



The Rooster

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Roos Parish Council

Attendance and resignation letter

Present on 10th June : Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Grant, Jackson, Kirk, Priest, and D.E.Winter.

Cllr G.E.Winter had sent a letter of resignation but gave no reason. In his absence the meeting was chaired by Cllr Priest, Vice-Chair, who read out the letter. It was agreed to discuss its implications at the end of the meeting.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The May Minutes were approved.

Development east of Main Street. Members reiterated their opinion that the developer would have no right of access to the site by the track to the playing field.

Grass cutting at Tunstall "Village Green". The East Riding had quoted for the work at a cost of £60.00 a year. It was agreed to accept the quotation.

Correspondence

Roos Supermarket. Notification had been received of an application to transfer the liquor licence to prospective new owners, Mr and Mrs G.Eastman.

Safety Seminars. There were to be seminars nationally in July. Councillors and others were invited. There was no information about venues and dates. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

Good Project Guide. A ring binder of printed material had been received outlining worthwhile projects for young people up to the age of 19.

Accounts

Cllr D.Winter, Treasurer, had no new items. He said that the subscription to the Local Councils Association was still to be paid : when payment was agreed at the last meeting his books had been with the auditor.

Planning

New applications

East of Main Street (Southside Developments)

Plans were submitted for Plot 2 on the site behind Hansa House. The proposed dwelling would have two bedrooms (with a further room usable as a bedroom if desired). Members did not discuss the design of the proposed dwelling but reiterated their concern that there should be no access to the site via the track to the playing field.

The Clerk had been told at County Hall that this access

would not be allowed : the only permitted access would be that agreed, i.e. via the Greenacre plot when the dwelling there had been demolished. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of the Planning Committee requesting confirmation of this ruling.

2 South Park (Mr Probets). The application - to erect a conservatory to the rear - was supported, provided there were no near-neighbour objections.

Hilston Road, Tunstall (Mr & Mrs R.A.Bradley). Erection of double garage. No objection was raised.

Notice of decision

Sand-le-Mere : sea defences and new beach access. The Planning Committee had approved the application.

Any Other Business

Road Safety

Aldbrough / Burton Pidsea crossroad

Cllr Grant referred to a further accident "last weekend". The improved signs and road markings were not working. Local people knew the dangers but strangers driving from the Aldbrough direction on the straight approach to the junction ignored the signs. There had been six or seven accidents since Christmas - "Someone will be killed."

The signs should be set farther back and markings should extend right across the road. If that failed, the junctions of Rectory Road and the Aldbrough road should be offset to avoid the appearance of a through right of way.

Cllr Grant recommended that a letter making these points should be sent to the Chair of the appropriate committee and to the police. Cllr Priest concurred, adding that a written response should be requested. Members agreed.

Sign to Halsham and Patrington

Cllr Grant said that the sign at the crossroad pointing down Rectory Road had still not been replaced. It should be. Strangers missed the turn and ended up in Withernsea. Other members agreed.

Resignation of Cllr G.E.Winter

Members unanimously supported Cllr Grant's proposal to send a letter of warm appreciation to Mr G.E.Winter for his long service to the Parish Council and to the community as a whole.

Members went on to consider the consequences of the current situation.

It was known that another councillor had not yet signed the Declaration of Interest and might not do so. If so, there would be two vacancies. The position would not be clear until after the deadline on 20th June. It was agreed to review the matter at the next meeting.

The Clerk explained the procedure as to vacancies. Notice of vacancies had to be displayed for fourteen days. During that time electors could request a by-election. The request would need the signatures of ten electors. If no by-election were sought, the Parish Council could invite nominations for co-option. Alternatively, provided there were sufficient members to form a quorum, vacancies

could be left unfilled until the next election in May 2003.

Cllr Winter had been one of the signatories for cheques. It was agreed to appoint a replacement at the next meeting.

Roos Parish Council

Next meeting

Monday 9th July

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

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Donations, 1st April to December 31st 2002

The reminder slips in the last issue worked well. There was a flush of new donations. Grateful thanks - from us all - to all those named. (Sorry about the small type.)

Adams, Mr & Mrs A.J.	Mrs N.Harrison	Mrs V.Pepper
Anon 4 (Owstwick)	Mr & Mrs L.Helliwell	Mr & Mrs M.W.Pittock
Anon 5 (via Roos Arms)	Dr & Mrs A.S.Hersom	Mr & Mrs B.N.Reckitt
Anon 6 (Lamb Lane)	Mr & Mrs N.Hildyard	Mrs P.Ribee
Mr R.L.Bamford	Mr & Mrs M.Hilton	Mr & Mrs D.Robinson
Miss T.D.Brooker	Mr & Mrs D.J.Houlton	Mr & Mrs G.Robinson
Mr & Mrs N.Brooks	Mr & Mrs A.Hupper	Mr & Mrs B.Smith
Mrs D.Burn	Mr & Mrs K.Ives	Mrs S.Turner
Miss J.Chatterton	Mrs J.Keatings	Mr & Mrs B.S.Walker
Mr & Mrs P.W.Cook	Mr & Mrs C.M.Kettle	Mr & Mrs R.Wingham
Mr & Mrs T.H.Crombie	Miss C.Lockwood	Mr N.G.Wilson
Mr & Mrs R.B.Dennis	Mr & Mrs M.Lockwood	Mr & Mrs M.A.Winter
Mr & Mrs R.Eason	Mr & Mrs A.D.Megson	Mr & Mrs J.H.Witty
Mr & Mrs B.Evison	Mr & Mrs B.Monkman	
Mr S.Foster	Mrs L.K.Oxlade	

58 households have now contributed. (The newsletter is delivered to about 400 Roos addresses.)

Further donations will be most welcome.

Please supply your name and address and remember that the bank requires cheques to be made out to L.Helliwell.

Advertisements

No charge is made for events run by local groups.

Personal and business advertisements :

Small ads 5p a word. Minimum charge 30p.

Display £2.00 / column inch. (2 cols / page).

This display ad (1.25 inches) would cost £2.50.

DEADLINE

Please supply materials for the next issue by

Friday 5th July

to L.Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane (670291)

WANTED

- **Letters, views, opinions, stories, articles.**
- **From clubs and societies : reports, details of coming events, photographs.**

Chris and George wish to thank friends and customers for their support during the last sixteen years.

Special thanks to Carol, Sharon, Carole and Joyce for their long service and friendship.

Good luck to Janet and Gavin Eastman for the future.

Roos Children's Playground Association

Huge success of Pig Roast

After months of planning, hard work and total commitment, the RCPA held its first major fund-raising event - The Pig Roast at Elm Farm on Friday 31st May.

It was a huge success, enjoyed by at least 350 people. It was a great feeling to see everyone having such a good time - and without any disturbances, I may add. Although we appreciated everyone's attendance, it was a real morale-booster to see so many locals supporting such a worthwhile project. In all, £2,500 was raised.

There are so many people to thank. "Where's Wally?" did a great job thanking as many people as possible during the evening but really the list is endless.

Huge thanks, of course, have to go to the Grant family as without their help an event of this size would have been a non-starter. We had some great donations for raffle prizes - from the 1st Prize of a Gas BBQ, outdoor heater and double swinging chair (sure there is some more romantic name but right now it escapes me) to the "Oh, ambassador, you are really spoiling me" Ferrero Rochers. All were gratefully accepted and very much appreciated.

We have had nothing but compliments since and it must be said that our little committee need a good pat on the back also. It is hard to believe that finally, after many headaches, we can see - and others can too - that Roos will at last have a children's playground.

Thanks must go to the Playing Field Association for allocating us a piece of land, for allowing us to become a sub-committee of their Association, and for the genuine support they have given us.

We are running two more events in June - see the advertisement on the next page. In July (date to be

decided) there will be a Family Walk to Tunstall Beach, with a BBQ, beach games and a sandcastle competition. Later plans are for a Bogie Race and a Pool Knockout.

Sharon Mullett, Secretary.

Roos Children's Playground Association

Bingo at The Black Horse

27th June at 1.30

25p / game. Raffle. Teas, coffees, cakes, ...

Quiz Night at The Black Horse

28th June at 8.30

£1.00 per person

Roos & District Horticultural Society

60th Annual Show Saturday 6th July 2002

Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall

Admission : 50p; Children 20p.

Charity stalls from 2.00.

Show opens 2.30. Sports 3.00.

Presentation of cups 4.00

by

Mr Geoffrey Smith

(TV and radio gardening personality)

32 Silver Challenge Trophies & the Banksian Medal

GRAND DRAW 4.15.

(Tickets available in advance)

Clay Pigeon Shoot, Roos, 30th June

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Christian Aid Collection

Sincere thanks to all who gave very generously of their money and time. Roos village raised £414.50, which has been passed to the area organiser.

Dennis & Christine Houlton.

Messy business

A resident sent a "Rooster" donation and this plea :

"Any chance of a mention re dog-fouling in the village - especially down the track that leads from South End to the churchyard gates, a veritable minefield?

"It seems such a shame (as we are maintaining the churchyard so well) that the route to it is such a mess due to a few thoughtless individuals."

Coming events

- June 15 Fun Day (2.00) & Scarecrow Trail (from 11.15).
- 27 RCPA Bingo. Black Horse. 1.30.
- 28 RCPA Quiz Night. Black Horse. 8.30.
- July 3 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- Speaker, Mrs M.Scaife : WOTS - IT 4 ? (Antiques).
- 5 Deadline for "Rooster" material.
- 6 Roos Show. Burton Pidsea Memorial Institute. 2.30.
- 9 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- ? RCPA Family Walk & Beach Party.

Recycled bloomers

The parish magazine of St Nicholas, Beverley, printed a "Fun Page" of gaffes from other church magazines. Some - evidently not copyright - are recycled again here.

- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church. Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- The sermon this morning : "Jesus walks on water". The sermon tonight : "Searching for Jesus".
- The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the chapel. So ends a friendship that began in their schooldays.
- Mrs Johnson will be entering hospital this week for testes.
- The senior choir invite members of the congregation who enjoy sinning to join them.

The Friends of Roos School

FUN DAY

and

SCARECROW TRAIL

Saturday 15th June

Times : 10.30 Start of Family Pet Show
11.15 Start of Scarecrow Trail
(Last maps sold at 1.15)
2.00 Opening of Fun Day
3.30 Annual Draw (1st Prize £100)

**Fantastic family entertainment -
guaranteed!**

Pet Show entries and Draw tickets

Ring Debbie Tennison (670151).

Scarecrow Trail (Theme : Television)

To enter a scarecrow ring Cherie Blenkin (670811).

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Roos Church (continued)

Departure of Mr Milsom



Parishioners were saddened by the retirement of Rev. Edward Milsom, who had been Rector for thirty years.

He had been a kind and loving person and very benevolent. In material terms he left behind a handsome rectory and a beautified church.

After his death at Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, a beautiful memorial window was put in the Baptistry and a large congregation paid their respects.

His immediate successors

He was succeeded by Rev. C.L.Outram, M.A., inducted on October 29th 1921. He had been presented by the Trustees, Edward, Caroline and Cecil Milsom. He had been a parish priest in the Transvaal and during the War served in the Royal Engineers. The Memorial Gates in front of the Institute were dedicated while he was Rector. After four years at Roos he returned to the Transvaal but died after a short time from enteric fever.

The next Rector of Roos was the Rev. Harold Salisbury Glover, M.A. After his induction, Mr Milsom, with the Trustees, handed the Advowson to the Society for the Maintenance of the Faith.

Mr Milsom will long be remembered for his tireless efforts in bringing the school buildings up to the standard required by the Board of Education.

It was during his time that the union of Tunstall and Hilston was dissolved : Tunstall was added to Roos and Hilston to Garton.

Church Government

(Mr Wilbraham outlines the stages by which lay people were enabled to play a larger part in church affairs - a process of democratisation. The account below is a shortened version of the original. L.H.)

Hitherto affairs had been managed by the Rector and churchwardens (elected at the Annual Vestry Meeting).

In 1876 for the first time parishes could elect lay persons to represent the Holderness Deanery at the York Diocesan Conference.

In 1907 Dr H.Woodhouse was one of six representatives elected. In 1911 Dr H.Woodhouse and Mr Edwin Wallis were the first Roos representatives to the Deanery Conference.

The Church Enabling Act of 1921 established parochial church councils, giving lay people more of a role at parish level. The Rector, churchwardens, and deanery representatives were ex officio members but other members were elected from the Electoral Roll.

The first Parochial Church Council in Roos had the following lay members :

Dr R.C.Field, Dr H.Woodhouse, Messrs W.Atkinson, G. Crawforth, J.W.Kirkwood, H.Metcalf, P.E.Newton, J.J. Smales, T.Tover, G.W.Wilbraham, Mrs Holdenby, Mrs Milsom, and Miss Silversides.

Nonconformity

As in most other villages nonconformist chapels began to appear early in the 19th century. *(Both those described have been replaced by modern housing.)*

The Wesleyan Chapel



The Main Street chapel - with Roos House to the left.

This chapel was erected in Main Street in 1808 on what had been the common land of East Field. There has been no extension of any kind. It was restored in 1867.

The Primitive Methodist Chapel



The Pilmar Lane chapel - before there were houses on that side.

The present building was erected in Pilmar Lane 1868, replacing one built in 1836 at the east end of Ivy Row. The inscribed stone from the first chapel is built into the wall of the schoolroom behind the Pilmar Lane chapel.

Before 1836 services were held in a cottage in the old playing field. The paddock was called Ranter Garth. It was there they held their Field Meetings.

The presence of two chapels in a small village is due to the split that divided Wesleyans all over the country.

When the two bodies joined together it was thought fit to close the smaller building and worship in the Pilmar Lane chapel, though there are a few ardent Wesleyans still alive. Now the Pilmar Lane chapel has itself been closed for some years for lack of support.

Quakers

In Stuart times there were Quakers in the district and several are identified as Quakers in the Roos registers and other documents. They worshipped in their own chapel in Owstwick, whose registers, now in Hull, cover the years 1668 – 73 for marriages, 1654 – 1774 for births, and 1656 – 1774 for burials (which took place in the chapel yard adjoining the chapel).

The present Rectory

The foundations were laid in a field – part of the Glebe – on June 29th 1892. The chief corner bricks were laid by Mrs Dickinson, Mr W.G. Dickinson and Master M. Dickinson – three generations – and the building was finished in June 1893. Quite a number of carved stones, once part of the church before restoration, were removed from the old rectory and made into a rockery in the garden of the new one. A fairly large and substantial wood and brick hutment was erected in the rectory grounds and used for church functions. (*Mr Wilbraham supplies a sketch of the buildings and grounds.*)

Roos Church (continued)

Pulpit

The Jacobean pulpit is dated 1615. It has been carefully restored by village craftsmen and is in fine condition.

Some time after the church was restored the pulpit was removed to the Rectory where it was used at family prayers and a higher one was used in church. The Rector and churchwardens later presented the taller one to Rimsweil Church and brought the old one back.

An old undated print shows the high pulpit to the left of the chancel and a plain lectern on the right.

Lectern

In 1909 the Dickinson ladies presented an oak lectern designed by Temple Moore. Mrs Field, the doctor's mother, and Mrs Kirk presented an edition of the Bible in two volumes.

Chancel furniture

In 1899 oak benches and kneeling desks were placed in the chancel. They were also designed by Temple Moore. The work was carried out by William Atkinson. There is some ornamentation to relieve the overall severity and the bench ends show the carver's ability.

The forlorn-looking west end galleries were replaced by the choir vestry and baptistery in 1896. Again, there is beautiful carving on the oaken screens.

Storage cupboard

In 1914 an oak cupboard made out of the old pew doors was placed near the entrance of the church to hold prayer books and hymn books.

Framed record of Rectors

In 1911 a framed record of Rectors of this church was presented by the then owner of the advowson, Sir Tatton Sykes. The list was compiled from "Torres Register" and the parish registers. It hangs on the chancel wall near the door to the priest's vestry.

Kirkham Priory

The list records that the church was formerly in the patronage of the Prior and Convent of Kirkham Abbey, which gained from it an annual pension of two marks. The prerogative was confirmed to them by Archbishop

Walter Grey in 1223. The Priory appointed 19 Rectors.

New patrons : the nobility

At the Dissolution of the Monasteries the advowson reverted to the lords of the manor, who were at that time of the Rutland family and later the Cecil family.

Sir Marmaduke Constable, who fought at Flodden and was the steward of the Prior of Kirkham, presented one Rector - Mag. John Manners in 1528.

The Earl of Rutland presented two Rectors – Nicholas Cooke in 1563 and James Gibson in 1571.

Queen Elizabeth presented George Holden by reason of the minority of Lady Elizabeth in 1588.

The Cecils presented six Rectors and King James one in 1620 by lapse.

The Sykes family

The Cecils sold the manor and the advowson with it to Mark Kirby, a Hull merchant with property at Sledmere.

Kirby presented Edward Robinson in 1726. When Robinson went to Winestead Kirby presented the living to Mark Sykes, into whose family he had married.

The Sykes family presented five Rectors, the last of whom was Edward Milsom.

End of the Sykes connection

On the death of Sir Tatton Sykes, Mr Milsom and other members of his family bought the advowson. After making one presentation they passed it to the Society for the Maintenance of the Faith.

Recusancy

(Mr Wilbraham notes that the basic material below relates to an earlier chapter, "Roos under The Restoration". The version printed here has been both shortened and expanded : the expansion aims to give a context to Mr Wilbraham's material. Parts that I have added are indicated by italics. L.H.)

Henry VIII died in 1547. His denial of the Pope's authority led to the establishment of the Church of England.

His son, Edward VI, reigned only until 1553. During his brief six years on the throne "The Book of Common Prayer" was compiled. It contained much material from the Catholic liturgy but was fiercely Anglican. Acceptance of it became a test both of one's Protestant faith and of one's patriotism. Catholics who persisted in their faith were savagely persecuted.

Edward was followed by his sister Mary - a Catholic. Now it was Protestants who were hounded and burnt at the stake. Many feared that she would marry Philip of Spain, a Catholic monarch, and that the English would be subject to foreign domination both politically and in their religious lives.

Elizabeth I came to the throne in 1553. She reasserted the Anglican faith but during her long reign was beset by fear of Catholic plots and of foreign invasion - as by the Spanish Armada of 1588.

James I, the first of the Stuarts, became King of England in 1603. Two years later, desperate Catholics - some of them from Holderness - set up the Gunpowder Plot.

Fear of a Catholic take-over did not end with James. Before his execution in 1649 Charles I tried to resist the attempts of Parliament to restrict his powers by secret help from the Catholic Louis XIV of France - at whose court his son was entertained until his coronation as Charles II at the Restoration in 1660.

Even after his 25-year reign the conflicts were not over. James II, a Catholic, was subject to Protestant plots. Eventually he was ousted by the Protestant William of Orange, William III, who ruled with his Stuart wife Mary. William defeated James's Irish supporters at the Battle of the Boyne, 1690. "The Troubles" there are still with us.

When The Book of Common Prayer came into use in 1549 many Catholics clung to the Old Religion and gave much trouble to the authorities who tried to enforce Anglican worship and church attendance. These people were called Recusants. The offence of Recusancy engaged successive governments right up to the reign of William and Mary, a period of about 100 years.

There were three types of recusants : those who simply neglected to go to church, those who positively disliked attending, and the recusants of conscience who persistently offended even after they had been convicted and punished. It was against the latter that the authorities directed their serious attention.

By an Act of Parliament 1610 those who had the means might be fined £20 a month or the King might take two thirds of their lands. Their wives, who would naturally be recusants, might lie in prison until the fines were paid.

Church services were held morning and afternoon and everyone was expected to be present at both or to give a good excuse, such as old age, sickness, the care of sick persons and children and absence from home. Failing these, a person's absence from church was certified by the churchwardens to the Justices of the Peace.

Among the old records of Roos there is a fragment that names a recusant in Roos. It was offered for sale to a London collector of antiques who stated he did not know how it came into his possession.

The following is a copy of one of the certificates referred to. It appeared in the "Transactions of the British Archaeological Society", quoting from "Some Certificates as to Recusants in Holderness" by Thomas Blashill.

Burton Pidsea.

To His Majesty's Justices of the Peace or to their Deputy or Deputies to whom it doth appertain.

These are to certify you that our Churchwardens have hitherto been very vigilant in their office and have taken notice of such offenders as have been absent any Sabbath day either morning or evening prayer since your last sittings but I am to certify you (that God be thanked for it) we have as many every Sabbath morning and evening as any town in Holderness for the people therein contained and as few absent but for every house, one or such of sick persons as are not able to come.

These are the offenders since the last of your sittings.

Excused :

John Martin and his men received the communion upon the Feast of Pentecost last, since which time they have been in labour as far as Etton upon the Wolds and therefore cannot come upon the Sabbath

days. But I certify you that neither he nor his servants absents themselves any Sabbath days being at home.

Elizabeth Richison was absent the xxvth of May but she was vetry sick that day and not able to come.

Margaret Ingram, the wife of Thomas Ingram, was absent the xxvth of May but the cause of her absence was that she had not a maidservant and was to keep her house having a very innocent child in her house.

Excused forenoon : Thomas Richardson was absent the xxvth of May and refuseth to pay xiid for his absence.

John Eyre was absent from church the xxvth of May.

Elizabeth Martin was absent from church the xxvth of May but her mother saith she was about an earnest business that she sent her.

William Wilson, Clerk (1603).

Anthony Richardson

Robt. Wright. Churchwardens.

Horses and ploughs

It was between the two World Wars that we saw the place of horse power being taken by mechanical traction.

We have reached recently the inevitable change when we no longer see the jolly teams of horses starting out from the farmyard for the day's work in the fields or see them as we go along the country roads at work in the fields or carrying loads of farm produce along the roads towards the stackyards.

In our village we have seen the last of these splendid beasts, the Shire Horses - at work anyway, for it has been good to see at The Grange in a paddock two of these animals spending their retirement to the delight of passers-by. The motor car ousted the hackney but it is good to see on The Elms Farm a blood horse or two. Is all this living strength to give way to dead contrivances of unsightly iron?

The wooden plough - with its beautiful lines of arching beam and stilts of a pattern that has endured more or less unchanged for hundreds of years - is still in use and well liked in remote districts, but will never be made again. Its place has been taken by one entirely of iron, even if any plough at all survives for the draught horses.

Still older and more pictorial was the use of bullock teams for ploughing and all farm work. Now it is to be feared that these are quite extinct, though they lingered south of the Thames well within the writer's memory.