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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On the evening of Monday, 12th January - the start of the bad week of snow - Councillor G.E. Winter chaired a sparsely-attended Parish Council Meeting. Also present were Councillors Cheeseman, Quarmby, and Priest.

After approval of the Minutes, Councillor Priest reported that Mr. C. Burn had agreed to install two village seats, one to the south of Dove Lane and the other on the verge adjacent to Eastfield Estate.

Tree-Felling near The Chestnuts

At the December meeting the Parish Clerk had been asked to write to the Director of Development expressing concern over damage caused in preparing to develop land to the south and east of The Chestnuts, Rectory Road. On 19th December the Director of Development replied:

"I can inform you that the Council's Tree Officer, Mr. Hemingway, has recently visited the above site at the request of the developer, Mr. Biglin, following the removal of several trees, shrubs and the remains of the hedge along Dove Lane.

"It would appear that the clearance of this part of the site was necessary for the required access to the site to be made. It is the intention of the developer to restore the southern boundary by planting a conifer hedge which should provide suitable future screening of the development from Dove Lane. It is also a requirement of planning permission that a detailed scheme of landscaping is submitted as part of the detailed site layout and when these details are to hand, I shall ensure that additional tree planting is carried out along the southern boundary with Dove Lane."

This letter was read out at the meeting of 12th January. So also was a letter from Mr. P.R. Owen, resident at The Chestnuts, who had received what he regarded as an unsatisfactory reply to a protest of his own. (Discussion continued in the public session after the meeting. See below.) It was agreed that a further letter be sent to the Director of Development stressing that restrictions laid down in the planning permission should not have been ignored.

A Penny Rate

It was agreed that the Parish Council would probably precept for a 1p rate for the year 1987-8. Income from the rate would not be available until June. In answer to a query, the Parish Council had been advised that the cost of the Parish Council election in May would be borne by the Parish: if there were no ballot, the cost would be slight; if there were more nominations than places and there had to be a ballot, then the cost would be the greater.

Publicity for Planning Applications

The Holderness Director of Development had written explaining the effect of a decision taken by the Technical and Development Committee on 25th November. The Committee approved proposals to change the methods of publicising planning applications.

Site notices will be made more obvious and, on larger sites, there will be more of them. Press notices of many applications will be discontinued, though a weekly list of applications will continue to be printed in "The Holderness Gazette" and there will be "more general publicity" to inform people who live some distance from a site. Actual letters to residents living close to a site will be restricted to those who share a boundary with it; this will reduce the number informed by letter but they will be informed earlier than they often have been in the past.

Perhaps most important, all letters and advertisements will in future provide the name of a local contact who will hold copies of applications that the public may consult: it will no longer be necessary to travel to Skirlaugh to view a planning application. In Roos, planning applications may be scrutinised by arrangement with the Parish Clerk, Mr. Cyril Woodhouse, 1 Pinfold Cottage, Pinfold Lane (Phone Patrington 70716).

Promotion Tourism/Local Events

Humberside County Council are preparing a leaflet of forthcoming tourism events for 1987. In addition, the Borough Council is compiling a reference list for the promotion of local events. The Parish Council were asked to supply local information for both purposes but were not aware of any local tourist attractions. (*Promoters of local events may wish to send details on their own account - to Mrs. K. Betts, the Development Depart-*

ment, Council Offices, Skirlaugh HU11 5HN. Tel. Skirlaugh 62333, Ext. 283).

The Director of Development had forwarded a copy of a letter from the English Tourist Board which the Borough sub-committee for tourism and employment had recommended sending to all parish and town councils. The Tourist Board letter outlined five main ways in which the Manpower Services Commission could make Community Programme resources available to help tourism. (*Queries about the letter to: Mr. Brian Kennedy, Council Offices, Skirlaugh. Tel. as above, Ext. 237).*

Parish Emergency Plan

Mr. D.F. Bradley, Humberside Emergency Planning Officer, had written about the need to update the 1984 Emergency Plan. The Parish Clerk was asked to complete a lengthy form containing twenty-seven main questions. Topics covered in the form include: emergency services, community advisers, UKWMO warning points, emergency headquarters, feeding centre, rest centre, medical aid centre, information centre, alternative water supply, alternative communications.

Mr. Bradley wrote: "The information returned will be added to our master file and a neatly prepared copy will be forwarded to your Council, to the Councils of the adjoining parishes and to the District Emergency Control." The planning would provide, "information and techniques useful in a wide array of situations."

Planning Applications

The Borough Planning Committee had given "Listed Buildings" consent for proposed changes (already reported) at Glebe Farm, Hilston. As recommended by the Parish Council, permission had been refused for a residential caravan on a site to the north of Coastguard Cottages, Tunstall.

Elm Garth, Roos. Following the Parish Council meeting in November, the Clerk had written to the Director of Development expressing concern that, if approved, the revised application to erect three dwellings with access to the north of Elm Garth might not preclude a later application to add further houses on the site. It had been hoped that the Planning Committee would prohibit such a subsequent application. The Director of Development had written advising that the revised plans had been approved, adding that the Borough Council could not take away the right of applicants to submit alternative proposals later - any such proposals would be considered on their merits. He did say, however, that the applicants had been advised informally that a proposal to erect more than three houses on the site would be unlikely to succeed.

Accounts

Payment of £16.00 for hire of the Memorial Institute for meetings was approved. Payment of the Clerk's salary for six months (£125) and of post and telephone expenses (£6.50) were approved.

Public Session

After the close of official business, Mr. P.R. Owen commented on his correspondence with the Director of Development over tree-felling near his house, The Chestnuts. He had protested about damage to trees caused by making an access road from Rectory Road to the building site east of The Chestnuts. He had been dissatisfied to be told in reply that, "the clearance of this part of the site was necessary to facilitate the required access." The reply did not answer the question whether the developer had the right to fell certain trees - in particular a spruce tree: Mr. Owen had asked whether this particular tree was protected by a preservation order.

Mr. Owen wrote again and received a more detailed reply. The Director of Development now explained that two mature horse chestnut trees that might have been made the subject of a preservation order were now within the garden of The Chestnuts and were therefore not likely to be affected by site development beyond it. Removal of the spruce tree did not itself contravene a preservation order, though it broke one of the conditions laid down in the granting of planning permission. The developer had reported to the Borough Tree Officer that the tree had been removed because it had been accidentally damaged by heavy machinery, "causing it to uproot". The Director was sure that his Committee would require the developer to replace the tree with a similar species.

Councillors saw entirely eye to eye with Mr. Owen over this matter and approved his action. They shared his frustration that a developer could

break a condition imposed with his planning permission if he claimed that damage caused was accidental. If a fine were imposed it would be relatively trivial. Nothing could undo such damage. The eventual replacement of a tree that should never have been removed was no substitute for proper protection of the landscape.

Parish Meeting

At 8.00 p.m. - the scheduled time of the meeting called to discuss the Roos Village Plan - only three councillors and twelve members of the public were able to attend. A proposal to postpone the meeting was carried by 13 votes to 2.

(Although an earlier date had been hoped for, it subsequently proved impossible to arrange the meeting until Monday, 9th February).

Parish Meeting in the Memorial Institute

ROOS VILLAGE PLAN

Owing to heavy snow on 12th January (and consequent poor attendance) the Parish Meeting to discuss the draft Village Plan was postponed to:

MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY at 8.00 p.m.

Residents are urged to attend the meeting. It will be preceded by the monthly Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 p.m. - public always welcome.

A WINTER'S TALE

Though we may have still more cold spells to come, it is likely that most of us will remember the winter of 1987 for the week beginning Monday, 12th January. On that Monday evening snow was falling relentlessly and lying deeper and deeper on the roads and fields. Motorists were already becoming stranded and village streets were pedestrian precincts. For the next three days Roos was cut off. Families began to wonder about their stocks of food. Milk was not being delivered, of course, though some households were helped - thanks to the enterprise of a few public-spirited individuals and the collaboration of local farmers.

The most expensive consequence of the big freeze was probably the damage to Roos School. The Headmaster, Keith Thorogood, later asked if he could write to "The Rooster" to thank volunteers who responded so promptly to the S.O.S. broadcast over Radio Humberside. He has kindly expanded his intended letter into the account below.

Disaster at Roos School

"May I begin by thanking all those who answered our appeal on Radio Humberside. Without your kind help and community spirit I shudder to think what state the building would still be in. I only know that the governors and I feel those willing volunteers saved a greater disaster and eased the shock to us all.

For those who have not heard the facts may I briefly relate the cycle of events.

The school closed on Monday 12th due to frozen pipes which meant we had no sanitation in the Junior porch and no cold water for cooks to prepare with and wash up after meals. A plumber called that evening but had no equipment to thaw us out. He would return in the morning, i.e. Tuesday 13th. Clearly the deterioration in the weather meant the plumber could not reach us until Friday 16th.

However, when Mr. Kennils and myself went into school on Friday 16th we found an area of ceiling (two square metres in size) down and all the Junior area awash with water. We were dumbfounded. Not knowing where the stop-cock was situated we had to turn off water and electric supplies. The electricity was no problem. The water, well that is now in hindsight, a laugh. We climbed into the tank loft and turned off various taps. We even tied up the ball-cocks on the 5,000 litre tanks. To our relief the water subsided! We had done something right!

Having reported our burst Mr. Kennils and I set to, mopping up. Then the Rector joined us. There we were, "three old maids", with mops and buckets dabbling in the water. Thanks to Mr. Kennils idea our appeal on local radio worked wonders and many people (25-30) arrived with mops and buckets, to help us clear up.

By midday the builders had arrived, by 1.30 p.m. all the ceilings had been pulled down and all sodden boards and lagging were thrown out into the courtyard. Now a week later the rooms look themselves once more. The ceilings have been replaced and all wallboards have been renewed. The Junior area now only needs the lighting to be replaced and the decorating done. Consequently we hope to return to our normal class areas by the time you receive this copy.

Once again, many thanks to all those who have helped us."

Keith I. Thorogood

Roos Football Club

Ron Derbyshire reports that in their cup semi-final against N.D.L.B. at Leven on 25th January the 'A' unfortunately lost 4-1. A report will be included in the next issue. Other games have been postponed owing to poor conditions and the fixtures are to be rearranged. Some fixtures in March are listed in 'Coming Events'.

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

In response to a request by the Parish Council, copies of a Guide produced by the Hull Community Health Council are now available in the village. Residents who would like a copy should contact the Parish Clerk, Mr. Cyril Woodhouse, 1 Pinfold Cottages (Phone 70716).

The Guide gives details of statutory and voluntary bodies in the Hull Health District and health-care services in the Holderness area. It covers: hospitals, health centres, clinics, chiropody, community nursing, doctors, dentists, chemists, opticians, DHSS offices, environmental health, social services and the telephone information service, "Healthline".

There is an effective foreword outlining the scope of the Community Health Council and the powers it can exert in the public interest.



Mrs. Jean Young welcoming Dr. Edmund Marshall at Roos Post Office on 22nd January. Dr. Marshall is the prospective parliamentary candidate for the Bridlington constituency on behalf of the SDP/Liberal Alliance. He has been visiting all 65 post offices in the constituency.

HUMBERSIDE CONCESSIONARY FARE SCHEME

Travel passes for elderly and handicapped people obtainable from The Grand Pavilion, Withernsea, on Wednesday, 28th January, 11th February, 11th March.

Premises open: 10.00-12.30; 1.30-3.30

Application must be in person. Pass fee £1.50. The usual evidence of identity is required unless an existing pass (expiring during the period) is produced instead.

Good-bye 1986

Parish Councillor Ray Beal was out and about with his camera on New Year's Eve. At the Black Horse he came across some seasonal festivities. Fancy dress led to some odd liaisons. Does the country yokel below know that young maidens are not always what they seem?



L. to r. Nicky Derbyshire, Emma Thacker, Philip Wright, David Winter and (keeping an eye on things) Andrew Bailey.

At least the two ladies below, Janice McCunnell and Denise Symes - evidently enjoying themselves - are wearing their own hair.



But what hairdresser provided Andy Pandy's coiffure before the assignation with his top-hatted friend?



Mike Mann and Richard Tyson lose their identity but cling to their pints

And with transvestism so rampant, what sort of navy lark is Jolly Roger up to here? -



Rooster Blues

Holidays at Christmas and New Year upset arrangements for producing January's newsletter. Then the snow made things worse - Martin Lunn was unable to go work for four days and dealing with "The Rooster" was the least of the worries facing printing staff who had to manage without him.

This present issue has also had its troubles and may be available later than usual. For one thing, nobody has been sending in reports of local groups. There was no W.I. meeting, for example, in the New Year and presumably the rugby and soccer clubs had little to report in late December and early January. One piece of information received is that the Playing Field Committee intend to organise another sponsored walk - more details in a later issue.

In order to get the March newsletter back to a normal routine - appearing during the first full week of the month, if not earlier) - please note:

DEADLINE

Items for "The Rooster" - including notice of coming events - required by:
The Third Monday of the Previous Month

To: Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos, Tel. 70291
Please give early notice of events that would provide good photographs

MEMORY LANE

One consequence of the lack of news is that this month it has been possible to print some more items about the past. If you think of accepting the invitation below, do check the date.

This "Ball of the Season" - called the "Second" - was perhaps not the second held in 1901 but the second of a series. The series probably started two years earlier since another printed invitation advertises the "First Annual Dance" of The Roos Dance Class on Easter Monday, 3rd April, 1899. Both invitations were lent by Mr. Robert (Bob) Smales of Owstwick Hall.

On neither invitation is there mention of a venue, possibly (one might have supposed) because the only suitable venue would have been the school. However, Bob Smales says that the dance classes and the "Ball of the Season" itself were both probably held in "Mr. Harry Jubb's

The Roos Dance Class.

Committee—

Mr. J. Smales, Mr. N. Dennison, Mr. S. Medforth,
Mr. T. Sowerby, Mr. H. Newton, Mrs. T. Reed,
Miss E. Smales, Miss A. Feaster, Miss E. Harrison.

Hon. Sec. & Treas.—Mr. T. P. LEWIS.

The above Committee request the pleasure of the
... Company of ...

AT THEIR

SECOND

Ball of the Season,

In connection with the above Class,

On Easter Monday, April 8th, 1901.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Dancing at 7-30 prompt.

The Musical Arrangements are in the hands of Messrs.
Dennison, Smales, & Lewis, Roos.

M.C.'s—Messrs G. Dennison and T. P. Lewis.

TICKETS—Single 1s 6d; Double 2s 6d (including refreshments) may be had either from the Committee or at the Door.

Light Refreshments will be provided FREE to Members and Ticket Holders.

granary", the building just to the north of The Roos Arms, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Dodson.

Mr. Tom Hoe, of Eastfield Estate, confirms that the upper floor of Harry Jubb's premises were used for the Dance Class. It was also used for "The Club" - i.e. a place where a local friendly society (or more than one) could operate, providing the kind of health insurance that was organised voluntarily before the advent of National Health and National Insurance. Tom Hoe says that the ground floor served as Harry Jubb's warehouse, storage space for cloth in connection with his trade as a tailor as well as for garden produce: he grew and sold such commodities as potatoes, apples and plums.

Mr. Smales supplied biographical details of some of many of the persons mentioned. Other details about them were remembered by Mr. Tom Hoe and Mr. Charlie Burn, both of whom were born in Roos before the 1914-18 war. It would have been tedious to many readers if these details had been printed. However, they can be supplied to anyone interested if they will pay the cost of photocopying.

Mill Lane, 1908



Tom Hoe has provided this old photograph, unfortunately rather the worse for wear. It shows Mill Lane with the old windmill at the far end in the field where Mr. Charlie Burn's bungalow now stands. Mill Lane is now called Pinfold Lane because the parish pinfold for stray animals was situated to the north of the lane at its junction with Rectory Road. Mr. Hoe, who was born at 2 Pinfold Cottages on 6th February, 1907, says that neither the windmill nor the pinfold was in actual use during his lifetime.

The photograph shows members of the Hoe family and their neighbours at Pinfold cottages in 1908. On the left is Mr. Sam Brown, who lived in the left-hand cottage where Mr. Cyril Woodhouse now lives. Next to him,

dressed in black, is Tom Hoe's grandmother, Mrs. Roper, with one hand restraining Tom's sister Emily who is standing in front of the next woman, Mrs. Brown. The third woman, in white, is Tom's mother, Mrs. Charles (Charlotte) Hoe; she is holding the hand of one-year-old Tom himself, barely visible against her white dress. The four children in the road are two more of Tom's sisters, Doris and Winnie, and two children called Carrick, Harold and Elsie. This Harold Carrick was killed in the 1914-18 war. (There was another Harold Carrick: he appears in the 1920s football photograph printed in the December newsletter). Elsie Carrick married Stanley Townsend, also in the December photograph. The Carricks lived with their widowed mother in the house now called The Forge where Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Keatings live today.

Mr. Charlie Burn says that the building at the far end of the lane on the left - now the actual blacksmith's shop - was originally a cowshed and stable for two horses, used to transport materials to and from the mill.

The building in the centre of the photograph (now replaced by two bungalows) was the home of an Italian, Frank Ravara, who lived there until (probably) the early 1930s. He was also called Frank Sash. For reasons unknown, he was on the run from the Italian authorities. He was pursued as far as Liverpool by the Italian police and eventually found refuge in Roos.

Frank Ravara was employed by "Teddys" Cautley of Owstwick Hall and is remembered as travelling from farm to farm with a steam-driven threshing machine. Children were more likely to remember him as the ice-cream man, selling his wares from a handcart that he had made himself. He also sold fish and chips from part of his premises and would bring fish and fat from Hull in his donkey cart (also home-made). His trips were irregular and his "shop" wasn't open daily but, says Tom Hoe, people seemed to know when he was frying. His fish and chips were, "really marvellous - clean and good."

In his later years Frank Ravara shared his home with another colourful character, Basket Sally (surname unknown). Sally was born in Patrington and was, it is said, strikingly attractive in her youth. She gained her nickname because of her occupation: she walked around from village to village with a huge basket, often carrying it balanced on her head. She sold buttons, needles and tapes from door to door and was a popular figure, always cheerful and always welcome. She was often to be heard singing as she walked along, her favourite song being "Soldiers of the Queen". She greeted people in the streets with, "Good luck to everybody!" When people saw her the saying was, "Here's Good Luck coming."

Sally never returned to her base in Patrington until her goods were all sold and meanwhile she slept wherever she could find shelter, in barns or other outbuildings. More and more she began to stay at Frank Ravara's and eventually moved in with him. When the Rector, Rev. Edward Milsom, realised the impropriety under his very nose, he insisted on marrying them at the earliest opportunity. This was round about the turn of the century when Sally was probably well past middle age.

Some time later, Mr. Milsom thought of matrimony for himself.

This document was provided by Bob Smales. Tom Hoe remembers being one of the schoolchildren who sang the song. The children had been drilled to learn the words by the schoolmaster, Mr. Lewis, and when the great day came they were lined up to sing at each side of the Rectory gates as the bridal pair drove up. The photograph below shows the Rector standing at the gates in question - i.e. those of the premises that we now know as The Old Rectory, occupied today by Eurographic, Ltd.



The Rectory was built in 1891 on glebe land at Mr. Milsom's expense. (He was later responsible for the building of the Memorial Institute). It was very much a gentleman's residence, as is shown by this view from the south-west, with Mr. Milsom to be seen leaning on the fence.



WELCOME SONG.

To the Tune "God bless the Prince of Wales"

Specially written for the Reception, by the Parishioners of
Roos, of the

Rev. Edward and Mrs. Milsom,

Roos Rectory. Married at Diss, Norfolk, Jan. 8th, 1914.

1—God bless the Bride and Bridegroom,
To Thee our prayers ascend,
That Thou would'st guide and cheer them,
Be with them to the end.
Thy servants be they ever
In Hope, and Faith, and Love,
And may they know the sweetness
Of Thy blest home above.

CHORUS—God bless the Bride and Bridegroom,
To Thee our prayers ascend,
That Thou would'st guide and cheer them.
Be with them to the end.

2—Ring out the joyful choir,
And spread it far and wide,
Heaven bless the happy Bridegroom,
Heaven bless the happy Bride.
O, may their lives be happy,
From care and strife be free,
And may they dwell together
In union one with Thee.—CHORUS.

3—Upon our peaceful village
Thy Holy Spirit pour,
That both Thy Priest and People
May join in worship more;
That, being thus united
In fellowship Divine,
With Godly love abounding,
We may be ever Thine.—CHORUS.

Tom Hoe has vivid memories of the Rector and his wife - especially of Mrs. Milsom. "She was a lady - an opinion voiced by other people who knew her (for example, Mrs. Sarah Littler and Mrs. Lucy Foster, quoted in previous issues of "The Rooster"). She visited parishioners," says Tom Hoe, "just about every day with a maiden walking behind her with a pencil and paper." The girl's job was to make a note of any needs among poor families as Mrs. Milsom visited them. The Rectory groom would then be sent to deliver food or whatever was needed. Sometimes the daughter of a poor family would be told to call at The Rectory for soup or other food-stuffs. If a family breadwinner was out of work, Mrs. Milsom would give the family half a crown - and try to find employment for the man, using her influence among a wide circle of farming acquaintances.

The fact that both the Rector and Mrs. Milsom must have had substantial private incomes does nothing to diminish the reputation they still have for unselfish philanthropy. They had an unceasing personal commitment to the parish in general and to the welfare of poor families in particular. Parishioners who benefitted would welcome the practical help that was so badly needed but must have appreciated just as much the caring generosity that motivated it.

Coming Events

February

- 4 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute, 7.15. Mrs. Quarmby & Mrs. Brocklesby; Healthy Eating.
- 9 Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Institute, 7.00
Parish Meeting about the Roos Village Plan. Memorial Institute, 8.00

March

- 1 Roos F.C. 'A' v Cross Keys, home
- 4 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute, 7.15. Mr. Alan Burnham: Garden Birds
- 8 Roos F.C. 'A' v Kingstonians, away
- 27 Roos F.C. 'A' v Amy Johnson, away