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Roos Parish Council

All councillors were present at the meeting on 12th February as well as East Riding Councillor Stewart Willie.

Eight members of the public attended, some of whom came to hear one of the planning applications discussed.

Minutes

The Minutes of 8th January were approved. Two issues were raised from the Minutes.

Millennium monument

Members discussed what inscription should be placed on the pieces of granite set up outside the school.

The Chairman had obtained an opinion from Messrs W.P.Everingham, monumental sculptors, Hedon. A black granite plaque to carry the inscription in gilt lettering could be attached to the structure at a cost of about £150.

Some councillors thought such a format would not be sufficiently legible at distance. They appeared to envisage a sign carrying the name of the village rather than one with wording commemorating the Millennium.

Councillor Quarmby suggested that a quotation should be obtained from whoever supplied the road signs at the approaches to Roos. Councillor Cheeseman thought that such a sign, with black lettering on white, would be more visible from a distance than one with gold lettering on black.

It was agreed to postpone the decision to the next meeting to allow time for members to consider the options.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council & Yorkshire Water

It was reported that Mr Richard Lewis, Drainage Officer based at Goole, was willing to meet councillors during the day but not to attend a public meeting in the evening.

(This matter dates from the September meeting when members discussed the maintenance of Roos Beck and the clearing of clogged dykes, which encouraged rats. After the flooding of Lamb Lane, Mr Lewis visited the village twice and discussed its drainage problems with some councillors who were able to meet him. However, the responsibility for maintaining Roos Beck remains an unresolved issue.)

Correspondence

Police Community Liaison Committee. Members were invited to a meeting on 13th February, the following day.

East Riding Standards Committee. The Parish Council were asked to comment on a consultation document supplied. Only the Chairman had seen it. It was agreed to circulate it to members and respond at the next meeting.

Electoral Review

Members noted that it was proposed to move the Parish of Roos from the Mid-Holderness ward of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to the South-East Holderness ward. There was little discussion and no objection.

Parish Paths Partnership

A letter from Mr Trevor Appleton, The East Riding's Parish Paths Officer, reminded members that the Works Proposal Form for 2001 - 2002 was to be submitted before the end of the financial year. It was agreed to pass the form to Dr Andrew Hersom, who had volunteered to act as village contact for parish paths. Councillor Grant pointed out that any proposal for work on local paths would need the approval of the Parish Council. Members agreed.

Planning applications

Church Farm, Hilston. The Planning Committee had approved the application for a building to the north.

New applications

The Manor, South End, Roos. Councillors raised no objection to the proposed erection of a carport at the rear.

Owstwick Grange (R.D.Webster, Ltd). Erection of a dwelling for a manager. Members noted that they had supported a previous application that had subsequently been refused by the Planning Committee. The present application resited the proposed building. Members raised no objection.

East of Main Street

Application for outline planning consent for the erection of sixteen dwellings after the demolition of an existing building - i.e. Greenacres.

Members noted that a previous application by Mr M.A. Lockwood had been for fifteen dwellings and that apparently no site notices had been displayed.

Members opposed the application because of the dangerous access to the main road to the north of Hansa House.

Nearby residents present at the meeting were invited to comment and welcomed the Council's decision. One pointed out that the proposed development would add yet another access for side traffic on the short stretch of main road between the school and the supermarket.

Accounts : Nothing to report.

Any other business

Councillor Priest noted that the Playing Field had received a grant of £4980. The new pavilion flooring was completed.

Roos Parish Council

Monday 12th March

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

All residents are welcome to attend.

Comment

The Millennium Monument

Opinions in the village may differ as to the merits - as a commemoration - of the pieces of granite set up near the entrance to Roos School.

As reported overleaf, the parish councillors themselves could not agree over the kind of plaque to be used and what its wording should be.

The arguments seemed to be about the choice between a slab of black granite with chiselled gold lettering and a white enamelled sheet with black lettering.

The underlying difference of opinion was really about the purpose of the structure.

Was it to announce - mainly to passing motorists - that they had at last arrived in Roos? Or was it to provide a lasting indication - for future generations - of what the village thought suitable to mark the Millennium?

What do residents think? What's the *point* of the stones? If you have an opinion that may help our councillors to decide the matter, why not speak to one of them or write a letter to the Chairman before their next meeting?

Development off Main Street

By an odd coincidence the proposal to demolish Greenacres to provide access to the proposed development is reported in the same issue as information about the previous use of the site for a forge. See the later item about the background of Adrian Gee and the photograph showing the forge where his father used to work..

This is only the latest example of changes to the village over time, during which one site may have served a succession of purposes. The thought occurred to Mr Wilbraham in this month's extract of his History.

L.H.

The Rooster

Donations from the following are gratefully acknowledged : Mr T.K.Cook, Mr & Mrs W.Foston, Mr & Mrs K.G.Grant, Mr J.D.Quarmby.

Since the financial appeal was launched last April, ninety donations have been received (not all of them from parish residents).

Some have been very generous indeed. Over £460 has now been donated - an average of over £5.00 each.

Nevertheless, over 400 copies are supplied to Roos residents and the cost of production (depending on the number of pages) is £40 - 60 a month : say, £500 - 700 annually.

There is no immediate crisis but if costs continue to exceed income it may be necessary to supply copies only to subscribers.

To avoid a shortfall, more donations are needed.

If you always intended to contribute but haven't done so yet, please do it now.

The suggested rate is £2.00.

ROOSTER DEADLINE

Please supply material for the next issue by

Saturday 10th March

to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane (670291)

Roos Playing Field

Now that installation of the new wooden floor has been completed the main hall is once again available for bookings. (Enquiries to David Winter : 670234)

Interior decoration of the rest of the pavilion will start soon.

At their meeting on 29th January the Committee agreed to organise a fund-raising event in the pavilion on 25th May.

Other topics covered were :

- Grass-cutting. For a fee of about £500 the East Riding of Yorkshire Council has contracted to cut the outfield.
- Speeding. Ramps on the approach road are to be constructed to discourage motorists from driving too fast.
- Rugby. Junior rugby will start shortly.
- Cricket Club. The Club is to build a new score box.

Roos Cricket Club

The Annual General Meeting was held on 5th February.

The following Officers were elected.

<u>Chairman</u>	David Winter	<u>Treasurer</u>	Steve Cowell
<u>Vice-Chair</u>	Simon Thompson	<u>Captain</u>	Phil Wright
<u>Secretary</u>	Pete Dearing		

From Tuesday 8th May the Club will be playing mid-week fixtures in the Newland Evening League.

Plans are in hand to construct a new scoring facility and to hold a number of social and fund-raising events. The following will be advertised in due course.

June / July	Frog-racing Night.
End of August	Six-a-side contest and raffle.
October	Presentation Night

Players wishing to join the Club should contact Phil Wright - phone 01964 - 671668.

Riding Around

The "Riding Around" project was a consultation exercise involving a wide range of groups and organisations in the East Riding, the largest unitary area in the country : 933 square miles. 4,201 people were consulted and some 10,000 ideas were suggested for improving the quality of life.

The aim was to find out what issues local people thought should be included in the Community Plan, which is to be published in April. It will guide policy for the Community Partners over the next five years.

The key priorities identified by the public were :

- More visible policing.
- A better Health Service.
- More amenities, including shops and markets.
- Improved school facilities, equipment and resources.
- More facilities for young people.
- Improved roads and footpaths.
- Improved public transport.

None of us will quarrel with this list - "Yes, please" - though no doubt some would add to it. It will be interesting to see if the Community Partners can help bring about improvements.

The History of Roos - 23

In this extract from Mr Wilbraham's History it seemed advisable to use more of his own words than usual.

This is because - writing in 1967 - he often identifies properties by the names of the then owners. The result is often confusing but may be less so for older readers who remember the persons named.

It seemed better to use his own words than to risk making matters worse by summarising them unduly. Nevertheless, occasional elucidations have been attempted - in italics.

Houses on the new enclosures

Prior to the enclosure of the commons there would be no houses on West Field, East Field or The Furze and there are not many even now. The figures quoted in this edition are higher than those when the first edition was completed.

On East Field there are now (1967):

two farmhouses, two chapels, school buildings, an Institute, 20 council houses and 38 in course of erection, four houses and shops combined, 23 houses.

On the Furze there are : four farmhouses.

On West Field there are :

the new Rectory (1892), North Farm house, and three houses, besides fifteen houses between the two roads on what was common ground.

(The two roads are the modern Rectory Road and Main Street / South End Road. The Award Map shows the bits of common ground referred to : small parcels cut off from the main parts of West field and East Field by the two newly-awarded roads. L.H.)

Some of these buildings on the old commons could be reaching up to 184 years old (*i.e. if they were built in or soon after 1784, the date of the Roos Award*)

On the ancient enclosures there are some a deal older, many improved almost beyond recognition.

Houses demolished in latter years

Older Roos folk can remember the following houses which were all mud-walled and thatched. (*The list is clearly of houses on the ancient enclosures.*)

- Peter's Garth Cottage at N. End belonging to the church.
- Three in 45, now the site of a modern bungalow.

- Two at the West end of Lamb Lane, replaced by a brick bungalow at the other end of the garden.
- Three at South End beyond Black's (*i.e. beyond Moidart, namely Hollydene, Thames & Risby*)
- One next to Billany's on Rectory Road.
- Four where Curtis's house now stands. Last tenants were Law, Dixon, Hull, and Camplin.
- Mr Curtis told me of the thickness of their walls built of clay interspersed with straw. Under the old thatch there was found an old inn sign, given to Dr Woodhouse.
- Two more cottages in Houghton's yard.
- Five behind the Wesleyan chapel where there is now only one. It was in one of those cottages where the last Roos weaver plied his trade, a man named Pattinson.
- One at the N. side of Holeleigh (*Holmleigh?*) - Malton's.
- Two in Hodgson Lane called Cuckoo Nest, owned at the time of their demolition by Harry Brown.
- A cottage stood in Stephen Ganton's old enclosure. Its position can be traced by the flat part of the field where it stood, and the old pump in the hedgerow.

When I was writing the first edition of this book two lady descendants of the Ganton family from America visited the village and I took them to the site of the Ganton garth.

- Clappison's old farmhouse, taken down about 100 years ago - a thatched one, half-timbered.
- There is an oil painting of this old house. It was bought by the writer at Dickinsons' sale. On leaving Roos I gave it to Mrs R. Maltas at Hill Top Farm. It was of more interest in the village than out of it.
- Two cottages stood in the garden between the two roads, now belonging to Mrs Grant. Still much clay about the site.
- Another one stood in the garden south of the Roos Arms.
- An old dwelling still stands in the yard at North End corner, but this was replaced by a large house on the corner and later by two more bungalows nearby.

"What a lot of changes there have been!"

(Suggestions how to identify many of the properties from the owners' names will be welcome. L.H.)

NEXT MONTH : THE FARMS OF ROOS.

The family of Adrian Gee

Since last month's announcement of Adrian's death, Mrs Mary Gee (née Wilbraham) has supplied details of his background.

Adrian was the son of John Thomas Gee, a village blacksmith with a forge in Main Street where Greenacres now stands. John later worked in the engineering premises at the eastern end of Pinfold Lane before setting up as a farmer, first at Tunstall, then at Bracken Hill, Grimston.

Adrian himself worked before the war as a clerk for Ellerman Wilson. After RAF war service in West Africa he served as a clock and watch repairer for Carmichael's in Hull before working in the aircraft industry at Brough as instrumentation engineer on such planes as the Beverley and the Buccaneer.

A churchgoer all his life, he was a lay reader for 44 years, taking services all over the East Riding. His ashes were interred, as he wished, at Roos in the grave of Mr & Mrs G.W. Wilbraham, his wife's parents.

This old print shows Main Street as it used to be
Forge (Greenacres) Hansa House Roos House Chapel Ivy House (Supermarket)



Roos WI

"The WI enables women to turn their interests into achievements and their concerns into campaigns."

This quotation is from a leaflet about the Women's Institutes movement, which was founded in Canada in 1915 and soon became a thriving international organisation.

Throughout the UK the WIs provide a focus for women's interests - in their homes, their families and their local community but also in the wider world.

The WI has a long and energetic history of campaigning on health and social issues but its campaigns are never party-political. (Tony Blair found this out to his cost a few months ago when he chose to address a WI conference in a speech more appropriate to a New Labour election platform.)

Roos WI was founded in 1921 - this is its eightieth year. Its meetings are held at 7.30 every first Wednesday of the month in The Memorial Institute.

They start with a short business session, including news from the National and East Yorkshire Federations. This is usually followed by a talk or demonstration by a guest speaker and then by judging of the monthly competition and refreshments.

Any woman in the village is welcome to attend as a guest and may join if she wishes. There is an annual subscription.

Anyone interested can find out more by contacting any member or one of the following Officers :

<u>President</u>	Mrs Heather Boynton	670461
<u>Vice-President</u>	Mrs Joy Moate	670384
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs Val Adams	670409

ROOS WI : 2001 PROGRAMME

Jan 10	Pie-and-pea supper and Federation Quiz. Competition : Slice of Christmas cake.
Feb 7	Hazel Armstrong : Through the Gobi Desert on horseback. Competition : Hand-made useful object.
Mar 7	Sheila Medley : Cookery demonstration. Competition : Saucer curd cheesecake.
Apr 4	Louise Newell : The History of Lace. (Illustrated talk.) Competition : Item decorated with lace.
May 2	Ernie White : Pearly King. (Amusing anecdotes.) Competition : A pretty button.
Jun 6	Alexis Henderson : Growing old gracefully. Competition : A small antique.
Jul 4	Steve Sherwood, remedial therapist. (Talk, massage demo.) Competition : Childhood photograph of self.
Aug 1	Nan Watling : The art of sugarcraft. (Hands-on demo.) Competition : The best effort.
Sep 5	Helen Stubbs : The fingerprint bureau. Competition : A ring.
Oct 3	Jane Rollason : Far-eastern appliqué work and quilting. (Illustrated talk.) Competition : A piece of appliqué work.
Nov 7	ANNUAL MEETING. Competition : Home-made wine.
Dec 5	Joan Osborne : The Headway Players. Competition : A Christmas parcel.

Club Secretaries

Please supply similar details of your own organisation so that they can be published in "The Rooster". At least give a name as contact. The publicity could do you good.