



THE ROOSTER

Roos Village Newsletter

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Because of printing difficulties, "The Rooster" did not appear in September, October and November. A November issue was prepared covering three months of news but not even this omnibus edition was printed. From December the newsletter was photocopied, not printed.

Material intended for November 1987 is reproduced below, though photographs and advertisements for events now long past are omitted. Other items are slightly abridged.

This 'Special Edition' is not being supplied to each household. It will be available on request at a cost of 10p - it would be wrong to pay for a back number out of donations meant for future issues.)

Roos Parish Council

(The meetings of August, September, and October are summarised together below. In the process, some details have inevitably been omitted.)

Procedures

In August there was criticism by Councillor Clark and Councillor Quarmby of colleagues who had attended a site meeting called at short notice. The Chairman, Councillor Winter, argued that the need for urgency had justified the meeting: in urgent cases the Chairman should be empowered to call an emergency meeting without normal notice.

Councillor Helliwell said that some parish councils operated sub-committees. If Roos had a Planning Sub-Committee, its members could make site visits as part of their role and report their findings to the full Council. At present, some applications were discussed with inadequate first-hand knowledge of the sites.

Councillor Clark thought all members could visit a site before a meeting - though it would help if applications to be discussed were known in advance, i.e. if the Agenda listed current applications. No decision was taken, though the need for advance notice of planning applications was raised again two months later.

Dove Lane Development

In September an outline application for residential development on land south of Dove Lane was supported. Because of his interest in the site, Councillor Grant withdrew during discussion.

The site - two and a quarter acres, Site C in the Village Plan - is one of three identified there as suitable for development. Unlike most "outline" applications, this one offered a good deal of detail: a level of housing density was indicated and a possible system of interior roads. It was proposed to build fourteen houses, seven on each side of the beck, with access to each side from Rectory Road and South End Road respectively.

Some councillors were in favour of the development in order to tidy up a site that was becoming derelict. Others were unhappy about the number of houses proposed, though the density was less than that normal in Holderness generally. Since the Village Plan had envisaged development on Site C, there was no formal opposition to the application.

It was only after the Parish Council meeting - during the public session - that a resident pointed out that the Village Plan had suggested a limit to the number of houses on Site C as follows :

"The site lies between very low density developments of 3 - 4 dwellings per acre and it is considered that the site should be developed at a similar density..... Estimated capacity 6 units."

Councillors were embarrassed to have overlooked this point but the Chairman ruled that the meeting could not be reconvened to reconsider it.

Detailed Agenda Needed?

In September, referring to the application to develop Site C, Councillor Helliwell said that he had written to the Director of Development asking that the Borough's Planning Committee should be made well aware of the density restriction suggested in the Village Plan. He had hoped that the Parish Council would discuss the matter of housing density again. This was not done.

Councillor Helliwell therefore raised the wider issue. He argued that, if the Parish Council had known in advance that Site C was to be discussed in September, they would have consulted the Village Plan beforehand and would not have overlooked the recommended housing density. Members needed a more detailed Agenda, especially where planning applications were concerned. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should include such detail in every future Agenda.

Maggot Breeding

In July the Parish Council had discussed an application by Mr D.Heslop for a change of use at Sunderland Farm from a bullock yard to maggot-breeding premises. In view of local misgivings, it had been agreed to ask the Director of Development for information about public safeguards and meanwhile to request deferral of the Borough's decision.

In August, it was learned that the application had been granted. Irritation was expressed that the deferral request had been ignored. In September, notification of the approval was accompanied by a letter from the Director of Development to explain the conditions and controls imposed, including supervision by Environmental Health Officers.

Other Applications

Over the three months up to the October meeting, Borough Council approval was notified concerning the following :

East View, Main Street.

Culver, Hilston Road.

North of Elm Garth. Plots 2 & 3, amended details for Plot 1.

North of Pilmar Lane & East of Main St. Outline : residential development.

Hela, North End. Detached dwelling.

Rose Cottage, Main St, Tunstall. Extension & porch.

East of Elm Garth. Re-routing of Y.E.B. power lines.

The Parish Council supported the following applications :

End Cottage, Hodgson Lane. Erection of car port,

1 Pilmar Lane. Extension for bathroom and kitchen,

Roos Playing Field. Erection of sports pavilion,

Manor Farm, South End. Retention of sow-house,

Roos Beck

In July the Director of Development had written about debris in the beck and had asked the Parish Council to request riparian owners to remove it. Since the Water Authority had formerly maintained the beck, Councillors agreed to query the view that riparian owners were responsible for cleaning it. The Clerk was asked to put this point in a letter to the Director of Development and to send a copy to the Water Authority for comment.

The Director of Development replied in a letter discussed in August. He explained that the Water Authority had been responsible for the beck when it had carried sewage and effluent from the slaughter-house on the butcher's premises. With provision of mains sewerage and the building of the abattoir, the Water Authority's responsibility had ceased, as the beck was a water course, not a river.

The Council decided to await the Water Authority's own comments. No reply had been received by the October meeting.

The Village Green

In July, the Parish Council discussed landscape improvement grants. 75% grants were available for approved work undertaken by parish councils. In August, considering the untidiness of "the Village Green", councillors agreed that a grant might be sought to landscape the area.

In September, Councillor Helliwell referred to a sketch in the Clerk's possession. It had been drawn by Mr Arthur Allott to illustrate possible work on the Village Green considered by the Parish Council several years earlier. He proposed that advice about a grant should be sought from the county's Technical Services Department (who had sent the grant information) and that the sketch should be used to indicate what might be attempted. The Clerk was asked to write to the Director of Technical Services for such advice.

In October, Councillor Cheeseman referred to NACRO's current work on the Memorial Institute and suggested that they might be invited to tackle the Village Green. He had spoken to the NACRO supervisor who had himself sketched a landscaping scheme. It was noted that using NACRO would eliminate labour costs, a significant factor in a labour-intensive project.

It was agreed that the Clerk should try to arrange a site meeting with representatives from NACRO, the Highways Department, and Technical Services.

Other Environmental Matters

National Tree Week

The August meeting agreed to request from the County Council ten free trees for planting along Tunstall Road. In September it was reported that the verge on Tunstall Road was too narrow. It was agreed that a suitable alternative site would be along Furze Road as far as Mr John Boynton's premises.

Tree Preservation Orders

At the July Parish Meeting, the Chairman had attempted to raise interest in tree preservation orders. The topic was overshadowed by discussion of woodland near Dent's Garth acquired by Mr and Mrs Quinn and by concern that a landowner might unreasonably be held responsible if one of his trees was damaged while subject to a preservation order. At the October meeting, it was agreed to invite the Borough Tree Officer, Mr Hemingway, to explain the implications of preservation orders.

Bulb Planting

In October, it was agreed to accept an offer of bulbs from Humberside Technical Services and to have them planted along Pilmar Lane.

Litter Bins

In August, Councillor Bowden had bought a specimen bin and it was agreed to place it on the "Village Green". Unfortunately, bins at the same price were no longer available. In October, Councillor Cheeseman argued that more bins were needed.

Holderness Design Award 1987

In October, it was suggested that, with the agreement of Mr Crook, the old school (now attractively adapted as a dwelling) might be submitted for consideration.

Overgrown Hedge

In September and October, Councillor Quarmby drew attention to the overgrown hedge on the east side of Rectory Road south of Pinfold Lane. Members agreed that the hedge was a traffic hazard as well as an eyesore and should be cut back.

Roos Memorial Institute

In September, Councillor Priest reported that the new Institute Committee had had to revise their extension plans owing to an increase in the estimated cost. In October, it was agreed that the Memorial Gates had been splendidly refurbished and that the Clerk should write to Mr Peter Robinson, representing the Royal British Legion, to express the village's appreciation of his work.

Parish Notice Board

In August, Councillor Bowden gave details of some commercial designs for notice boards. Members thought one in particular was attractive (a metre wide, lockable aluminium frame) but too expensive. It was agreed to invite quotations from local joiners. No new site was agreed. By October only one quotation had been received for a softwood frame @ £35.00 plus VAT and an estimated £20.00 for sign-writing. It was felt that hardwood should be used. Councillor Quarmby offered to donate some and Mr Cyril Woodhouse was asked to make the notice board.

Footpath Repairs

In August, Councillor Bowden said that repairs to the footpath to North End had been only patchy. Other councillors were pleased that they had been done at all. In September, members noted that, having been cleared and widened, the path was now much improved.

Councillor Quarmby said that Tunstall footpaths also needed attention. Residents of Tunstall were "poor relations". However, he reported that a "level pot" had been set in Low Road to prevent flooding.

Listed Buildings

In October, the Director of Development had provided a revised list of eighteen "Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest" within the parish.

Rights of Way

In July, Councillor Helliwell raised the matter of local walks and public rights of way. As there appeared to be no definitive map of local rights of way, he undertook to obtain one. In August he reported a visit to a division of Humberside Technical Services at Beverley : the Public Rights of Way section, Countryside Group. There he had met Mr Roberts, responsible for maps in Holderness, who had supplied map sections showing rights of way in the Roos area. Mr Roberts had also supplied general leaflets about rights of way and village map-making as well as publications of the Countryside Commission. Mr Roberts was working on a project to establish viable circular walks around Roos as he had already done for other areas.

A Parish Map

Reporting on a Parish Maps Day attended in October, Councillor Helliwell suggested that the Parish Council might produce a Roos Parish Map, showing not merely rights of way but other features of local interest. There was little support - Why produce a Parish Map if Technical Services were to produce a footpath map of their own?

Accounts

In August, payment was approved of £100.63 to Mr C.H. Burn for the supply and fitting of two metal seats and their bases and of £19.55 to Messrs Cooper and Lybrand for the Annual Parish Audit. In September, payment was authorised of £16.00 for hire of the Memorial Institute Committee for meetings. It was agreed to pay a total of £19.50 in fees for Councillors Bowden and Helliwell to attend a training seminar for new councillors. A grant not exceeding £12.00 was approved to support "The Rooster" pending a scheme to pay for photocopying by donations.

Darby & Joan Club

The sponsored walk in the summer raised over £100 for the Club's funds. The Club thanks everyone - walkers, sponsors and helpers - who contributed to this great

success, especially those walkers who completed their ten miles : Mike Cheeseman, Kirsti Dodson, Margaret Dodson, Peter Green, Baxter Jeffs and Frank Maddison.

On 15th September many members went on a coach trip to Lotherton Hall, a country house with lovely gardens not far from the A1 south-west of Tadcaster. *(Photo ; leaving Eastfield Estate.)* This second visit in successive years again proved most enjoyable. After a snack on arrival, members inspected the interior of the house, marvelled at exotic birds in the aviary, and soaked up the sunshine in the beautiful grounds. They then had a fine meal at Mother Hubbard's in Bradford, before the evening ride home that completed a most pleasurable day.

Roos Arms A.R.L.F.C.

September

6 Foredyke 19, Roos 18. Tries : Carter 2, Agius. Goals : Bailey 3.
13 Bridlington 58, Roos 12. Tries : Rustill 2. Goals : Bailey 2. Man of the Match : T. Rustill.
20 Roos 4, Sully's 3. Tries : Pearson.
27 Roos 22, Stonehouse 12. Tries : Rooks, T. Rustill, C. Hollingsworth, Bailey, Chadwick.
Goals : Bailey. Man of the Match : A. Critchley.

October

4 Roos 8, Foredyke 22. Tries : Beedham, B. Knaggs. Man of the Match : S. Karsera.
11 Roos 0, Bay Horse 16. Man of the Match : A. Carter.
18 Charlton 34, Roos 4. Tries : Beedham. Man of the Match : P. Richardson.

Mobile Information Unit

("The Rooster" was asked to publicise visits of the DHSS Mobile Information Unit. Because newsletter issues did not appear, it was not possible to do so.)

Playing Field Fun Day 1987

(Photo ; Young fancy-dress competitors being supplied with lollipops.) The Treasurer, Gordon Green, reports that this year's Fun Day raised £706.23 and the Committee thank all who helped make the occasion such a success.

Pensioners' Day Out

On 2nd September over forty senior citizens from Roos visited a former prisoner-of-war camp at Eden near Pickering. The outing was arranged by the Rugby Club in appreciation of the help that senior citizens have given the club. *(Photo ; Departure from Main Street.)* Help on the trip was provided by Ron Symes, Carol Uscroft and Maureen Karnon, and Geoff Prest, landlord of the Black Horse, gave excellent entertainment with his popular singing. On the return journey the party stretched their legs at Beverley Westwood before making their way back home.

D.W.

Roos Cricket Club

The Club's first fund-raising event on 12th September was a highly-successful barbecue at the home of Mr and Mrs Tony Grant. *(Photo ; Shirley Cook and David Winter.)* The profit of £350 will help to buy gear for next season. The Committee would like to thank all who made donations or otherwise contributed to the evening.

The club has been accepted into Division 6 of the East Riding Amateur Cricket League. Because the Roos pitch will not be ready until 1989, "home" games in 1988 will be played on the Princess Elizabeth Playing Fields, Beverley High Road. The Roos pitch has been carefully prepared under Alec Dodson's expert guidance. The square has been sown and we hope for a good wicket.

D.W.

Roos F.C.

The 'A' Team started the season in Division 5 H.S.F.L. in fine style : in five games they won four and drew one. The first Cup hurdle has been passed with a 5 - 3 win against Division 6 Crown F.C.

Our three new signings this season - Geoff Newton, Sean Royce, and Mick Clarkson - have all settled very well. Coupled with the continuing good form of all the local players, this augurs very well for the remainder of the season.

Although we want to do well again in the league, our priority will be progression in the Piper Cup. The final will be played at Boothferry Park. Last season we reached the semi-final. Now we hope to go one better and reach the final again.

September

- 9 Abbey Marksman, Home, Won 2 - 1, Newton, Clarkson,
- 20 Spartans, Away, Won 44 - 1, Royce 2, Cowell 2,
- 27 Saints, Home, Won 9 - 1, Newton 2, Hampton, Royce, Clarkson, Derbyshire 2, Cowell 2,

October

- 4 Crown F.C. Home, 1st Round Cup, Won 5 - 3, Bailey, Hampton 2, Clarkson, Jumps,
- 11 Schultz D.B. Away, Drawn 1 - 1, Royce,
- 18 Viking Hotel, Home, Won 2 - 1, Newton 2,

The "B" Team have had a rather inauspicious start in Division 15, winning only one game so far. However, things will improve when the new signings settle in and injury problems in the first team improve.

Finally, all of us send sincerest condolences to the parents of Mark Battye, who so tragically died this week. Until this year Mark had been a stalwart player with Roos F.C. Indeed, last season, along with Andy Bailey, he was voted Players' Player of the Year. "Leb" will be remembered not only for his footballing ability but also for his unique sense of humour and his warm personality.

R. Derbyshire.

Memorial Institute

After a meeting with Mr R. Wilde, Builders' Merchant, and Mr Allan of NACRO, about the cost of materials, the Committee could see no prospect of raising the large sum needed for the full restoration scheme. The reduced scheme will include making good the outside and the roof, painting both inside and out, providing a new toilet block for gents and a large storage room, and moving the boiler. The revised plan has been passed and work is going ahead. We apologise for any temporary inconvenience. We are trying to keep the Institute tidy and warm.

The building is now very tidy on the outside, thanks to Mr P. Robinson who has cleaned and painted the railings and polished the memorial plates on the gates. *(Photo : Mr Robinson with the British Legion standard outside the gates.)* Our thanks also go to Mrs J. Jackson, who has resigned, for her work as Treasurer.

Unfortunately, the Slave Auction had to be cancelled owing to lack of support, except from our stalwarts from Eastfield Estate. *(An advertisement publicised the concert on January 5th in the school.)* Keys and bookings can be obtained from Mrs K. Billany, 9 Pilmar Lane. (670559).

M. Payne, Secretary.

Memory Corner

A photograph in August showed Mr G.W. Wilbraham with some local lads in 1927. The photograph below (kindly lent by Miss Marjorie Maltas of Carr House, whose father is in the group) shows the presentation to Mr Wilbraham on his retirement in 1949. *(Photo : Mr and Mrs Wilbraham, Dr Woodhouse, Alderman William Maltas, Rev. Graham Christie, Colonel Basil Reckitt, Mrs Christie, and Mrs Reckitt.)*

Future of the Rooster

(A survey of the situation at the time ; the total of donations received, opinions expressed on the return slips, prospects for a photocopied newsletter from December 1987 onwards,...)

Church Restoration

Tribute

"Without the availability of C.R.A. there seems no doubt that the Church could have fallen down and that would have been a tragedy."

This tribute to Community Rural Aid appeared in the July issue of the South Holderness Deanery Magazine. The article went on to say that, after a slow start, "progress has been excellent and the Church improved and beautified." The comment was not, of course, about All Saints', Roos. The words were those of Rev. D.W. Goodwin, Vicar of Burton Pidsea.

Blame?

In the August Deanery Magazine, our own Rector struck rather a different note. Reporting that work on the Roos churchyard wall had now been completed, the Rector confessed to, "a measure of appreciation for what has been done but also an enormous sigh of relief." He felt that people would be asking, "Why has so little been achieved with so much manpower available and at such enormous cost to the taxpayer?" He added :

"I have to confess that I feel awkward and embarrassed by the cost and time it has taken and ask that the ordinary taxpayer accept my apology for any share of the blame that comes to rest upon me."

Guesstimates

As "The Rooster" reported in September 1986, the original estimate of the cost to C.R.A. was £60,000, though later £80,000 was spoken of. This estimate was for the restoration of the church itself. If that work had been done, then the cost might have been justified. It does not seem justified if such a sum has been spent on rebuilding the churchyard wall alone - work that could have been completed, one would have thought, in two or three months at most. Was the Rector apologising because he had refused to let C.R.A. work on the church and therefore wasted most of the vast amount that had been allocated?

Penance

The Rector said that the Parochial Church Council were "punished" because their contract with C.R.A. had no indemnity clause to insure against poor workmanship. Work that had to be done again cost the P.C.C. "in excess of £1,000."

Income, Outgo

As part of their original agreement, the P.C.C. agreed to raise £5,000 to pay for materials and services. Was that amount raised? Was that amount spent?

If £5,000 was the sum required from the P.C.C. to supply materials for restoring the church itself AND the wall AND the Oratory, the cost of materials for the wall alone should surely have been much less.

On the other hand, C.R.A. did fulfil their part of the contract : they maintained a work-force in Roos for a whole year and their actual labour costs may well have been close to the original estimate. But who knows? We are given no figures. What we are given is a version of events showing C.R.A. in a poor light. Without more facts, it is hard to say whether the Rector's implications are justified.

"Speak that I may know thee"

One impression does emerge. Along with his humility and his charity, there is something disingenuously tendentious in the amorphous prolixity of the Rector's idiosyncratic locutions. For instance :

"Whilst I have always maintained that measures must be taken to ease the hurt of the Unemployed, some of the measures that are taken must be seriously called into question... For whatever we may want to do in the relieving of the hurt of others, if we are not going to bear the cost ourselves, then we must have a very mindful awareness of what it is going to cost those who are going to foot the bill..."

It is, therefore, my hope that as a Christian Body we can have, and find the humility, to learn from our mistakes, and hope that others who are going to have work done by such Government Schemes will have a willingness to learn from our experience, in the hope that they will not become financially embarrassed, and feel that what they have had done, or are going to have done, will prove unjustifiable to the Tax-payer."

In this splurge of verbiage what is the Rector actually saying? Where are the facts as distinct from the innuendos? The only fact that we can be sure of is that we now have a fine churchyard wall - though most of it is underground!

(Photo of part of the wall,)