

The Rooster

Roos Parish Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council

At the meeting on 11th April all members were present except Cllr Mrs B.Kirk, who had sent her apologies. East Riding Cllr R.Stead also attended.

Because the Parish Clerk was on holiday, Cllr Helliwell recorded the Minutes.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on Monday 14th March were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes

Tunstall Village Hall

The insurance premium had been agreed and paid..

Roos Beck

Cllr Grant reported that the baulks of timber had been removed. The remaining sludge would presumably be washed away.

Postbox at Owstwick

Nothing had yet been done to improve the muddy access.

Presentation by Community Power / Powergen uk plc

Along with parish councillors from Halsham and Rimswell, several members had attended the presentation about a possible scheme to erect three wind turbines between Roos and Rimswell. It was agreed not to call a public meeting at present since there were too few details of the possible scheme. The presentation would be reported in "The Rooster".

Tunstall crossroads at North End

The pothole reported had been given a temporary filling.

Tunstall bus shelter

Cllr Craggs reported that the walls were sound but a fall pipe and guttering needed to be replaced. The Village Hall Committee had the matter in hand. The shelter was used by school pupils in bad weather and needed to be retained.

Anti-social behaviour

Jackie Edwards, Safe Communities Officer at County Hall, had provided the Chairman with copies of diaries for residents wishing to report unacceptable behaviour. A copy would be supplied to the resident who at the last meeting raised problems in Hinch Garth.

Correspondence

Police

Inspector Love had written that he had replaced Inspector McGiveron at Withernsea LPT.

Planning

No planning documents had been received. There was concern that they might have gone astray. The Chairman undertook to contact the Head of Planning and Mr Colin O'Connor to ensure that the name and address of the new Parish Clerk had been noted.

Cllr Stead reported that Mr Grayson's application to build holiday accommodation at Tunstall had been successful but Cllr Grant understood many conditions had been imposed.

Treasurer's Report

No accounts were due for payment but garden rent of £5.00 had been received from Mr S.Kirkwood and £10.00 from Tunstall Village Hall Committee for the use of parish land. £130.43 of VAT had been reclaimed. There was currently a balance of £2,105.32 at the bank.

Any other business

Beechwood Views

Cllr Smales reported from a resident that a householder had erected a fence that encroached on the amenity area. It was agreed to seek East Riding advice, particularly from Mr Derek Simmonds, Enforcement Officer.

Smoke nuisance

Cllr Helliwell reported a phone call from Mr Scott, Mayfield Farm, Hilston, concerning frequent instances of smoke drifting from rubbish burnt on a property to the west. Mr Scott had complained to the property owner concerned but the practice continued. Environmental Health officers had visited the site and taken photographs. They advised Mr Scott to note and report all further instances.

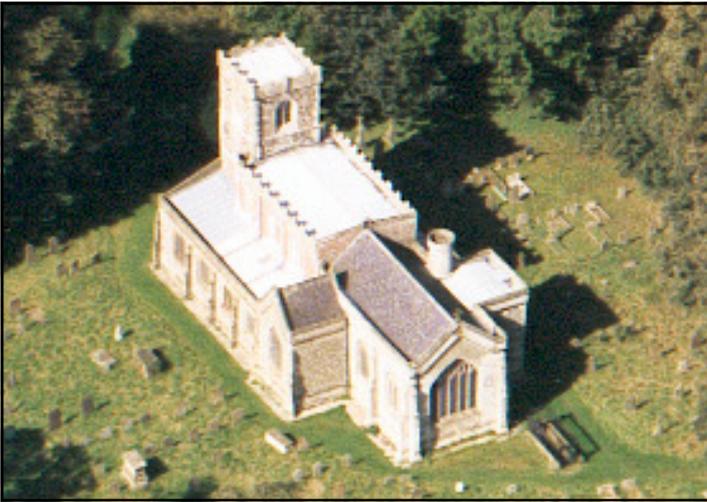
Members agreed with advice Cllr Helliwell had given to Mr Scott : the Parish Council had no powers to act and the only recourse if the problem continued was to make further reports to Environmental Health officers.

Office of Parish Clerk

In view of her possible departure from Roos, the Parish Clerk, Mrs Janet Eastman, had offered her resignation so that the Parish Council could appoint a replacement.

Following procedure agreed in private session in March, the Chairman had offered the post to Mrs Lesley Dearing. She was happy to accept the offer but, owing to other commitments, could not take office until July. It was

All Saints` Church



Services

1st Sunday (alternate months)	United Service	10.30
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	10.30
3rd Sunday	Morning Prayer	10.30
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	10.30

Churchyard seats

The first of a number of new seats has been installed in the New Churchyard.

Earthworks at the school

Mrs Penny Farey writes :

Dear Friends,

April 23rd is being planned as a working day in the new "edible schoolyard" at Roos School. Many parents have already offered support, which is great, but we are hoping that this project will further link the school and the community. We are therefore very happy that "friends" who are not already parents of children at the school should come along and help.

The day`s activities will involve :

- fencing
- path-laying
- digging
- pergola-building
- planting

No previous experience is required. (We have some very good team leaders.)

If you would like to take part, please come armed with :

- gardening gloves
- spade
- rake
- wheelbarrow (if you have one)
- bags of enthusiasm.

To aid with the organisation of the tasks, please let us know before the day if you can come.

Please contact either Gerard Baker (670049)
or Penny Farey (670535)

P.S. If anyone has any spare plants, a lawnmower to loan for the day, or a talent for back massages, please let us know. If anyone wants any free turf, it can be collected on the day.

Lighting Fund

We thank Kerry Richardson and Nigel Smith for their hard work installing our new heating and lighting system.

We also thank all the people who either made donations or organised fund-raising events to raise money for the Lighting Fund.

Charity Shop in the Memorial Institute

The shop is normally open on Saturdays from 9.0 to 4.0 but will be closed on 23rd and 30th April.

Gifts of items to sell are most welcome and may be left at the Old School during the week or brought to the Institute on Saturdays.

The Friends of All Saints` Church

By the time this note appears we hope to have had an inaugural meeting and to have elected an initial committee. Watch out for posters.

Envelope scheme

We have an envelope scheme for those who wish to make regular donations to church funds.

Please contact us on 01964 - 671659.

Tim & Kay Newton
Churchwardens

Melbourne Butchers



Gemma Wilbraham, the new proprietor, is seen here with her mother, Susan (née Cook).

Gemma started in retail butchery straight from school and spent seven years learning the business before coming to work for Dave and Jenny. From Jenny she then acquired the experience of running a bakery, which is now standing her in good stead.

Things are going well and Gemma is delighted with the welcome and support she has received from existing customers.

In September she will be jetting off to Barbados to get married to Robert Acklam. Nice to have both ceremony and honeymoon in such an exotic place. Envious!

What`s in the wind?

On 7th April parish councillors from Roos, Halsham, and Rimswell heard of a possible scheme to erect three wind turbines on a site between Roos and Rimswell.

The councillors were given a presentation by Catherine Owen and Fiona Autry of Community Power, a company backed by Powergen plc that specialises in developing small sites for wind-power generation.

The following booklets were available, the first from the British Wind Energy Association and the other two from Friends of the Earth.

Why Wind?

Summarises the arguments in favour of wind power and outlines the process from initial assessments and local consultation through the stages of the planning process to the final erection of the turbines.

Energy and Climate Change

Stresses the looming global disasters from climate change and the costs of conventional power generation from fossil fuels and nuclear sources.

Wind Power : your questions answered

Restates the need for clean energy resources; answers both frequently-asked questions and refutes some of the misleading arguments put out by opponents.

A leaflet was also supplied, including the map below.

The Leaflet

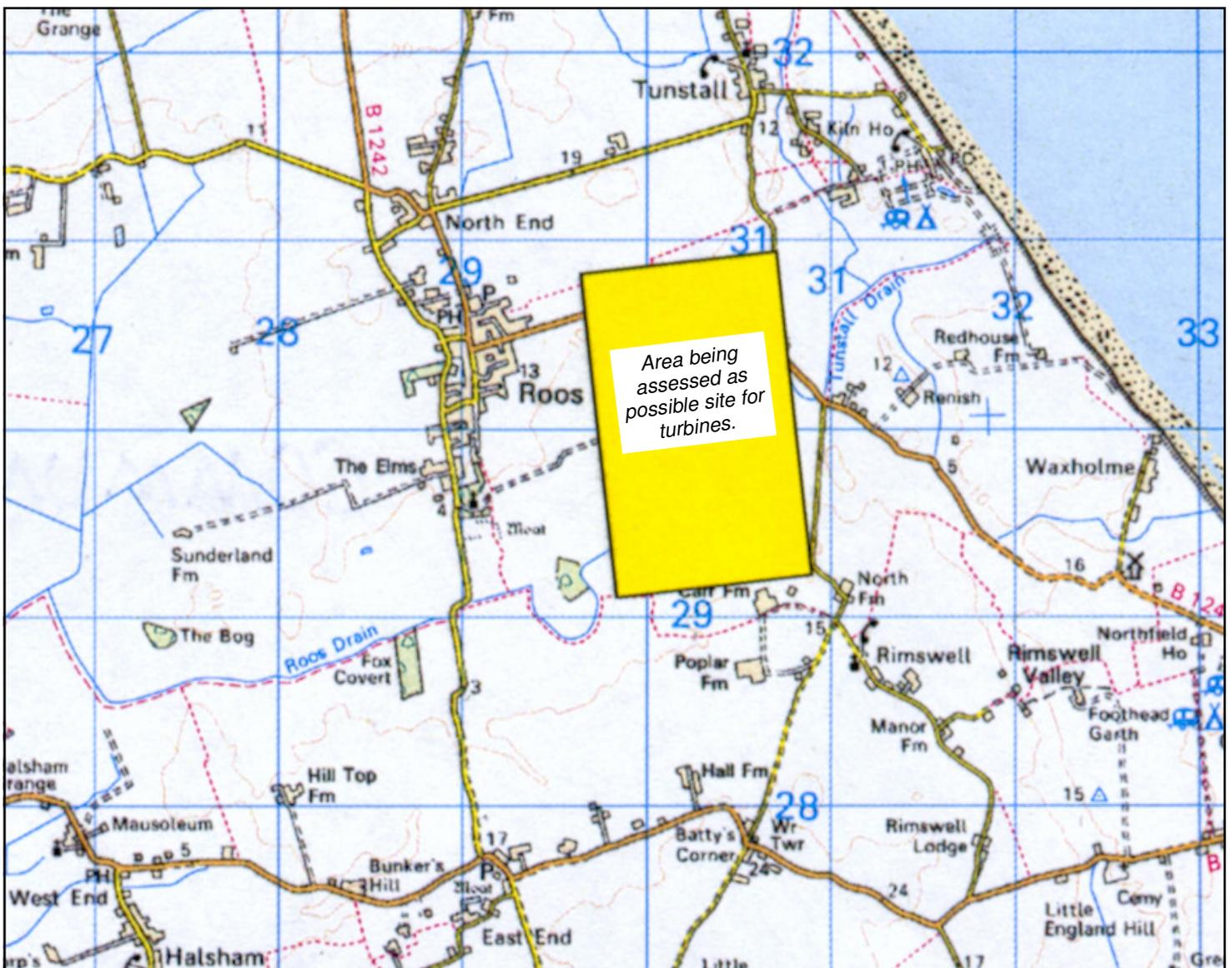
A Wind Turbine Cluster between Roos and Rimswell

Community Power is a business backed by Powergen UK plc (part of the E.ON Group) which provides benefits from renewable energy schemes to the local community such as an annual income for the community, energy efficiency advice and products and educational support to local schools.

We are currently looking at the potential for a small scale wind farm on land between Roos and Rimswell villages. The proposal is for three wind turbines up to 111m in height from ground to blade tip. The project could produce enough clean, green electricity for over 4,000 homes each year, depending on the type of turbine used.

The world's climate has always varied. However scientists now believe that human influences are causing excessive warming and distorting the natural patterns of climate.

Reducing the amount of greenhouse gasses such as carbon dioxide by developing renewable forms of energy is a way of tackling this problem. The government has set tough green power targets and this project will make a



contribution towards meeting these and the climate change challenge.

The project is at a very early stage and therefore it is not possible to give exact turbine locations at this time. However, please refer to the yellow box on the map for an indicative area. Over the next 6-12 months a number of detailed studies will be carried out to provide more information about the site.

This information sheet has been designed to give a brief introduction to the project. Further information about Community Power can be found at www.powergen.co.uk/communitypower

The presentation

Catherine Owen described the genesis of Community Power (launched only in 2002) and its concern to inform and involve local communities at an early stage. She stressed benefits offered not just to landowners but to the community as a whole : from £4,000 to £8,000 per annum in the early years.

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Macmillan Cancer Relief

Pauline Stark and Ann Myatt
wish to thank everyone who supported the
Tabletop Sale and Tombola on Saturday 28th March.

£100 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Thank you.

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The reaction

Searching questions were asked. Some were critical and some (but not all) were antagonistic, though there was no personal ill feeling.

Because it was assumed that there would be further meetings Ms Owen asked for a volunteer to act as a local contact. Mr John McWatt, Chairman of Rimswell Parish Council, offered to accept the role and would pass on any future information to the other parish councils.

Other councillors accepted this arrangement. Though some were clearly opposed to wind turbines, all agreed that there was no point in refusing to hear more at a later date.

The process

If further feasibility tests encourage Community Power to proceed with the scheme there will be further consultations both with local councils and with the general public. Further down the line, if there is eventually a planning application to erect the turbines, both the councils and their residents will have an opportunity to express their views to the East Riding Planning Committee.

(At their meeting on 11th April the Parish Council debated whether to call a public meeting at this stage. It was agreed that, since insufficient details were yet known, such a meeting would be premature but that this report should appear in "The Rooster".)

Coming events

April

23 "Edible Schoolyard". (Garden layout at Roos School.)

May

4 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Mrs D.Harper : A Funny Thing Happened on the Way.

9 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

15 RCPA Clay Shoot. Glebe Farm. 1.0 - 5.0.

Start of Christian Aid Week. Envelope donations.

June

1 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Christine Scott : Grandad's House.

13 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

11 RCPA Dance & Pig Roast.

July

2 Horticultural Society Summer Show. Burton Pidsea.

6 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Pam Witts : Holidaying in China.

Club & society secretaries : please supply advance details of your planned events.

ROOSTER DEADLINE

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

Friday 6th May

to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos,
01964 - 670291

or to Gavin Eastman at the Roos Store.

The Rooster

Report and accounts for 2004

Summary of income

Donations from households	927.90
Other donation (Horticultural Society)	5.00
Sale of back numbers	0.15
Paid advertisements	121.00
Total:	<u>1054.05</u>

Household donations

There were 162 donors, of whom many gave very generously and some donated twice. The total includes about a dozen who live outside the parish and have copies posted.

In the latter part of the year when distribution began in Tunstall, Hilston and Owstwick there were some donations from these areas.

About a third of Roos residents are donors (similar to the proportion in previous years) but no attempt has been made to calculate the exact proportion. The task would be difficult since some donors contribute anonymously.

In the parish as a whole (and not merely in Roos) "The Rooster" is supported by about a third of households. We all benefit from the dissemination of news and views but it would be fairer if the cost were more evenly shared.

Expenditure

Printing

Printing is the main expense. The increased circulation has raised the cost : about 522 copies are now delivered or posted. The 540 print-run allows a few copies spare.

"The Rooster" normally has 6 pages (i.e. sides), though it has varied between 4 and 9. In the pages column of the table the italicised figures (i.e. +1) indicates that a further sheet was printed. This was usually for a special purpose, e.g. to supply the reply slips enclosed in this issue.

Other expenses

Petrol was claimed @ 10p a mile (travel to the printer in Hull; taking copies to the deliverers). Other costs were noted and claimed : postage, phone calls and stationery (mainly envelopes @ 2½p).

Summary of Expenditure

	Pages	No.	Print	Fuel	Tel	Post	Stat	Copy	Totals
Jan	4 <i>+ 1</i>	485	47.20	4.15	0.45	2.80	0.37	0.45	55.42
Feb	6	485	60.55	4.15	1.06	2.80	0.37	0.40	69.33
Mar	9	485	98.20	4.15	1.35	3.20	1.70	1.45	110.05
Apr	6	485	63.00	4.15	0.60	3.08	2.75	0.60	74.18
May	6 <i>+1</i>	530	66.70	5.05	0.45	2.94	0.40	0.60	76.14
Jun	6	525	64.80	5.06	0.70	1.89	4.10	0.60	77.15
Jul	8	525	85.35	4.56	1.61	2.52	0.37	0.60	95.01
Aug	6	535	63.80	4.15	0.40	2.94	0.37	0.60	72.26
Sep	6	535	65.30	4.56	3.15	3.15	0.37	0.45	76.98
Oct	6	535	65.30	5.00	0.45	2.73	0.32	0.30	74.10
Nov	6	540	63.65	4.51	0.00	2.52	0.32	1.50	72.50
Dec	6	540	65.15	4.51	0.00	2.52	0.30	0.50	72.98
Totals :			809.00	54.00	10.02	33.09	11.74	8.05	926.10

Excess of income over expenditure

£1,054.05 *less* £926.10 = £127.95, a healthy balance, suggesting that little more income is needed in 2005. But in 2004 the average cost / issue was £77.00 : £127.95 would not have been enough to pay for two issues.

Accuracy of the accounts

Although this statement is as truthful as I can make it, I am not a confident book-keeper. I'd still welcome help from someone happy to handle accounts.

Thanks to the volunteer deliverers

Roos Caroline Blyth, Alan Bowden, Heather Boynton, Helen Cowell, Tom and Sandra Crombie, Bob Feetom, James Priest (& granddaughter Emma), Brian & Ann Smith (+ grandson Mark), Barbara Stephenson, David Winter. Reserves : Irene & Leslie Helliwell, James Kendall, Kay Newton.

Tunstall David Craggs, Brian & Patt Garbutt, and others.

Hilston Sue Jones. Owstwick Renée Cook.

L.H.

Donations for 2005

Many thanks for recent donations from :

Anon - 2 (South End	Mr & Mrs D.J.Houlton
Anon - 3 (per Roos Store)	Mrs E.Lawson
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There is a healthy bank balance from 2004 but the

newsletter still needs wide support to confirm its future : preferably, more people, each paying less.

If you intend to contribute in 2005 but have not yet done so, please do so as soon as possible, using the reply slip included with this copy.

Suggested rate : a minimum of £3.00 per household but a maximum of £5.00 (unless including postage).

The bank requires cheques to be payable to "L.Helliwell".

Please pass / post your donation in an envelope marked "The Rooster" to :

L.Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos, HU12 0LB
or leave it at The Roos Store.