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Roos Parish Council

Special meeting to arrange an opinion poll on wind turbines

The public meeting on 18th August asked the Parish Council to arrange a survey of local opinions about the possibility of a wind turbine site between Roos and Rimswell.

The monthly meeting on 12th September was poorly attended but it was agreed to call a special meeting on 27th September to discuss how to manage the survey.

Meeting on 27th September

Attendance

Cllr Winter (Chair) and Cllrs Cheeseman, Craggs, Dodson, Grant, Kirk, and Helliwell.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cook and Smales and also from the Parish Clerk. In the Clerk's absence Cllr Helliwell recorded the Minutes.

Renewable Energy Systems UK Ltd

The Parish Clerk had sent copies of a letter from a second energy company : Renewable Energy Systems UK Ltd, which was interested in the possibility of a wind-turbine site west of Sunderland Farm. The company requested a meeting with parish councillors to offer a presentation.

(Sunderland Farm, sometimes known locally as Jerusalem Farm, is roughly a mile west of All Saints` church on the way to Roos Bog.)

Cllr Grant was taken by surprise. He had known nothing of the company's interest in land owned by his family and felt obliged to withdraw from the meeting since he had a beneficial interest.

The Survey

It was agreed to proceed with the survey.

A ballot form would be supplied to everyone on the Electoral Register. The Parish Clerk would be asked to obtain an up-to-date copy of the Register.

Electors would be asked to return the completed ballot forms to the Parish Clerk in a sealed envelope. The form would allow those who wished to do so to say whether or

not they were in favour of a wind turbine cluster between Roos and Rimswell. It would also permit residents who preferred not to make a decision until after Community Power's Exhibition later in the year to give this as a reason for not voting at present.

Those voted would be asked to give reasons why they voted as they did. There would be an optional section inviting those who voted to provide their names and addresses and, if they wished, to sign a statement that they authorised the use of their names and recorded opinions in any future action by the Parish Council.

Security of the ballot

Cllr Helliwell said that, to avoid criticism after the event, the procedures must be secure. For example, there must be no risk that ballot forms could be photocopied in order to swell the votes on one side or the other. Other members appreciated the need but the matter was not resolved.

Final arrangements

It was agreed that at its meeting on 10th October the Parish Council would approve the ballot form and decide how to deliver copies to electors.

Request from Roos Parish Council

PLEASE CLEAN UP!

Don't drop litter.

Stop dog fouling.

We all want a clean environment. Do your bit.

WIND TURBINES

The ballot forms are being delivered with "The Rooster" to all in the Electoral Register – but not all current electors appear in the copy available.

If you haven't had a ballot form, follow the advice in the article on the wind turbine survey on page 4.

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Roos Parish Council Meeting
Monday 14th November
 7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute
Members of the public always welcome

Parish Council meeting on 10th October

Attendance

Cllr Winter (Chair) and Cllrs Cheeseman, Cook, Craggs, Dodson, Grant, Helliwell, Kirk and Smales.

Cllr R.Stead (ERYC)

Members of the public : Mrs P.Cheeseman, Mrs E.M.Lawson, Mrs S.M.Tyson, Mr & Mrs Blanchard, Mrs A.Coupe, Mr W.E. Ainley, PC M.E.Ainley, Mr J.A. Ward.

Councillors` Declaration of Interests

No change was reported.

Minutes of meeting on 12th September

The Minutes were approved.

Quality Parish Councils

Discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

Correspondence

ERYC : "Sports for All" courses

A booklet and poster about courses had been received. The Clerk would put the poster on the notice board.

Planning and Development Control

ERYC invited Roos parish council to attend one of the annual meetings. Cllr Helliwell agreed to attend the meeting on the 9th November at Beverley.

ERYC : Greenfield sites

A draft policy document had been received about the managed release of residential greenfield sites in the Western JSP sub-area (Goole). Members noted that such a policy could be applied at a future date to our own area. No comments were made on the draft.

The Countryside Agency : Landscape Access

The Agency have issued a map of registered common land and open country for the East of England. It is required by statute to do so and to send relevant extracts to parish councils. Members noted the information.

ERYC : Annual Budget Conference

Members were invited but did not wish to attend.

ERYC : Proposed speed restrictions in Tunstall

Members noted the proposed 30 mph restrictions.

Cllr Craggs proposed that the restriction on Seaside Road should extend as far as the caravan park : the road was narrow and there were no footpaths; speeding cars were a hazard to children. Other members agreed. The Clerk would pass the recommendation to the authority.

ERYC : Funding for Environmental Improvements

Statoil (UK) Ltd and Scottish & Southern Energy (Hornsea) Ltd, the developers of the gas storage caverns between Aldbrough and Garton, had provided £60,000 for sustainable projects such as strengthening hedgerows, creating new wetland or woodland habitats and enhancing existing wetland or woodland habitats.

The funding has to be used within 5 km of the cavern site boundary. The area includes some land in the north of Roos Parish.

The companies invited representatives of the Parish Council and other interested persons to join a project group to determine how to spend the money. Cllrs Kirk and Cheeseman agreed to serve. The Clerk would inform the companies.

ERYC : Equipped Play Areas

Information was requested about existing equipped play areas for children and young people within the parish. The Clerk would supply the information.

There was also reference to the Annual Sports and Play awards. ERYC asked for details of groups or individuals who deserved recognition for their contribution to children's outdoor play needs.

Parish Paths Partnership

The new Countryside Access Officer, Simon Parker, wrote to introduce himself. He will work alongside the existing officer, Trevor Appleton, and can be contacted in the office on Fridays.

It was agreed that, having offered to attend, Mr Parker should be invited to the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk would write to say so.

Renewable Energy Systems UK Ltd

The company offered to make a presentation to the Parish Council regarding their interest in a possible wind-turbine site west of Sunderland Farm. It was agreed not to accept the offer at the present time.

Planning

Resubmitted applications

60 Pilmar Lane Roos (Mr G.Stephenson)

Two storey extension. Dormer windows to front and rear

The Planning Committee refused a previous application. Members were unclear how the current application met the Committee`s objections. It was agreed to visit the site on Wednesday 12th October in order to make a decision.

A letter of objection had been received from a neighbour.

(At the site meeting another letter of objection was read. Members present noted that the extension would create a two-storey dwelling in an area where most were low-rise bungalows and decided not to recommend approval.)

Cedar House Main Street Roos (Mr Trevor Uscroft)

Outbuilding conversion and extension to create a dwelling

The original application was refused as it was deemed not in keeping with the area. This second application had a more acceptable front elevation and members supported it.

New applications

The Old Rectory, Rectory Rd, Roos (Mr and Mrs T Stone)

Erection of a two-storey extension at rear. Members recommended approval.

Pinedene, Hodgson Lane, Roos (Mr & Mrs N.Mortell)

Erection of a single- storey extension to the rear. Members recommended approval..

Minutes of the wind-turbine meeting, 27th September

The Minutes were approved.

Members approved the ballot paper and accepted Cllr Helliwell's offer to organise the printing and delivery of the copies. It was agreed that means should be sought to identify any spurious ballot papers that might have been photocopied. It was noted that the ballot should take place as soon as possible.

E.ON UK Ltd : Contact with the press

Mr Helliwell wanted to record that he had been contacted by the press officer for the E.ON Company. She wanted to meet representatives of the local media (*The Holderness Gazette, The Hull Daily Mail, possibly Radio Humberside*) and had contacted him because he edited *The Rooster*. He would be invited, with other representatives, to meet her at Out Newton to inspect the wind turbines there and then be entertained to lunch.

Cllr Helliwell had responded that he wanted his role to be transparent. He would therefore report both the invitation and the outcome of the meeting. As newsletter editor and parish councillor he could not afford to be accused of any secret contacts.

Dog fouling

The Parish Clerk undertook to contact the Dog Wardens to enquire about street signs and invite one of them to meet the Parish Council.

Litter bins

It was noted that litter gathers in the ditch across the road from the school. Rather than purchase additional bins at once it was agreed to monitor the need at other places first. A note in *The Rooster* would ask residents to suggest sites where bins were needed.

A Parish Council sub-group

It was agreed that the Chairman and two other members should deal initially with large consultation documents. The group could study a document thoroughly and make recommendations to the next full Parish Council meeting. It could also be called together to respond to requests for routine information with an early deadline.

Accounts

The Treasurer presented an account due for payment.

Parish Clerk's quarterly salary and expenses £193.42.

Payment was approved.

Any Other Business

Bulb planting in roadside verges

Cllr Dodson asked whether members wanted to buy daffodil bulbs again this year. It was noted, in the Parish Plan Exhibition, that some residents had proposed a variety of bulbs, not just daffodils. Cllr Dodson thought daffodils more natural. It was agreed to spend £60.

Vote of Thanks to Parish Plan Committee

Cllr Kirk expressed the thanks of the Parish Council to the Parish Plan Committee for their hard work in presenting a most informative exhibition on 8th October.

Sign on Tunstall beach

Cllr Craggs reported that the perspex cover on the new sign was broken. It was agreed that the damage should be reported to Emma Cox at ERYC.

(The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.)

PUBLIC SESSION

Wind Turbine ballot

Mrs Tyson offered to help addressing the envelopes. Mr and Mrs Blanchard offered to help deliver ballot forms.

Crime prevention and crime reporting

PC Ainley said that he had made several visits to the area to follow up concerns reported in *The Rooster* from the September meeting..

He had recommended crime prevention measures to Roos Surgery. He had found no evident problem at the playing field and the area around.

He had met the resident who complained about rowdy motorists using the access road to the playing field as a racetrack and had reiterated the essential advice : for the police to act they need information about distressing incidents – for example, the name of the driver or at least a description of the vehicle and its registration number.

PC Ainley said that reports could be given anonymously : Ring 0845 - 606022. Given the facts, the police could take action under the Crime and Disorder Act.

Parish Plan Exhibition, 8th October

Mr Ainley commented how pleased he had been that a number of parish councillors visited the Exhibition. Suggestions from residents included :

- Tree planting could be undertaken.
- Snowdrops could be planted this year, not just daffodils; seeds of wild meadow plants could be sown.
- The footpath on Pilmar Lane needed repair

He also commented that the Rural Community Council had invited the Parish Plan Committee to assist others in devising their own parish plans.

The Parish Plan Exhibition

The Exhibition was very successful but lack of space precludes a detailed report this month.

The Committee will meet on 17th October to evaluate the responses of the public and decide on the next steps, one of which will be to consult residents about a few issues that have emerged since the Questionnaire was conducted.

A full report will be given in the November newsletter.

Litter Bins

If you are one of the many who want more bins,
please help the Parish Council :

- Leave a note at the Roos Store
- Say where you think further bins are needed
- Add your name and phone number
- On the envelope write "Litter bins : Yes".

Aldbrough crossroads

Another frightening near miss

On Saturday 16th October Mrs Dorothy Everington of Rimswell was approaching the junction from Roos. She knew the danger and was driving very slowly when she saw a silver people-carrier (a Citroen?) hurtling from the Aldbrough direction at a speed she estimated at 70 mph. She slammed on her brakes as it shot across without slowing, leaving her trembling.

She proceeded to Burton Pidsea but was still shaken when she arrived at her daughter's house back in Tunstall.

Mrs Everington has been driving for 30 years but feels she has never been so close to death. She vows not to leave Roos by that route again. In future she will approach the junction from Rectory Road.

Known incidents in Roos 2004 - 2005

- 2004 (Sunday dates in bold type)
- 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** 10.35 a.m. Collision between a car and a pick-up towing a horse box at Aldbrough crossroads. The two women in the car were injured. One was taken to HRI with severe internal injuries. The other suffered ankle and pelvis injuries. The pick-up driver injured his shoulder but did not go to hospital.
- 29 A car from Aldbrough failed to give way and collided with a car making for Burton Pidsea. No injuries?
- Aug 9 Collision at Aldbrough crossroads. Two women airlifted to hospital with serious injuries. Man injured.
- 17 A car speeding from Aldbrough Road missed Carol Brewer's vehicle by a foot. (Ten days earlier, coming from Burton Pidsea, she slowed near the junction. A motorist behind beeped his horn. She stopped and told him why she had slowed – and had an apology.)
- 18 A driver speeding along Pilmar Lane failed to take the corner into Main Street and drove a parked vehicle into the cottage at 4 Pilmar Lane.
- 22 In heavy rain a car speeding from Aldbrough Rd came within a whisker of serious collision at the crossroads.
- Oct 16 A car from Aldbrough shot to Rectory Road at an estimated speed of 70 mph. Mrs Dorothy Everington, en route to Burton Pidsea, was lucky to escape death.

Highways change of plan

How it really happened

Why did the Highways Department ditch their plan to put up an illuminated bollard at Aldbrough crossroads and agree at last to offset Rectory Road and Aldbrough Road?

In the last newsletter an article queried the impression in a *Holderness Gazette* report that the change of heart had been brought about by the efforts of Councillors Stead and Fraser, aided by the Summer Scorchers and their petition. *The Rooster* suggested that other hands had long been at work – but that in the end the decisive factor might have been the determination of a local farmer.

Mr Alwyn Grassby, whose farmhouse is on Roston Road, Tunstall, had been irritated by the impression being given and rang to explain his own role in the matter.

An East Riding officer, Mr Mark Read, contacted him in mid-July to enquire about purchasing land to widen the Aldbrough approach so as to accommodate the bollard. Later he was visited by Valuation and Estates Officer Mr Geoff Preston.

Mr Grassby's own son had been involved in an accident at the crossroads not long before and he knew both the problem and the only solution, i.e. offsetting the roads. He refused to sell the land required for the bollard scheme. He would sell it only if the authority agreed to offset the roads. Eventually they agreed.

The East Riding could if necessary have acquired the land by compulsory purchase but early action had been promised. Compulsory purchase would have taken longer. It would have been more troublesome and more expensive. Common sense – and Mr Grassby's doggedness – won.

Coming events

November

- 2 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Annual Meeting.
- 11 Deadline for *Rooster* material.
- 14 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 21 Whist Tournament. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

December

- 7 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. Sheila Meadly :
Christmas Cookery.
- 14 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- (For Anglican church services see p. 6)



Mrs Helen Audley

BA (Hons) ALCM

Music Tuition

Clarinet – Piano – Theory

Beginners welcome Ring 01964 - 670895

