



# The Rooster

Roos Parish Newsletter

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A Happy New Year to you all.

## Roos Parish Council

The meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> January was attended by all but two of the councillors. Cllrs Cooke and Helliwell were unavailable and had sent their apologies. East Riding County Councillor Richard Stead was also unavailable and had sent his apologies. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm. Since the new Parish Clerk was on holiday the minutes were taken by the outgoing Clerk, Sandra Hardy.

### **Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the Roos Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th December were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr Winter.

#### Aldbrough Crossroads

The Chairman commented that since the new signs had been erected little else appeared to have been done. The Clerk pointed out that since a new electrical supply had to be installed for the central island, the work would take in the region of six months to complete.

#### Streetscene at Tunstall

Cllr Craggs again reported that the kerbing had not been done, neither had the bus shelter roof been looked at. He went on to say that in his opinion Tunstall appeared to be the most neglected village in the area, from a County Council point of view. The Clerk said that she would again pursue the issue.

#### Daffodils

Cllr Dodson reported that five bags of bulbs had arrived and had been distributed. Tunstall and Hilston received one and a half bags each. Cllr Craggs reported that the Tunstall bulbs were already in the ground, and thanked the Parish Council, on behalf of the Village Hall Group, for the bulbs.

#### Road Sign Repairs

The signpost at Aldbrough Crossroads is still without a sign to Halsham. The Clerk said that she would report this.

#### ERYC Chairman's Awards

This issue had been carried over from the last meeting. After some discussion it was decided that the Roos Playground Committee, who have done valuable work in the village, should be put forward for an award. The category would be – Enhancing the Social Well Being of the village.

#### The Roos Parish Plan Questionnaire

A copy of the Plan had been circulated round the Councillors. All but Cllr Cooke had seen it. The Council gave their approval of the Plan.

## **Correspondence**

### **Humberside Safety Camera Partnership**

A copy of the Annual Report had been sent to the Council for reference.

### **East Riding of Yorkshire Council Rural Partnership**

Details were received of a Meeting of the Partnership at Far Grange Caravan Park on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 10 - 4pm. The theme of the meeting is 'Modernising Local Service Delivery'.

### **Humberside Police Authority**

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm, there will be a meeting of the Withernsea Local Policing Neighbourhood Panel. The meeting will be held at Aldbrough Village Hall. The meeting is to enable the public to meet the Police, make comments, air their views and express their concerns.

### **East Riding Citizens Advice Bureau**

A letter had been received from the Bureau thanking the Parish Council for its donation of £50.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer had just two items to report. He had received a bill for £60 for the five bags of daffodil bulbs that had recently been purchased. The ERYC had sent a bill for £80 for the cutting of the grass at Tunstall last year. Councillors approved payment of both bills.

## **Planning**

There were no new planning applications.

### **Decisions**

Erection of a double garage to the rear of 'Beaufort', Roston Road, Roos. Applicant Mr C.T Jeffs – APPROVED

Erection of a detached bungalow with garage, at the land to the west of Hodgson Lane Surgery, Hodgson Lane. Applicant Mr R Symes – APPROVED

Extension of the cliff stabilisation at Sand-Le-Mere. Applicant Mr A.C.Ellis. This Application has been Withdrawn.

## **Any Other Business**

Cllr Craggs reported that, to date, no progress had been made on the Public Liability Insurance issue. He would continue to pursue the matter.

Cllr Smales expressed concern that the ditch at the lower end of Southfield Lane, Tunstall, was 'trapping' unsuspecting drivers as they moved to the edge of the lane in order to allow oncoming cars to pass. On more than one occasion her husband had been asked to extract a trapped vehicle from the ditch. She asked if it would be possible for the Council to place some form of warning sign along the dangerous area. The Clerk said that she would report the concern to the Council.

Cllr Dodson expressed concern about the poor visibility, due to a large hedge, at the road junction where the lane to Owstwick leaves the main Aldbrough Road. Cllr Grant said that this concern would probably be addressed as the road improvements along that particular stretch continue. The Chairman said that the issue could be placed on future agendas so that it could be monitored.

## **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 Roos Parish Plan Questionnaire**

Within the next few days a Questionnaire will be delivered to each household within the Parish. It is vital that everybody completes the relevant section to ensure that the Parish Plan will truly reflect the views and aspirations of all the community.

The information provided will be confidential and individuals will remain anonymous.

The Questionnaire is in two parts: -

The first part – Householder Questionnaire (Profile of the Parish) is intended to be completed by the head of the household. (1 copy, coloured)

The second part – Individual's Questionnaire (Profile of Personal Opinion) is intended to be completed by each individual member of the household aged 14 years and over. (4 copies).

Forms will be collected, but if you prefer, completed forms, together with any unused copies, may be handed in to Roos Stores.

Further on in this edition of the Rooster you will find a letter from Willis Ainley, Chairman of the Parish Plan Committee, setting out how the idea of a Parish Plan came into being. If, after reading it, you require further information or assistance before completing the Questionnaire, please contact any of the Committee members listed.

### **Roos Library Survey**

A summary of the Survey that was held between 8<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2004

Of those questioned: -

- 23% used, or one of their families used the Roos Mobile Library.
- 82% of those who didn't use the Library, gave unsuitable opening hours as their reason.
- 95% stated that they would like Roos to have an upgraded Library service.
- 41% preferred to keep Tuesday as the day the Travelling Library visits Roos. 39% stated that any day would be suitable.
- 65% stated that they preferred an opening period of 2.00pm – 6.00pm.
- 44%, when asked, stated that they would not use the service in a morning.
- 70% stated that they had access to a computer at home.
- 27% stated that they had access to a computer at work.
- 92% of those with computer access had a word processing facility.
- 89% of those with computer access had access to the Internet.
- 72% stated that they were unlikely to use the Internet access facility that would be offered by the new Library.

### **A Suggestion, and a Request**

Mr Tim Newton, of Roos Parish Church, recently contacted me. He would like to see a 'Friends of All Saints Church' in Roos. Such a Group would be able to organize and help with the upkeep of the church and its surrounding grounds. He would also like to purchase some garden benches, which could then be sited within the church grounds so that those who wished to take advantage of such a tranquil setting, could do so. If any Parishioners would like to make a donation towards the purchasing of the benches, or would be interested in forming a 'Friends of Roos All Saints Church' Group, would they please contact Tim, on 671659? Ed.

### **Tunstall News**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December a highly successful Musical Evening was held in the Village Hall. Brian Garbutt and Friends provided the entertainment, giving their renditions of several well-known Christmas Carols. This gave the audience the opportunity to join in, which they did with great enthusiasm. Afterwards a tasty buffet was provided by the ladies of The Village Hall Group, and the evening ended with a well supported raffle. The event raised an excellent £102 for the Tunstall Church funds.

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December a group of well wrapped up Carol Singers, with torches and song sheets at the ready, braved the elements to sing carols round the village. They later made their way up to the Old Rectory where Marlene Taylor provided the shivering group with mulled wine and a wholesome buffet. A generous collection of £52 was made, and this also went towards the Tunstall Church funds.

#### **Roos Parish Council**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2004**

**7.30pm in the Memorial Institute**

**Members of the public**  
**always welcome**

#### **ROOSTER DEADLINE**

Please note – there will not be an edition of the Rooster in the month of February

### **Roos & District Horticultural Society**

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm, the Roos & District Horticultural Society will hold its Annual General Meeting in the Roos Memorial Institute. New members are always most welcome. So come along.

### **A big Thank You**

Mrs P. Stark and Mrs A. Myatt of Eastfield Estate would like to thank all the people who supported their Toy Tombola in the Memorial Institute on the two Saturdays before Christmas. £74.00 were raised for the McMillan Cancer Relief. They would also like to thank Tim and Dot for their kindness to them. They hope to do further Tombolas later in the year.

#### **Traffic accidents in Roos Parish**

##### **Noting, reporting, logging**

If you witness an accident or near-accident please note the date, time, licence numbers, witnesses, etc.

Unless it would be insensitive to do so, take photographs at the time or as soon as possible afterwards.

Inform "The Rooster" so that the log can be updated.

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# **The Roos Parish Plan**

## **A letter from the Chairman of the Parish Plan Committee**

Dear Parishioner

It will be recalled that Roos Parish Council, after consultation and open public meetings, took the decision in mid 2004 to prepare a Parish Plan. Its purpose is 'To give rural communities a bigger chance to run their own affairs, set out what their village should look like, and guide its future development.' A committee was elected and a constitution was adopted. A grant from the Countryside Agency was awarded, a bank account opened, and work began.

Since then steady progress has been made and the first key stage in its preparation is about to begin. Within the next few days a Questionnaire will be distributed throughout the Parish. Its purpose is to gather information and give everybody the opportunity 'to have their say'. Analysis of the returns will establish a basis for further consultation with those responsible for providing future amenities and services throughout the Parish.

It is perhaps timely to describe and review some of the Committee's activities in preparation for the Questionnaire.

- Advice has been taken from the Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Forward Planning).
- Examples of Parish Plans successfully completed by other communities have been obtained and studied.
- Sample Questionnaires published by other communities have been examined.
- A computer program to aid the design and analysis of the questionnaires has been purchased.
- A photocopier has been obtained, funded by a grant from the James Reckitt Trust, to help meet reprographic costs.

As a result of advice received and research undertaken it was apparent that the task was greater and wider in scope than many of us imagined at the time. Now, however, a much clearer picture of what a Parish Plan is for, what it can achieve, and how it can fit into local and regional policies, has been gained.

Production of a Parish Plan is just one of the initiatives arising from the Government's 'Urban and Rural White Paper (2000)' which sets out 'a vision of a living, protected and vibrant countryside'. In response to this the Countryside Agency, through its Vital Villages programme, has given communities the opportunity to set out their vision for the future, and to develop an action plan for the next 5-10 years.

In this context The East Riding of Yorkshire Council has advised us that development of our Parish Plan is most timely. This is because the views of the community, as reflected in the Plan, may be taken into account when the future status of Roos is considered in the Council's Local Development Framework.

The Local Development Framework, which will replace all previous planning policies, will 'flesh out' in more detail the overarching policies contained in The Hull and East Riding Joint Structure Plan (JSP). This is presently going through its final consultation stage and is expected to be adopted in early 2005. The JSP sets out broad strategies and policies up to 2016. They cover, for example, Housing, Transport, Employment, Coastal Management, Tourism, Agriculture, Renewable Energy Resources, etc. There is emphasis on Sustainability. Initial scrutiny of the JSP indicates significant change in policy, with implications for the future development and status of Roos. This reinforces the need for a Parish Plan.

Finally, although the filling in of the Questionnaire may be tedious, and sometimes the questions may appear intrusive, even impertinent, the intention is to give everybody the opportunity to voice their opinion. By completing the Questionnaire, we can all contribute and help assess the extent to which the environment in which we live, and the quality of services available to us, meet our individual needs. When completed, the Parish Plan will identify future needs and help shape and influence circumstances for our community now and for generations to come.

Willis Ainley

Chairman, Roos Parish Plan Committee

## **The Indian Ocean Earthquake – And could it happen here?**

We have all no doubt been horrified by the pictures on our television screens and in our newspapers showing the devastation inflicted on countries surrounding the Indian Ocean, particularly Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand, but even spreading as far afield as the east coast of the African continent. The cause of the devastation is now well known. On Boxing Day a massive earthquake under the Indian Ocean produced a tidal wave, known as a *tsunami*, which travelled at frightening speed towards the various coastlines. There was little or no warning for the people, and they were overwhelmed by a massive inrush of seawater. As we now know many lost their lives, and those who managed to survive can consider themselves extremely lucky, as some of their harrowing accounts showed.

We may be tempted to ask if such a natural catastrophe could happen to this country, and more specifically, as we gaze out to sea from the Holderness coast, could such a massive tidal wave be produced under our North Sea? Well, the experts tell us that it is highly unlikely. It's all to do with what is known as 'plate tectonics'. If one takes a hard boiled egg and gently taps the shell, cracking it, the surface of the egg is now covered with lots of pieces of shell, with edges all rubbing against one another at the various junctions. The surface of the Earth is similar in that it is covered with 'plates', which float on top of the molten rock and iron that are beneath. The continents of the world are situated on top of these plates. In some cases these plates are pushing together upwards, and this explains how mountain ranges are formed. In other cases the plates are pulling apart, allowing the molten rock beneath to escape upwards, sometimes producing new volcanoes.

Just off the coast of Indonesia two of these tectonic plates, meet up and it would appear that one of the plates dropped several metres in relation to the other plate. This immediately produced a drop in the seabed, disturbing an unbelievably large amount of seawater. Hence the tsunami was born. It is now well known that where the tectonic plates meet there is a lot of earthquake and volcanic activity. In this country we are fortunate in that the nearest place where two tectonic plates meet is over a thousand miles away, in mid Atlantic. And these two plates are in fact pulling apart. We therefore live in what is known as a Geologically Stable area. This is the reason why we may get the occasional earth tremor here, but not the major earthquake that other parts of the world occasional get. Of course, there is the remote possibility of an asteroid dropping unannounced into the North Sea, producing a tidal wave of a size that is impossible to imagine. But down at Sand-Le-Mere we prefer not to think about that.

