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Roos Parish Council

Councillor G.E. Winter chaired the meeting on 8th February. Also present were Councillors Bowden, Cheeseman, Clark, Helliwell, Priest and Quarby. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cook and Grant.

Minutes

Councillor Priest asked that the omission of a public footpath decision be rectified. This was agreed. The Minutes were then approved.

Matters Arising

Dent's Garth. The Chairman said some Borough Councillors had visited the site and that the application by Keyingham Construction would be decided at the planning meeting at the end of the month.

Councillor Helliwell asked why the letter about Dent's Garth that he had written for the last Parish Council meeting had been read out only after a decision on the issue had been taken. It was explained that it had been considered improper for councillors to be pressured by one of their number in his absence and that there had been a suspicion of collusion since, in addition to the Clerk, another councillor present - but only one - had had a copy of the letter. Councillor Helliwell thought these explanations inadequate and said that he would ask leave to raise matters of procedure under "Any Other Business".

Public Footpath. The Clerk explained why he had not acted on the previous month's decision about a public footpath. Councillors appreciated his reasons and agreed that the first step should be to seek advice from the County Council both about the footpath itself and about the advisability of erecting a new sign.

Correspondence

Association of Parish Councils. The Association had written stressing the benefits of membership and listing the services and publications available.

What's On in Humberside. The Holderness Director of Development had written a second letter urging parish

councils to supply - by 19th February - details of local events for inclusion in "The Holderness Diary".

Campaign for the Countryside 1987 - 8. A poster was supplied.

"Good Neighbours". Radio Humberside had supplied a poster inviting listeners to supply recommendations for broadcasts about good neighbours.

Dent's Garth. As requested, the Director of Development had sent copies of planning consents for the use of the premises at Dent's Garth for industrial purposes. Included were documents relating to an original consent in 1962, consent in respect of Keyingham Construction Company in 1992 and 1996, and the company's application submitted in January this year to retain extensions already built - an application that the Parish Council had opposed at their January meeting.

Councillors noted that the 1996 consent was concerned to protect "the adjoining highway" and "the interests of the amenities (enjoyed) by neighbouring residents". It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Director of Development requesting that these criteria be drawn to the attention of Borough Councillors when they discussed the current application at the end of the month.

Planning

The Borough Council had approved three applications already discussed: an illuminated sign at The Black Horse, an extension at Sand-le-Mere, and residential development south of Dove Lane.

The Parish Council supported an application by Mr L. Harrison of Seaside Road, Tunstall, for the erection of a boat shed in place of a garage.

Any Other Business

North End Garage. There had been a further complaint about the nuisance to neighbours caused by the large stocks of scrapped cars. It was agreed that the Environmental Health Department should be asked to investigate the matter.

Need for Roadside Kerbs. Councillor Quarby deplored the damage to grass verges caused by vehicles that had run on to them. He referred as an example to the

road from the Memorial Institute southwards. He argued that, as had happened in some other villages, such roads should have proper kerbs fitted. Other Councillors agreed and referred to other roads where kerbs were needed; Rectory Road, Hilston Road, Lamb Lane,.... It was agreed to raise the matter with the Highways Department.

Council Procedures. Councillor Helliwell expressed concern about the number of issues discussed by the Parish Council - often where action had been agreed - that were allowed to fall out of sight in subsequent meetings. He gave examples; the landscaping of the "village green", provision of litter bins, a new parish notice board, and a review (intended for the December meeting) of all previous correspondence concerning Roos Beck. There was no point in agreeing a course of action without some machinery to ensure that the intention was carried out.

The Chairman thought that the Parish Council managed to do most things effectively that were within its power. Difficulties arose when other bodies proved unhelpful or slow to act.

Other Councillors, however, shared the concern and even added to the list of uncompleted business. A motion was carried nem. con. - by 5 votes to 0 with the Chairman and one other councillor abstaining - that the agenda for all subsequent meetings should include "Outstanding Items" so that there could be a positive checklist of unfulfilled commitments.

Village Seats. Councillor Cheeseman said that, as Treasurer, he was concerned about a particular example of uncompleted business extending over some five years. Two different donors had each offered to provide a village seat. Two seats had been installed and paid for by the Parish Council on the assumption that the cost would be reimbursed. However, it had so far proved impossible to recover the cost. Members agreed that the Clerk should endeavour once again to do so.

Standing Orders. Councillor Helliwell was unsuccessful in recommending another procedural measure. He said that the Parish Council was not always consistent in its procedures and wanted it to adopt some agreed Standing Orders. Both the Chairman and other members could then have a point of reference in any query about the conduct of meetings.

He had with him "Model Standing Orders and Chairmanship". This was a booklet produced by the National Association of Local Councils and highly recommended at a recent seminar run by the Humberside Association of Parish and Town Councils. Speakers at the seminar had urged parish councils to work to some version of Standing Orders if they did not already do so. Councillor Helliwell proposed that copies of the booklet be obtained, one for each Councillor's use, so that they could come to an informed decision at a subsequent meeting.

Other members felt that it was inappropriate for a small parish council - a virtue of which was its friendly informality - to work by a rule-book. It would lead to procedural disputes and dissension. Roos Parish Council worked effectively enough without such a straitjacket. Some Councillors were offended by Councillor Helliwell's proposal and regarded the manner of his argument as patronising. He apologised if that had been the effect. There was no formal vote on his proposal.

(Dent's Garth, On 23rd Feb, the Borough Council gave consent for the retention of the buildings for a limited period.)

Roos Parish Council

Next meeting :

Monday 14th March 7.30 p.m.

in the Memorial Institute

Members of the public cordially invited to attend

The Rooster

Further donations have been received. In addition to those acknowledged in February, we are grateful for contributions from; Mrs H.Boynton, Mr C.Dee, Mr H.E.Hampton, Mrs S.D.Kettle, Miss M.Maltas, Mrs C.Mitchell, Mrs B.Quinn, Mrs E.G.Winter, Mr & Mrs D.Young.

Exactly 100 households (97 in Roos itself) have now made donations. With the £12.00 from the Parish Council, the total now stands at £157.50. From last December, each issue has cost about £14.00 to produce.

In order to guarantee copies up to and including December 1988, a total of about £182 will be needed - a further £25.00. Are there 25 more households that would like to contribute?

Rooster Deadline

Please supply materials for the April newsletter to Leslie Helliwell, Lamb Lane, (670291) by

Monday 21st March

Advertising

Cash with order. Four columns / page :

Display : £1.00 / single-column inch;

£2.00 / double-column inch.

Small Ads : 5p / word (@ average 4-5 words / line).

Women's Institute

The February meeting, the first in 1988, gave the President, Mrs N.Hornby, the opportunity of extending good wishes and greetings to all and a welcome to two new members, Mrs A.Robinson and Mrs S.Kettle.

Among items discussed was the meeting of the Spring Council in April. Mrs M.Payne is to be the delegate.

It will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Yorkshire Federation and it is hoped that more members will attend on this special occasion as visitors. Council meetings give a chance to hear at first hand from those Officers who ensure that the Federation runs smoothly and who provide so many opportunities to take part in activities or be kept informed of events.

Mr R.Wray entertained us with readings of poems in the Holderness dialect. It is good that dialects are not being lost. Even though, for the foreigners amongst our members, some of the words were not easily recognisable, it ensured a very attentive audience. Mr Wray judged the limerick competition and declared Mrs N.Parker to be the winner.

On 17th February, we spent a delightful evening at the Northfield Country Club to celebrate our Institute's 67th birthday. After a superb dinner, we enjoyed watching - or joining - members of Mr Frank Thompson's sequence dancing group.

Fashion Show

by **ELEGANCE** of Withernsea

in aid of Roos School P.T.A. funds.

School Hall, Friday 18th March, 7.30 p.m.

Admission : £1.50 (including free glass of wine)

Tickets from the School, P.T.A. Committee, or the
ELEGANCE shop in Withernsea.

Horticultural Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Roos & District Horticultural Society was held in the Memorial Institute on 1st February. A good year was reported with two successful shows, a clay pigeon shoot and a whist tournament.

Elections

Officers for 1988 - 9 : President, Mr R. Green; Vice-Presidents : Mrs H.S.Barker, Mrs J.Caley, Mrs G.Grant, Mrs J.Maltas, Dr A.Pepper, and Messrs H.S.Barker, A.Blashill, C.H.Burn, K.Cook, K.Grant, C.Hodgson, J.M.Kirkwood, S.Kirkwood, C.R.Moore, J.Quarmby, P.J.Turner, K.Tyson, F.Varley; Chairman : Mrs D.Gray; Vice-Chairman : Mr T.Kellock; Hon.Secretary : Mrs J.Grant; Assistant Secretary and Cup Secretary : Mrs M.Tuplin; Hon.Treasurer : Mrs A.Tuplin; Hon.Auditor : Mr G.H.Green.
Committee : Mesdames D.Blashill, A.Crawforth, M.Hodgson, L.Long, Miss J.Dalton, Messrs J.Green, P.Grant, and J.Oldham.

Spring and Summer Shows

Dates for shows in 1988 were agreed : Spring Show, 23rd April in the Roos Memorial Institute (schedules available from Mrs J.Grant after 21st March); Summer Show, 23rd July at Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall.

Financial Wizardry

"The Parochial Church Council have set up an endowment Fund, now in excess of £12,000, and from this endowment we shall receive an ever-increasing return each year." Indeed, in 1987 the interest on the capital paid the £1,249 Diocesan Quota - i.e. the amount that Roos had to pay the diocese in that year. Further, "This Endowment Fund will be self-increasing because, by a legal clause built into the Deed, one quarter of the annual interest must be added to the capital, thus ensuring a greater measure of return year by year."

This euphoric financial report is given by the Rector in the February issue of the South Holderness Deanery Magazine. He stresses that the Church's golden nest egg exists solely because of the open-handedness of the parishioners of Roos ; indeed, to leave no doubt of his appreciation, he uses the word "generosity" no less than six times in the space of some twenty lines.

But pause a while. Was the £12,000 raised in the eight years of the Rector's own incumbency, to which he twice refers? That would have meant generosity at the rate of £1,500 a year over and above the sums raised for other necessary expenditure, including the Diocesan Quota. (Only a year ago Roos was supposed to be "in debt" over the Quota to the tune of some £3,500 that was owing. How was that problem resolved?). Or did the £12,000 derive mainly from funds inherited from previous times, now consolidated in a single investment?

Moreover, if a quarter of the interest in 1987 was reinvested, was the Diocesan Quota of £1,249 paid in full from the threequarters that was left - and was the total interest, therefore, at least £1,650? An interest rate over 13.75% is not to be sniffed at! Congratulations indeed to, "those who have had the responsibility of financing the affairs of the daily life of the Parish Church over the last eight years."

Because of this vision of spiralling affluence, the Rector looks forward confidently to the renovation of the church - using "highly-qualified architects" and "equally-skilled craftsmen" - so that the building will survive for yet another 900 years.

Only seven months ago the Rector was apologising for "the enormous cost to the taxpayer" of the the work on the churchyard wall carried out by C.R.A. In the Deanery Magazine for August, he revealed that work that had to be done again cost the Parish Council in excess of £1,000 - presumably in addition to costs already incurred. Were these expenses met from the Renovation Fund launched in 1986? How much was, in fact, donated? Was any money left in that Fund when C.R.A. had finished? If so, what was done with the balance? (*The Rector's comments on the restoration work done by C.R.A. was discussed in the November newsletter - the one that was not printed.*)

Then last month's newsletter reported the Rector's appeal for help with churchyard grass-cutting. £200 had been spent in having only two thirds of the grass cut. Was physical assistance being asked for - or cash to pay the bills?

A feature of the Rector's statements is that they raise more questions than they answer. Many people in Roos are concerned for their parish church and would like a clear understanding of what is going on and ways in which they could help. The glimpses vouchsafed to us often seem puzzling and inconsistent.

Roos F.C.

Owing to wet weather, the team has had a very frustrating period over the past few weeks. The cup semi-final tie originally scheduled for February 7th has been postponed three times and is now to be played on February 28th at Hedon. However, there must be a doubt about this date also in view of the current very wet spell.

We have, however, managed to play a league match. After our cup game was called off, yet again, on February 20th, we were able to arrange at very short notice our scheduled league game on February 21st, away to Eureka at Park Avenue, Hessle.

On a pitch like a solid ploughed field, which made close ball contact almost impossible, Roos were always well on top, even though the conditions favoured the opposition. The result was never really in doubt. Indeed, if Roos could have turned their overall superiority of possession into goals, a double-figure score could have ensued. However, the final score - Roos 2, Eureka 0 - somewhat flattered the opposition. Scorers were Dave Cowell and Andy Bailey (from a penalty).

We all now look forward to eventually playing our cup game, with great anticipation of victory.

I have now managed to rearrange most of our outstanding league fixtures. (Included in "Coming Events"). We still have to arrange North Bank Police at home and Viking Hotel away. These will have to be evening matches as April 24th is the last date of the season.

R. Derbyshire.

Roos Cricket Club

The Club held its first General Meeting on Tuesday 16th February. A new committee was elected: Geoff Prest, Chairman; David Winter, Secretary and Treasurer; Trevor Bailey, Steve Cowell, John Dearing, Peter Dearing, Tony Grant, Steve Jumps, Rich Richardson and Richard Young. Tony Grant was elected Captain and Peter Dearing Vice-Captain.

In the seven months since the club was formed, £804.34 has been raised. Expenditure for the period has been £66.07, giving a surplus for the current year-end of £738.27.

Roos Rugby Club

Because of bad weather, only two matches have been played since Christmas:

January

- 13 Roos 16, Bridlington 19.
Tries: I. Agius, Bailey, Bullock. Goals: Bailey, 2. Man of the Match: Alan Carter.
- 20 Roos 1, Stonehouse 34.
Goals: T. Rustill (dropped goal).
Man of the match: Alan Carter.

D.W.

Playing Field

At a meeting on 22nd February the Playing Field Committee made plans to raise money for the erection of a pavilion on the field. The building, for which outline planning permission has already been given, will utilise a steel frame donated by B.P. It will provide changing rooms, showers, toilets and facilities for meetings. When completed, the pavilion will significantly increase the scope for games and recreation in the village - and help cater for many of the interests identified in the Village Appraisal.

Chairman Stewart Wilson reports that the Committee hope to obtain grants from the Sports Council and other bodies. In addition, an ambitious fund-raising programme over the next few months will include a Prize Draw, a Clay Pigeon Shoot, another Family Sponsored Walk, and a Roast and Barn Dance. See "Coming Events" for the dates. Details will be given in leaflets delivered to every household.

Coming Events

March

- 2 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute, 7.15, Operation Raleigh.
6 Roos F.C. v Schultz O.B. Home.
13 Roos F.C. Vacant date.
14 Parish Council, Memorial Institute, 7.30
18 Fashion Show (for P.T.A funds), Roos School, 7.30.
20 Methodist Family Service, Eastfield Centre, 10.30.
Roos F.C. v Hanson White Print, Home.
21 Deadline for April newsletter material.
27 Roos F.C. v Kelvin Hall, Home.

April

- 3 Roos F.C. v Swift Caravans, Away.
Playing Field Committee: Prize Draw, Roos Arms.
4 Playing Field Committee: Clay Pigeon Shoot.
6 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute, 7.15, Gardeners' Question Time with Mr A. Dodson and Mr B. Scruton.
10 Roos F.C. v North Bank Police, Away.
17 Roos F.C. v Swift Caravans, Home.
23 Horticultural Society Spring Show, Memorial Institute.
24 Methodist Family Service, Eastfield Centre, 10.30.
Roos F.C. v Saints, Away.
Playing Field Committee: Family Sponsored Walk.

May

- 13 Playing Field Committee: Roast & Barn Dance.

July

- 23 Roos Horticultural Society Summer Show, Burton Pidsea.