Our Christmas Spectacular, held on Saturday 20th November, was a really successful day. It was our first joint Christmas fund raising event for the Church, Institute and School. Many people in the village supported the event and came to the Institute to buy cakes, jams, Christmas decorations and seasonal goodies, and to order table arrangements. They generously spent their money on the tombola and bring-and-buy stall, where books, videos and toys were all good buys. Coffee and warm mince pies were available all day, and people sat and chatted whilst taking in the festive atmosphere. Around £550 profit was made during the day, which means that the Church, Institute and School will benefit from £183 each!!! What a fantastic achievement!!! A special thank you goes out to everyone who made the day so successful by donating prizes, cakes, toys and seasonal produce, and to Tim and Kay Newton, Dot Robinson and Helen Cowell for organising the event so successfully.

Debbie Tennison
FORS Secretary - tel 670151

Remembrance Sunday

When we watch on our television sets the Remembrance Service from the Cenotaph in London most of the pictures are of old people as they parade with pride. This is understandable because the service still tends to concentrate on remembering those who lost their lives in the two World Wars. But of course, it is not an event just to remember those. Lives were lost in the Korean War, The Falklands War and, more recently, the war in Iraq, not to mention the numerous skirmishes that took place in various corners of the world during the second half of the last century.

It was therefore pleasing to see that at our Remembrance Service in Roos not only were young people present, but one, Luke Ellis, actually took part in the proceedings, playing The Last Post and Reveille on the trumpet. Luke, the grandson of one of the standard bearers, Mike Cheeseman, has fulfilled this role at previous Remembrance Day Services in the village.

Tunstall News

Since the last edition of the Rooster there have been three very successful events. On November 25th the Hint of Christmas cookery demonstration by Sheila Meadley attracted a good audience, who then proceeded to test and taste what Sheila had skilfully come up with. The fund raising event managed to raise £136 for All Saints Church at Tunstall. The organisers wish to thank all those who supported the event.

On Saturday November 27th the Tunstall Village Hall Group held its Christmas Fayre. From a weather point of view it wasn't the best of days, but in spite of that there was a good attendance. The event managed to raise an excellent £365, which will be used for the upkeep of the village hall, which is badly in need of a shed, some curtains and a new porch that will allow access for the disabled. A big thank you goes to all who attended.

At its Wednesday meetings throughout the year members of the Village Hall Group have contributed to the Christmas dinner fund, and have held a weekly raffle, providing all the prizes freely. This enabled all the members to visit the Railway Hotel at New Ellerby and enjoy their Christmas dinner.

Roos Parish Council

Monday 10th January 2004

7.30pm in the Memorial Institute

Members of the public

always welcome

ROOSTER DEADLINE

Please pass news, reports, notices, letters,
photographs, suggestions, complaints...by

Friday 7th January 2005

To David Craggs, V2 Sand-Le- Mere, Tunstall

01964 - 671580

Or to Gavin Eastman at Roos stores.

Roos Amateur Football Club

ANNUAL BOXING DAY FOOTBALL MATCH

OLD BOYS v ROOS AFC

Kick Off 10.30 am - afterwards meet up in the Black Horse

Roos AFC are looking for match ball and kit sponsors.

If you are able to help, please ring 01964 670499 - Thank You

Donations to the Rooster

I wish to thank the following people for their donations to the Rooster

Mr & Mrs T Thompson of Owstwick

Peter & Margaret Cook of South Park

Mr & Mrs Pallass of Hilston

**It would be appreciated if future donations could be made
in February when Leslie Helliwell again takes over the Rooster.**

Methodist Church Events

December - 19th

January - 2nd

January - 9th

January - 23rd

February - 6th

February - 13th

February - 27th

Methodist Service in the Memorial Hall

United Service in the Memorial Hall

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United Service in the Parish Church

Methodist Covenant Service in the Memorial Hall

Methodist Service in the Memorial Hall

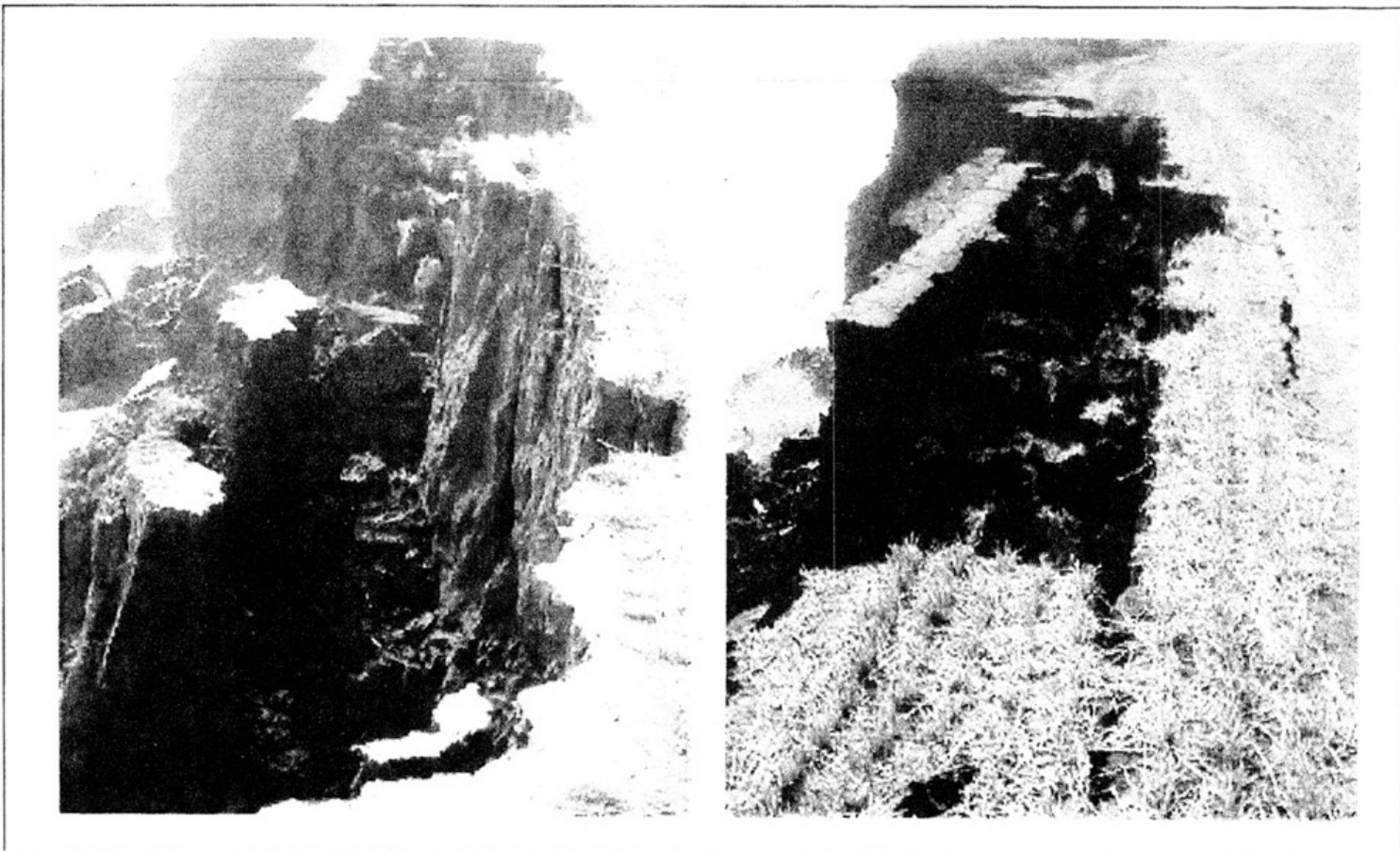
Our eroding coastline

Some 10,000 years ago the whole of Britain was passing through an Ice Age and was covered by a thick sheet of ice that was continually on the move. This movement had the effect of grinding the rocks beneath the ice, forming a layer of what we now know today as 'boulder clay'. When the Ice Age came to an end the ice melted and receded northwards, leaving the cliffs that run the length of Holderness, and are so familiar to us today.

Boulder clay is a strange substance. Its surface becomes as slippery as an ice rink when a thin layer of rainwater falls upon it. It dries out, becoming very hard when baked in the heat of the sun. The drying process also makes the clay shrink, producing large cracks that can penetrate deep into it. These cracks allow rainwater to seep through causing layers of clay to slip away. Combine this with continuous pounding by the sea, and it is easy to see why the Holderness cliffs are falling into the sea at an alarming rate. An average annual figure of about three metres a year is often quoted, but on occasions three metres have been seen to collapse into the sea within the space of twenty four hours.

When one walks regularly on the cliff top one observes long narrow cracks which, over time, gradually widen. The clay on the seaward side, often several square metres in area, then starts to sink, at the same time breaking away from the main body of the cliff. Eventually it collapses altogether, sometimes depositing several tonnes of clay onto the beach below. The whole process usually take several days, but on occasions it takes place with alarming rapidity, giving little warning to some unsuspecting person who may be on the beach below. It is not unknown for people to have been hit and badly injured by the falling clay.

One evening a couple of summers ago I walked my dog along the cliff top path at Tunstall. Twelve hours, and one high tide later, I walked along the same stretch of path only to find that a thirty metre length had broken away and was now a jagged mass of clay several metres below the cliff top. It was hard to imagine that only a few hours earlier I had actually been standing at that very point. I was so astounded by this event of nature that I returned to photograph what had taken place. The two photographs show well the results of coastal erosion.



So, what of the future? If, as the experts tell us, global warming is set to continue unless man takes some very drastic steps to stop it, it is predicted that sea levels will rise as the polar ice caps melt, and rainfall may well increase. If these changes do take place on an ever-increasing scale, the rate of coastal erosion can only increase. What will always be difficult to predict with any degree of accuracy will be the annual rate of that erosion.