

The Rooster

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Lively and informative public meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting on 4th July was attended by about 25 persons, including seven members of the Parish Council and a large contingent of the Parish Plan Committee. Most had come in response to the invitation to speak about their particular group or interest.

Cllr David Winter, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed those present and invited individuals to address the meeting.

Policing

Matthew Ainley spoke first. He is a member of the LPT (Local Policing Team) based in Withernsea.

He explained that at one time he had been known as the local beat officer for Roos but the policy of allocating an officer to particular areas had been abandoned. Recently it had been revived, though he was now known as the Neighbourhood Manager. His patch includes Roos, Burton Pidsea and Aldbrough. Two colleagues cover respectively Withernsea town and an area centred on Patrington.

Emergency calls should be made, of course, by dialling 999 and asking for the police. Non-urgent calls should be made on 0845 60 60 222. Issues affecting his own patch will be referred to Matthew to follow up when on duty. He can also be contacted by email :

matthew.ainley@humberside.pnm.police.uk

It would be unreasonable, just because he lives in Roos, to call on Matthew or ring him at home – though he does not object to being accosted in the street.

He is available on request to attend local meetings and visits schools to make contact with young people and to discuss matters affecting their welfare.

A Youth Club for Roos

Walter and Christine Holbrook described their hopes of setting up a Youth Club to meet (initially) once a week in the Playing Field pavilion.

Persons offering to run such clubs are now required to complete a six-month course of training. Walter and Christine are already on a course and should achieve their qualified status in September, which is when they plan to launch the Club.

They hope that the Club will offer a social base for young people aged 14-18, something that is lacking in Roos. It will be run by an elected committee of members. The activities will include games and competitions and invited speakers.

Because there will be costs for rent and equipment it will be necessary to raise funds and seek grants, though the East Riding may be able to help with set-up costs. (Willis Ainley said that details could be supplied of possible grants.) On the other hand, Walter envisaged that the young people themselves would contribute an attendance fee and it was helpful that there was already some equipment on site.

Insurance requirements and supervision ratios would have to be met, especially if transport were used for visits. Other adult helpers would be needed and volunteers would be welcome. As long as adult/child ratios were met and there was one qualified person in charge, helpers need not themselves undergo the six months of training.

Approval of the plan was signalled by a spontaneous round of applause.

Children's Playground Association

Mrs Ann Coupe recalled that, including grant aid, a total of £22,295.65 had been raised to pay for the young children's playground and equipment.

Fund-raising to provide facilities for older children had been progressing. £10,800 had been raised but the ambitious project envisaged would need another £63,000.

Sadly, the Association was going through a bad patch. The Charity Commission had rejected its application for a grant. Further, only five committee members were now left to tackle the daunting task of more substantial fund-raising. The hoped-for help from parents had not materialised and morale and energy were in danger of seeping away.

Without further volunteers the

If so, the money already raised would be spent on such provisions as could be afforded, though a balance would pass to the Playing Field Association to cover the cost of maintenance and insurance for the equipment already installed.

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project might end.

Roos & District Horticultural Society

The Society had just staged its 63rd Annual Show and Dr Andrew Hersom outlined the wide range of classes that offered challenge to all levels of expertise, mainly in horticulture but also in arts and crafts. He stressed the special importance of encouraging youngsters to take part, since they were the future of the community.

Roos Parish Plan

Mr Willis Ainley reported on the work in hand.

Consultation

The Questionnaire had been very successful. He thanked the public and his fellow Committee members for their commitment to the project, which had achieved an 80% response.

Questionnaire responses had been computerised and, using a special programme, many hours had been spent to arrive at meaningful statistics. From these it was now possible to identify, with evidence, what residents valued in our villages and communities and how they wanted them to be conserved and improved.

In addition to consulting households and individuals, the Committee had sought the views of separate groups, such as the Parochial Church Council and Eastfield residents, and of bodies outside the parish – e.g. the NFU and the Countryside Society. Cllr Richard Stead had been involved and 17 East Riding Officers had offered opinions.

(As a spin-off from this process some Committee members had been invited to attend meetings of other bodies : the Safer Communities Committee and a Parish Plan Workshop at Patrington.)

The new planning process

Legislation in 2004 required local authorities to prepare a Local Development Framework (LDF). The East Riding's work on this project is already under way.

(www.eastriding.gov.uk Check out "Forward Planning".)

Mr Ainley explained that the Parish Plan would have to cog into the LDF. He referred to some guidance documents already consulted.

Future development would be concentrated in the existing urban centres and there would be little in rural areas. But a village with good amenities might be designated a Local Service Centre with the possibility of more development. At present it was not clear whether Roos would fall into this category.

Quality Parish Councils

A council that satisfied several criteria could be given Quality Parish Council Status and enjoy a greater degree of autonomy than others. The status had to be applied for and both councillors and the parish clerk needed to undergo special training.

Roos Village Design Status

It was pleasing to see the Roos VDS included in a list of documents providing Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Tunstall Village Hall

Cllr David Craggs reported on the work of the Village Hall Group. The initial aim of these volunteers had been to care

for the Village Hall. Though primarily a social group meeting on Wednesday afternoons, they had a proper organisation with a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and had done much good work.

Renovation

Three or four years ago the toilet and washroom facilities had been renovated and improved access created. A new floor had been laid in the kitchen, which had been furnished with cupboards.

A Village Garden

The next scheme was to develop the land between the Village Hall and the Church, which was being rented from the Parish Council for a nominal rent. The aim was to fence off the area, plant trees, shrubs and flowers and lay a patio outside the Village Hall itself. A grant of £5,000 had been obtained from Living Spaces.

Churches in the Parish

Rev Gordon Smethurst spoke appreciatively of the public support for the Lighting Appeal and the Saturday Shop on behalf of All Saints', Roos, and the recently-inaugurated Friends of Roos Church.

In fact new people were becoming involved in all four churches : at Roos, Tunstall, Hilston and Garton. At Hilston, for example, volunteers were helping to clear the churchyard. He commended the work of all the groups serving the community throughout Roos Parish.

(Willis Ainley said that the government wanted to see local initiatives : bottom up, not top down.)

Wind Turbines

The Chairman said that wind turbines had been raised at the last Parish Council meeting and would continue to be an issue.

Mrs Cherie Blenkin said that the report in "The Rooster" had misrepresented her. She was in favour of renewable energy but she did object to wind turbines in Roos.

The Parish Clerk had had a letter from Community Power proposing in due course an exhibition of their scheme – but not a public meeting.

Mrs Blenkin said that she and others had requested a public meeting with representatives of Community Power and Mr McWatt of Rimswell Parish Council had been in touch with Community Power. The Chairman said that Mr McWatt would be asked to pass on any details he had.

Mr Ainley said that the Parish Plan Questionnaire had included no questions specifically about wind turbines. There was to be a land use survey as part of the new LDF..

Other topics

Roos crossroads

In answer to a question from Miss Jackie Cracknell, the Chairman said that the only current plans were for bollards and warning lights.

Councillors' declarations of interest

Mrs Blenkin asked if the signed declarations were up to date. They were.

More public meetings

Mr Ainley thought the meeting had been interesting and very worthwhile. He would like public discussions more

Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 11th July, chaired by Cllr D.Winter, was attended also by Cllrs Cheeseman, Cook, Craggs, Dodson, Helliwell and Kirk.

Cllrs Grant and Smales were unable to attend.

East Riding Cllr Richard Stead also attended.

New Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Lesley Dearing as the new Parish Clerk. For this meeting, the retiring Clerk, Mrs Janet Eastman, was also in attendance.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting on 9th June were approved.

Arising from the Minutes

Wind turbines

The Chairman reported information from Mr McWatt of Rimswell Parish Council. The developers (Community Power) were prepared to attend a public meeting. It was agreed that the Chairman should try to arrange with Mr McWatt and the company a meeting in Roos during the first week of August. (*18th August. See notice on p. ...*)

Aldbrough crossroads : a further accident

A car from the Aldbrough direction had collided with a vehicle driven by Mr Mark Grassby.

Letter to the Editor

From Mrs T.C.Blenkin, Westside, Main Street, Roos

With reference to the incorrect reporting in The Rooster.

Mrs Blenkin at no point ever said she is against windfarms as written.

I am very much in favour of renewable energy, However I am concerned at the positioning of these industrial sites.

The threat of Wind Turbine Structures within rural Roos Parish of nearly 400 ft Height, over 3 times the height of the Withernsea Lighthouse, I feel could and would dominate this very flat landscape.

This proposed cluster would I believe be one of the largest sites in England and would be seen over a vast area.

I believe that Sea Turbines or Under-Sea turbines would prove to be more beneficial and would dual as coastal erosion protection in a much needed East Riding landscape.

Cherie Blenkin.

The alleged "incorrect reporting" is hard to find. In June "The Rooster" said that several correspondents, including Mrs Blenkin, opposed the prospect of wind turbines. In context, this clearly means wind turbines in Roos : it in no way reflects on Mrs Blenkin's professedly keen support for renewable energy in general.

The three turbines being considered would not constitute one of the largest sites in England. Mrs Blenkin presumably means that they would be among the tallest.

On the other hand, we do need a landscape.

L.H.

Parish Meeting

The Chairman commented that the meeting on 4th July had been very successful. Several groups had presented interesting reports and there had been many constructive discussions.

Declarations of interest

The Chairman now had copies of councillors' signed declarations of interest. It was agreed that the Agenda for future meetings should routinely include "Declarations of interest" so that updates could be recorded if required.

Correspondence

East Riding : Issues and Options Consultation

Graeme Stevens, Senior Planning Officer, advised of a series of meetings for parish councillors about the new Local Development Framework. The scope of the issues was described. A consultation document may be viewed on the website (www.eastriding.gov.uk.planning/ldf).

It was agreed that Cllr Helliwell would attend a meeting in Beverley on 18th August and Cllr Kirk a meeting in Hornsea on 25th August.

Because emphasis was placed on "the involvement of the community and all stakeholders" it was agreed that the two councillors attending would need to report back to their councillor colleagues.

(The following two items had been forwarded by the previous Parish Clerk.)

Withernsea Hospital Action Group

Councillors and residents had been invited to support the Group's campaign to save the hospital. Campaign stickers were supplied for anyone who could display them.

DEFRA : Clean Neighbourhoods & Environments Act

The legislation (April 2005) was described. It concerns parish councils mainly in two ways :

- It allows parish councils to issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs) for litter, graffiti, fly-posting and dog offences.
- It allows them to introduce dog-control orders for a range of offences.

The new powers are discretionary : how far to employ them will be for councils themselves to decide.

Implementation of the Act will be preceded by a draft guidance document and consultation. The final guidance will be published in Spring 2006.

Roos Parochial Church Council

Mrs Helen Audley, PCC Secretary, had written requesting a grant of £200 to support maintenance of the churchyard.

The Parish Council Treasurer reminded members that they had made such a grant two years earlier. They were favourably disposed towards the request. However, there were other churches within the parish that might fairly make similar requests and it would be unwise to allow the impression that such donations would be automatic and regular.

It was agreed to make a one-off grant of £100.

Planning

Planning Committee decisions

- 60 Pilmar Lane, Roos (Mr & Mrs G.Stevenson). Single-storey extension, dormer windows. Refused.
- Tunstall holiday chalets (Mr D.Grayson) Granted.
- Moidart, South End, Roos (Mr & Mrs G.M.Wray) Two-storey extension and conservatory. Granted.
- 7 Chestnut Garth, Roos (Mr & Mrs M.Ainley) Pitched roof and erection of an extension. Granted.

Appeal

East of Beaufort, Roston Rd, Roos (Mr R.M.Dennis) Two dwellings with detached garages. The Planning Committee refused consent and an appeal was lodged. The appeal was dismissed.

New applications considered by the Parish Council

- Owstwick Hall (Mr & Mrs Smales) Extension to kennel block. Approval recommended.
- Horseshoe Cottage, Rectory Road, Roos (*Elms Cottages*) (Mr & Mrs Priest). Demolition and replacement of single-storey extension. Approval recommended.
- Beecholme, 1 Elm Garth, Roos (Mr & Mrs P.Howden) Dormer windows to front. Conservatory to side. Approval recommended.
- The Willows, South End, Roos (Mr & Mrs Pittock) Outline application : detached dwelling to the north. No objection was raised.
- Field S. of Burton Road, Roos (Mr & Mrs S.Firth) Prefabricated stable block. No objection was raised.

Accounts

Cllr Winter (Treasurer) reported that a Parish Paths grant of £1,605 had been received.

Members approved payment of £385.56 (salary + exps) to the retiring Parish Clerk, Mrs Janet Eastman. Cllr Winter thanked her for her efficient service and other members warmly concurred.

Any other business

Quality Parish Councils

Cllr Helliwell recalled the informative contribution made by Mr Willis Ainley at the Parish Meeting – in particular, to what was said about "Quality Parish Council" status.

When the Parish Council were first advised of this scheme members had let the matter lie but it was now becoming evident that the designation could be an advantage : it could qualify a council to have more autonomy over parish affairs.

Cllr Helliwell suggested that the matter should be reviewed. The Chairman undertook to obtain updated information in time for the next meeting.

Roadside seats

Cllr Dodson recalled that there had once been a seat across from Half Way House, Main Street, Roos. (Cllr Cheeseman said that the seat, along with its base, had been stolen many years ago.)

Other members agreed that a seat between the main village and North End would benefit elderly pedestrians. It should preferably be on the footpath side of the road. The

problem would be to find a viable position. It was agreed that the topic should be discussed at the next meeting when there had been time to explore the options.

Southfield Lane, Tunstall

Cllr Craggs reported a large pothole at the north end near the junction with the road to Roos. Highways would be informed of the need for repair.

Hilston Road or Furze Road?

Furze Road is the name on some maps and other old documents yet it was reported that some residents did not recognise it. The consensus was that there was no point in reviving the old name.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Willis Ainley made a number of comments

Aldbrough crossroads. Traffic lights would be unsuitable. The only real solution would be to offset Rectory Road and Aldbrough Road, as recommended in the Village Design Statement.

Meeting for parish councils. The Parish Plan Committee had been invited to the "Issues and Options" meetings.

Website addresses. Information he had provided at the Parish Meeting was available on the internet : key in "defra" or "odpm" (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister).

Affordable Housing. An East Riding officer would brief the Parish Plan Committee at their meeting on 12th July. The Chairman of the Parish Council had been invited.

Roos Village Design Statement. The Roos VDS figured in East Riding data as "Supplementary Planning Guidance". Mr Ainley suggested that the Parish Council should refer to the VDS when commenting on planning applications. It was especially relevant on aspects of design, which should be appropriate to the environment.

Cllr Richard Stead : discouraging ball games

Cllr Stead said that Mr Derek Pearson of Hinch Garth had observed to him that no sign such as he had suggested had appeared in Hinch Garth prohibiting ball games.

Mrs Janet Eastman had raised the matter with County Hall and had been told that a sign forbidding ball games would be illegal in the sense that it was not enforceable in law.

Cllr Helliwell said that most people ignored signs (e.g. at Aldbrough crossroads) but that a request not to play ball games on the highway could do no harm.

Cllr Stead that, enforceable or not, prohibition signs were much favoured by Withernsea Town Council.

New Parish Clerk

Mrs Lesley Dearing, 3 Elm Garth, Roos, HU12 0HH.

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Roos Parish Council Meeting
Monday 8th August

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

Roos Parish Plan

1. The consultation process

The Parish Plan aims to set out criteria for the future of our settlements and their communities. To do this it must reflect the views and concerns of local people. Wide consultation is essential.

The first step was the Questionnaire, an interim report on which is given below.

In addition, the Parish Plan Committee have sought the views of special-interest groups, such as the Parochial Church Council, the NFU and the Eastfield Residents' Association.

Initially the Questionnaire was submitted to residents aged 14 and over. Because it was important to include the perceptions of young people, Roos pupils at Withernsea High School have also been consulted. The purpose of the exercise was explained to them and they were invited to supply their own responses separately.

Further consultation is planned :

- At the end of September an exhibition will be staged of the materials assembled for the Parish Plan. It will include a review of topics that still need to be clarified. Residents will be invited to comment and make suggestions.
- A few weeks later a draft Parish Plan document will be available for further public comment.

2. The Questionnaire

The material

The Questionnaire had two sections : one for householders to complete and the other addressed to individuals in each household aged 14 or over.

The responses have been analysed statistically. The figures can be presented both as tables and as diagrams. In the final plan the statistics will be provided in appendices.

The summary

This summary is based mainly on the responses by individuals. A summary of the information about households will be available later.

High response rate

769 individuals responded, estimated as over 80% of the population, a very high level of response.

However, the proportion (4 out of 5) should be borne in mind when interpreting the statistics.

For example, the householders' section had responses from 335 households with a total of 769 occupants. We know that the parish has more dwellings and more residents than these figures suggest. Add on at least a quarter.

Gender balance

Throughout the parish the male/female mix is very balanced : 50.1% male, and 49.9% female.

Population distribution

83% of the respondents live in Roos, 9.7% in Tunstall, 2.7% in Hilston, 3.9% in Owstwick, and 0.7% in "Other".

Natives

12.3% of respondents were born in the parish

Reasons for living here

The main reason for moving into the parish was the love of village / country life. Almost half of the respondents

say that their most important reason for living here is the rural environment.

Travel to work

How far from home is your place of work?		
Distance	Number	%
Up to 6 miles	58	21.9
6 to 15 miles	107	40.4
16 to 25 miles	65	24.5
26 to 40 miles	11	4.2
41 miles or over	24	9.1
Totals	265	100

Roads & Traffic

There was great concern about the six 'danger spots'. 90% of respondents felt that the Aldbrough crossroads posed the greatest hazard.

Speeding was seen as a problem. The most favoured ways of dealing with it were traffic-calming and speed-limit modifications.

Nearly a third supported a zebra crossing in Roos.

Street lighting

33% wanted more street lighting in their settlement. 60% were opposed to any increase.

Housing and Accommodation

Most respondents opposed further development. More than half thought it would have a bad effect.

However, 23% thought there was a need for more housing. Of these, 46.6% thought more starter homes were needed. 23.3% wanted more small family homes.

Health and Care Provision

99% of respondents felt that the service provided by the Roos Surgery was satisfactory or better. A small number thought that the opening hours could be improved.

There is some concern regarding disability access and the state of paths and kerbs. (Further consultation is required with the persons with actual disabilities.)

Ten respondents highlighted a problem with Hodgson Lane and access to the surgery.

Anti Social Behaviour

The main areas of concern were identified as dog fouling, nuisance drivers, litter and vandalism.

There is a relatively low level of concern regarding burglary, theft, mugging and drug abuse.

Nearly half of respondents wanted a greater police presence. However the most popular single measure to combat anti-social behaviour was the provision of more activities for the young people.

Leisure & Recreation

There was general support for a youth club or similar facility and for greater use / availability of the playing field and pavilion.

Information & Communication

The vast majority of respondents got their local news from *The Rooster*. Word of mouth and *The Holderness Gazette* were the next two main sources. 85% thought that the amount of information available was reasonable or good.

Parish Council Matters

Over three quarters of the respondents had never attended a Parish Council meeting. Over 90% had never attended the annual Parish Meeting.

A high percentage thought residents should be allowed to speak at Parish Council meetings before decisions were taken.

Most respondents thought the Parish Council publicised its decisions and activities "Reasonably well" or "Very well". About a third thought it did so badly.

The majority felt that the Parish Council understood their concerns – but less than a third felt that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council showed much understanding.

Protecting the environment

Over 50% of respondents identified four main ways of improving the environment :

- The provision of more litter bins (especially in Roos).
- Measures to stop dog fouling (especially in Roos).
- The prevention of damage to grass verges.
- The prevention of mud left on roads.

Protecting and enhancing the countryside

For over 90% of respondents the countryside was important / very important. They particularly appreciated its tranquility and openness. More than half felt that all the landscape features in the parish needed protection.

Generally respondents wanted more done to improve the rural environment, though almost a third thought that creating new ponds was unnecessary.

Over 90% regarded plants, birds and animals as important / very important.

Over three-quarters of respondents felt that the parish should have conservation areas.

Parish footpaths

There was some concern over footpaths and bridle ways. Lack of signposts was the main complaint. Over 40% had experienced difficulty using footpaths, owing mainly to mud and water, bushes and nettles.

Use of open spaces

Over 80% felt that there should be special open spaces for local people to picnic and local children to play. By far the most favoured site was Roos playing field.

Meeting the cost

Although there were usually strong views on what was needed, most respondents did not want effective action to be paid for by an increase in council tax!

(This was in response to a general question at the end. If asked about a particular initiative, residents might feel that the benefit was worth paying for.)

3. Affordable housing

In the Questionnaire, while most residents wanted no more development, almost a quarter identified specific needs : more starter homes and more small family homes.

One question asked how many household members had left the parish in the last five years. A further question asked for the reasons. Some residents had left for higher education or employment. Some had left to start a new household with a partner or to live independently.

Some, however, gave as the reason the lack of affordable housing.

Cost of local housing	9
Lack of suitable property to buy	7
Lack of rented accommodation	6

Clearly, affordable housing means dwellings both to rent and to buy. Those who leave because of lack of affordable housing are likely to be young people, probably persons

who were born here and want to stay near their families.

No rural community can afford to lose its young people, especially at a time when the figures show an increasing number of retired elderly people.

On 12th July the Parish Plan Committee were able to focus on this problem when they welcomed a guest speaker. This was Roger Jones, Rural Housing Enabler with the Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council.

After showing a short film illustrating elsewhere the problems that the Questionnaire revealed in Roos, Roger outlined a national scheme that can help to solve them.

Partnership

In our area the scheme is run by a partnership between the government (DEFRA), East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council and local

3. Affordable Housing (continued)

housing associations. Roger's job is to identify settlements – such as Roos – where the scheme could be of benefit and to promote its implementation.

The scheme

Properties built are controlled under what is known as a Section 106 Agreement. This ensures that occupancy is restricted to those with identifiable need : i.e. properties cannot be bought and then sold on the open market at prices beyond the reach of those for whom they were intended.

Those with identifiable need are :

- Existing residents needing separate accommodation.
- People who work in the community.
- People who have strong links with the community.

Properties are built by housing associations, which retain control of them.

They may be rented. If so, the level of rent is restricted by national guidelines.

Shared ownership

Some properties may be part-owned, in partnership with the housing association. If so, the purchaser may invest up to 70% of the value of the dwelling and thus has a start on the property ladder when he comes to sell. When he does sell, he must sell back to the housing association on the basis of a current valuation.

Note : Shared ownership does not mean shared occupancy. When a part-owner occupies a property it is entirely his to live in; and he may, of course, decide to improve it, in which case he enhances his lifestyle and at the same time increases the value of his investment.

Identifying the need

An East Riding survey in 2001- 2002 identified 24 persons in Roos needing affordable housing, a need for roughly 11 properties. The need might now have increased. In practice the scheme might afford 6.

Finding a site, buying the land

The planning authority, landowners and other interested parties are consulted to identify potential sites. Land-owners are offered ten times the agricultural value rather than a building-land value. This allows properties to be built at affordable cost.

In passing, Mr Jones noted that the gardens of private houses are being built on because revised planning policies now classify them as "brown-field" sites.

Sites in the village of Roos?

Discussions had taken place between planning officers and local land agents. Although sites just beyond the present development limit could be considered none had yet been identified in Roos.

Information needed

Mr Jones said that in the past it had been impossible to contact with Roos Parish Council to discuss these matters. Because the East Riding's survey of need was now some years out of date, it was important both for him and for the

local community to identify two groups of people : those currently in need of affordable housing and any owner of land willing to consider making it available. He was pleased that "The Rooster" would be able to publicise the need to contact him as soon as possible.

Affordable Housing

If you live in Roos but need separate accommodation

If you work in Roos and want to live here

If you do not live here but want to do so and have strong links with the community

or

If you own suitable land and would consider making it available

**Contact Roger Jones
Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council
35 Eastgate North
Driffield YO25 6DG
Phone : 01377- 256694**

Roos Children's Playground Association Update

Target

The current aim is to raise funds for a playground area for juniors and teenagers. Nearly £11,000 has already been raised. The project needs about £63,000 more.

Funds raised by recent events

Summer Dance & Pig Roast (about:)	1,800.00
Clay Shoot	404.00
Car Boot Sale (over :)	100.00

The Committee thank all who supported these events.

Hopes and disappointments

A grant application through the Charity Commission has been unsuccessful. We still hope for other funding.

The number of serving committee members has dwindled. So come on, Mums and Dads – Lend a hand to provide a safe playground area for your children. After a summer break we should welcome more volunteers in the Autumn.

Options

If no grants are available and we have no more helpers we shall spend the balance in the New Year to buy as much equipment as can be afforded, though some ongoing fund-raising still will be needed to maintain and insure the toddlers' playground already provided.

Ann Coupe

Lifeboat Collection

Mrs Joan Bowden reports that the recent RNLI collection in Halsham, Holmpton, Patrington, Roos and Withernsea raised a total of £1,091.04.

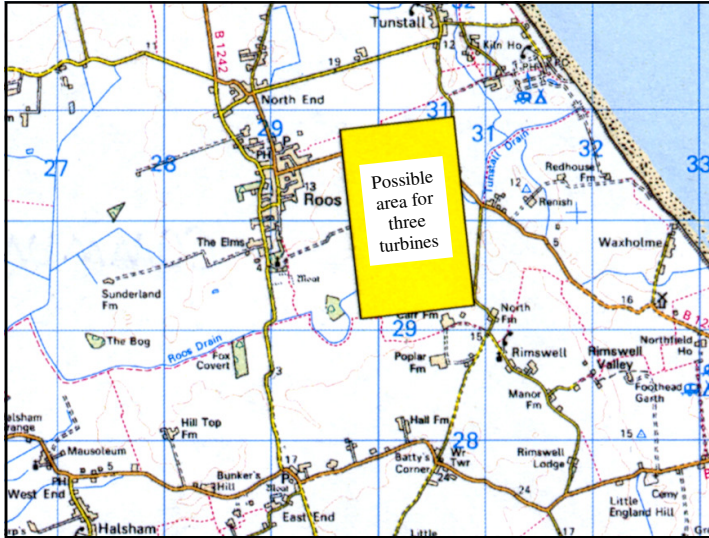
The collection in Roos village raised £238.58. (*This seems a high proportion of the total – almost a quarter. L.H.*)

Mrs Bowden thanks all Roos residents for their generosity.

Wind Turbines

April

Roos, Halsham and Rimswell councillors attended a presentation by Community Power on 7th April. That month "The Rooster" reported the occasion and gave details of the literature supplied. Also printed was a larger version of the map below.



May

Roos Parish Council agreed that a public meeting should be called only when there were actual details to discuss; meanwhile, a meeting would be premature and pointless. (This was in spite of a resident's view that to refuse an immediate meeting implied that some councillors were trying to hide their financial interest in a turbine scheme.)

June

In response to further letters, though many councillors still felt that a public meeting would be premature, they agreed to arrange one if Community Power would be represented.

The Clerk phoned Community Power. The company was unwilling to be represented but explained that an exhibition was planned to consult with the public. The letter on the right confirms this and explains the situation.

July

Wind turbines were raised both at the Parish Meeting and the subsequent Parish Council meeting. At the latter the Chairman reported that Community Power were now willing to be represented at a public meeting.

The Chairman agreed to negotiate an early date. In the event this was not possible. The date, confirmed in mid-July, was 18th August.

The Public Meeting

The meeting may indeed prove premature since Community Power will have no specific proposals. If so, opponents of wind turbines may think the company is being evasive and may react aggressively. The company's representatives will withdraw if subjected to abuse.

The meeting should not become a slanging match. There are strong arguments on both sides of the wind-turbine issue. It merits serious debate – conducted with restraint and respect.

E.ON UK plc
Westwood Way
Westwood Business Park
Coventry
CV4 8LG

17 June 2005

Dear Mrs Eastman,

Community Power

I write further to our telephone conversation yesterday morning.

I agreed to provide you with an update on the progress of the potential wind farm project between Roos and Rimswell.

We presented to the Parish Councillors of Roos, Rimswell and Halsham on 7 April 2005. Following the presentation we have met with East Riding of Yorkshire Council to understand the scope of work that we would need to carry out as part of the planning application for the project. To help us understand the studies that would be required and the type of supporting documents that would accompany the planning application we requested a Screening Opinion from the Council. We have also started some initial studies in the area to understand the ecology on the potential site.

In terms of public consultation, we will hold a public exhibition once our initial studies have been completed so that we can fully consult with the community in the area. Our public exhibition will include information on the studies carried out on the site, photomontages and visual images of what the project would look like, proposed wind turbine positions and general information on wind power, climate change and energy efficiency. We currently anticipate holding the public exhibition later this year, possibly in October.

To give you an idea about timescales for the planning application, we currently anticipate that, at the very earliest, we could be in a position to submit a planning application at the end of the year. This will depend on the environmental and technical studies that we will need to carry out.

We will keep you up to date with progress on the project as it develops and as we start to carry out the environmental studies. However, if you or members of your parish have any further questions please write to me at the address above and I would be happy to respond.

Yours sincerely

Chantal Thomas
Community Power Manager

Roos Parish Council
Public Meeting
on
Wind Turbines
7.30 : Thursday 18th August
Roos Memorial Institute

Roos Summer Show, 2nd July 2005

The 63rd Roos & District Horticultural Society Summer Show was held at the Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall on a sweltering day.

In presenting the trophies BBC Gardener Dick Robinson paid tribute to the quality of the plants, flowers and produce and reminded everyone how important it was to encourage children to garden. He said that gardening brought us all together. Everyone who had taken part was a "winner" whether they had won a prize or not. The losers were those who had not entered.

The many who attended viewed the exhibits not only in the hall but in the marquee and stalls outside as well.

The weather had affected some classes. Very few sweet peas were entered and no carnations. Some vegetable classes were similarly sparse. Photography and painting are proving more popular. More exhibitors in all classes would be very welcome. If you don't enter you'll never know how good you are and a full table of exhibits always looks better one half full and gives more pleasure to visitors.

If you would like to be involved in helping to organise two shows a year, Mrs Jennifer Grant, the Secretary of the Society would love to hear from you. (01964 - 670576).

The names of winners in all classes have appeared in *The Holderness Gazette*. The list below is of the special winners – those who were awarded cups and trophies.

RHS Banksian Medal	Mr G Fussey
Geen Rose Bowl	Mrs E Cass
William Burn Memorial Cup	Mr R Haythorpe

Growers Cup	Mr G A Wright
Strangers Cup	Mr R Haythorpe
William Grant Cup	Mr B Harman
Whitehead Cup	Mr P Taylor
Bessie and Leslie Raisbeck Trophy	Mrs F Clifford
W F Lane Memorial Trophy	Mrs F Clifford
Sheila Grotian Challenge Trophy	Mr G A Wright
Morton Stewart vase	Mrs E Cass
Mrs H M Carrick Memorial Cup	Mrs A Guy
Mackman Cup	Louise Baker
Virginia Reckitt Memorial Cup	Miss K Somers
25 th Anniversary Cup (best exhibit in show)	Mrs P Brown
H S Barker Trophy	Mrs K Hobson
John Drotleff Memorial Trophy	Mrs H Armstrong
Alice Gardner Memorial Trophy	Mrs J Whitehead
Bert Parsons Memorial Trophy	Mr G A Wright
60 th Anniversary Cup	Sophie Peyman
Special Award Miniature Cup	Barnaby Teasdale
Tyson Shield	Mrs M Dodson
Burton Pidsea WI Cup	Mrs H Armstrong
T&M Kellock Cup	Mr J W Burn
Mrs D Monkman Memorial Trophy	Mr F Pearman
R S Baker Memorial Trophy	Mr J Charlesworth
Mr & Mrs P W Cheeseman Memorial Trophies	
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Kathleen Barker Salver	Mrs E Cass &
	Mr T Kellock
Chairman's Shield	Mrs A Crawford
Committee Shield	Mr G Baker
Geoff Roe Cup	Mrs E Cass
Reg Green Memorial Cup	George Burns
Dorothy Maltas Memorial Trophy	Mrs K Hobson

Roos WI : not all Jam & Jerusalem

Ever since that daring calendar showing ladies of a certain age baring almost all as they performed their demure tasks – and even more since the film "Calendar Girls" carried their fame across the world – we have come to realise that there is more to members of the WI movement than normally meets the eye.

Not to be outdone, on the evening of 13th July Roos WI (though not as yet planning a calendar) had an adventure of their own. Leaving behind the civilised comforts of Roos they set out to explore the wilder forests of Rolston. Yes, Rolston. But not so much virgin forest as the carefully-managed Howards Community Woodland Walk.

21 members went on the jaunt, accompanied by Mr Hepworth of nearby Braemar Farm, whose local knowledge added to the interest.

It is pleasing to report that, thanks to her hip surgery, Mrs Mary Winter, who arranged the outing, not only coped with the walk but thoroughly enjoyed it.

As a reward for their exertions, the group treated themselves to a high-class fish-and-chip supper at Whireheads, The Greenway, Hornsea.

(Further details + maps are available about the Howards Community Woodlands Walk. Lack of space prevented their inclusion. They will be supplied in August.)

Tunstall News

The Village Hall and its incipient garden

Steady progress has been made in improving the Village Hall and the adjoining land, which is being turned into a village garden.

A new path has been laid from the gate to the Hall, allowing easy access for wheelchairs.

The wall sections of the new porch have been constructed and will be positioned in a few days. Two new wooden gates have been purchased and installed. Both are in keeping with the rural setting.

Work will soon commence on the large paved patio.

The Wednesday Club

On 6th July the afternoon tea session moved to a new location for the day. A member invited the Group to her home overlooking the Humber down at Kilnsea. The afternoon was cool but bright and the tranquil setting was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Clean sweepers

The beach at Tunstall is now being regularly swept for litter and other undesirable objects. The people at Sand-le-Mere play a prominent part. Of course, the rubbish collected (in plastic bags) has to be deposited somewhere until the Council removes it. A sizeable heap is therefore accumulating on the cliff top.

Traffic incidents

Aldbrough crossroads

Sunday 10th June

Marisa Turner of Honeysuckle Cottage, Roos, narrowly escaped being hit by a green-and-yellow City Link van that shot across at speed from Rectory Road towards Aldbrough. Shaken, she failed to note the registration number but rang her partner, Adrian Hague.

He rang the police, hoping that they would spot the van and speak to the driver. He spoke to Inspector Love at Withernsea, who logged the call, and also rang Initial City Link, reported the dangerous driving and gave his phone number. They asked him to put the report in writing. The request seemed officious and he did not do so.

Sunday 10th July ("*Holderness Gazette*" report)

Police are seeking witnesses to a road traffic collision that happened at 5.45pm on Sunday 10 July on the notorious B1242 at the junction with Burton Road, North End, Roos.

A red Ford Mondeo car, driven by a 60-year-old Hull man, was in collision with a silver coloured Mitsubishi, being driven by a 33-year-old Roos man.

A 60-year-old Hull woman travelling in the front passenger seat of the Mondeo sustained serious internal injuries.

The driver sustained minor facial cuts and a 36-year-old woman travelling in the rear seat of the car suffered facial injuries.

All three casualties from the Mondeo were taken to Hull Royal Infirmary for treatment. The man and the rear-seat passenger were released after treatment but the 60-year-old woman was detained. Her injuries are described as serious but not life-threatening.

The driver of the Mitsubishi sustained minor leg injuries and the 36-year-old woman travelling in the front passenger seat suffered facial injuries and whiplash. Both received treatment at the scene by paramedics but did not attend hospital.

Anyone who witnessed the collision is asked to contact police on 0845 60 60 222, referring to log 727 of Sunday 10 July 2005.

(The Roos man was Mr Mark Grassby, on his way to Burton Pidsea. Residents reported that three fire engines, two ambulances and five police cars were in attendance.)

Sunday 17th July

Skippy details are being passed on of another accident at the crossroads.

At about 10.45 in the morning ambulances, fire engines and police were observed. For a time the road from Burton Pidsea was closed : cars had to detour via Halsham. One person saw three cars at the scene, though not all may have been in the collision. Another reported that an elderly couple were in one of the cars involved. Details are awaited. Please supply information if you have it.

(At the time of writing the newsletter is being finalised for the printer. There is no time for enquiries.)

Log of known incidents 2004 - 2005

Accidents seem to occur most frequently on Sundays.
Sunday dates below are in bold type.

2004

- Jul 29 Kevin Smith was hit by a car from Aldbrough Road.
- Sep 5** A car sped across the Aldbrough junction, missing the car of Mr & Mrs Tim Newton by only a few feet.
- Sep 12** Raymond Hindley of Withernsea was hit by a car from Aldbrough Road.
- Sep 14 Unconfirmed report of another collision at the junction.
- Sep 19** Death of Mr Fred Burn six days after a collision near the Aldbrough crossroads.

2005

- Feb 15 A white van (P152 XYG) almost drove Mrs Diane Cook off the road at the Aldbrough junction.
- Feb 22 Ian Tennison saw a car cross at speed from Aldbrough Road to Rectory Road.
- March A young Roos driver lost control of his vehicle on the straight stretch from Burton Pidsea.
- May 8** Mrs Sandra Fisher was lucky to escape collision when a car from Rectory Rd shot across towards Aldbrough
- June 10** Marisa Turner narrowly escaped being hit by a van that shot across from Rectory Rd to Aldbrough Rd.
- July 10 A car from the Aldbrough direction hit Mark Grassby's vehicle at the Aldbrough crossroads and was badly damaged. Its driver suffered injuries.
- July 17** Another accident at the crossroads, allegedly involving an elderly couple. No more details as yet.

Six of these incidents occurred on Sundays.

Three of the actual collisions on Sundays occurred in the late afternoon or early evening.



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Each year about this time some donors, forgetting that they have contributed already, make a second donation. There is no need for this.

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Friday 5th August

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Coming events

August

- 3 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Speaker, Tony Megson : The Ambulance Service.
- 8 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 18 Wind Turbines. Public meeting in Roos Memorial Institute. 7.30.

September

- 7 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Speaker, Roy Benfell : Spurn Lifeboat (First 100 years).
- 12 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

Where are you all?

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

Annual Roos Fun Day



This year's Fun Day on 18th June was one of our most successful ever.

The day started with the ever-popular Pet Show. Stan and Diane Kennils had the difficult task of choosing 1st, 2nd and 3rd from a variety of pets in three categories. All were well cared for and well behaved. Our thanks go to Stan and Diane for judging the competition and to everyone who brought their dogs, hamsters, parrots, hens, gerbils and other pets to the Show.

The Fun Day proper started at 1.30 p.m. Its success was helped in no small part by the fantastic weather.

The BBQ and beer tent were kept busy all afternoon and everyone enjoyed the various activities

These included a display of country dancing by children from the school and an impromptu extra dance by children and parents!



George Fussey, the oldest member of the Roos Horticultural Society, officially opened the new school garden and many people enjoyed afternoon tea served there.



Organising such an event is very time-consuming and we wish to thank all the parents who helped (e.g. putting up the gazebos) and all who donated raffle and tombola prizes.

Special thanks go to Mrs Taylor, the school cook, who as usual baked lovely scones for the afternoon tea and to Ron Wingham and Marnie, who spent weeks before the show growing plants and making up the lovely baskets and tubs.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Fun Day. We made over £1,600 profit – What a fantastic achievement!

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The website is empty. Stephen invites residents to help supply content.

(Good idea, Stephen. But you could have sought help at the Parish Meeting. Or consulted the Parish Council or "The Rooster" or the Parish Plan Group. You could have asked for a copy of the Roos Village Design Statement.)