



THE ROOSTER

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Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 11th June, chaired by Cllr G.E. Winter, was attended by all members except Cllr Quarmby. Cllr Stewart Willie (East Riding) was in attendance.

Minutes

The Minutes of the May meeting were approved. The following items arose from the Minutes.

Millennium monument. Mr Everingham was awaiting delivery of stone for the inscribed tablet.

Posts for power lines. Cllr Grant confirmed that the posts at Tunstall were on land owned by the Parish Council. He had drawn a sketch for Yorkshire Electricity to show the site's precise location and ownership.

Public lavatory at Tunstall. Cllr Grant said that the East Riding had formerly reimbursed Mr Tony Ellis for the expense of having the toilet kept clean. Because they would not pay for necessary repairs he had ended the arrangement.

Roos Beck. Cllr Kirk asked if Cllr Willie had had any response to his enquiries. Cllr Willie said that he had been unable to pursue the matter since the Parish Council had not yet provided him with the past correspondence. (There was no comment from members.)

Correspondence

Dog fouling. A letter from the East Riding asked if there were open spaces owned by the Parish Council or other bodies that might benefit by being included in by-laws (i.e. regarding prohibition and prosecution). Cllr Willie asked if the playing field should be included. Members observed that

the playing field was leased by the Committee from the East Riding. It was felt that dog fouling was not a problem on the parish land on Pilmar Lane. No action was taken.

Boundary change. The Boundary Commission had proposed that the Roos polling district should be moved from Mid-Holderness to South-East Holderness. The East Riding had not objected. Members noted that, if the change was approved, it would take effect at the next local election.

Police Community Liaison Committee. It was agreed that posters advertising a meeting on 17th July should be displayed in the village.

Grass cutting at Old School corner

The grass on the plot at the Main Street - Pilmar Lane corner (often called "The Village Green") had formerly been cut voluntarily by Cllr Priest. The work was now being done by Mr Ian Spikings, using Cllr Priest's mower.

In consideration for Cllr Priest Mr Spikings had written asking if the Parish Council could provide or loan a mower.

Cllr Cheeseman recalled that, in appreciation of his work, the Parish Council had formerly paid the cost of Cllr Priest's petrol at £30.00 a year. It became apparent that no reimbursement had been made for four years. Members agreed to reimburse the cost, a total of £120.00.

Cllr Priest was embarrassed, not having known that Mr Spikings was going to write about the mower. No petrol payment had been made because he had submitted no claim. No decision was taken about the supply of a mower.

"Upside-down" ditch at North End

Mr Brian Lawson had written drawing attention to a faulty drain opposite North End Cottages. It was "upside down" : i.e. water flowed the wrong way; because it never cleared it became stagnant and encouraged rats.

Members queried who "owned" the ditch and whether a culvert under Hilston Road connected with the culvert running south under Tunstall Road. It was agreed that before referring the matter to the local authority some members would meet to inspect the site on 14th June.

Planning

Former applications approved : erection of the new cricket scoreboard and the rear extension at Rose Cottage.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 9th July

7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Institute

**preceded by the monthly meeting
of the Parish Council at 7.00 p.m.**

**The Annual Parish Meeting provides an opportunity
to raise issues and to question the Parish Council
on matters of general concern.**

Everybody welcome

Planning (continued)

Development east of Main Street

At the February meeting an application was considered to demolish an existing building (Greenacres) and erect sixteen dwellings with access from Main Street to the north of Hansa House. The Parish Council opposed the application on the grounds that the access would be dangerous.

At the June meeting it was reported that the Area Planning Committee had not yet made a decision. Though Cllr Willie had put forward the Parish Council view, the officers had seen no problem over access. There was to be a site visit by members of the Committee, probably on 19th June. The Parish Council agreed to seek permission for some of their number to attend the site visit.

Pasture House, Hilston. An application was considered to erect a 1.5 metre fence and gate on the boundary. One councillor explained that the existing fence and gate were set back from the road and the residents wished to prevent car drivers from using the entry to turn round. Councillors raised no objection.

Accounts

The Treasurer, Cllr D. Winter, referred to the reimbursement of petrol costs for grass-mowing already agreed. Members

approved payment of the Clerk's salary and expenses.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Parish Council meeting on 9th July should start at 7.0 and be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30.

PUBLIC SESSION

In the public session after the meeting guidance was sought by Dr A.S. Hersom, village contact for parish paths matters. He had been sent posters about path closures due to foot-and-mouth disease and wanted advice on their use.

Councillors were aware that parish paths in Roos were still closed but that some posters had disappeared.

Reference was made to a recent East Riding press release deploring the unofficial removal of these notices, presumably by persons who wished to ignore them or who thought they were out of date. The press release stressed that when it was decided to re-open footpaths notices would be put up to say so. Meanwhile, closure notices known to have been removed were being replaced.

Dr Hersom was asked to replace any missing notices with those supplied to him.

Roos Village Design Statement - one step closer

Completion of the second stage of consultation brings the Roos VDS one step closer to adoption.

The first stage involved consultation with residents and the Parish Council. A questionnaire was circulated in the village and last October an exhibition was held in the Memorial Institute. At the same time a draft of the VDS was presented to parish councillors and had very favourable comments.

The second stage was to seek comments from relevant officers of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and from the Countryside Agency in Leeds.

Unfortunately consultation with the East Riding was delayed until March owing to a key staffing change at County Hall. However, we have now had the benefit of professional opinions from the following.

The Countryside Agency

David Faranoff, Senior Countryside Officer.

The East Riding

Graeme Steven, Forward Planning;

Philip Parker, Head of Planning & Development Control;

Paula Danby, Senior Traffic Engineer;

John Lister, Highways and Traffic Manager.

They support the VDS in general but their thorough and detailed comments have included helpful criticisms which have stimulated us to improve the document.

Traffic hazards

The draft supplied to the East Riding was drawn up before improved road markings and speed restriction signs were put

in place last October. A map identified what we called "danger points", especially at junctions. Mr Lister, Traffic Manager, says that the reference to danger points, "has no basis in fact and should be removed" - i.e. no accident statistics justify the term.

In spite of this, some residents may feel that - whether they are called danger points or not - there are places where both motorists and pedestrians are at risk, places where accidents are waiting to happen. Others may feel that the problems we have with roads inherited from earlier times cannot easily be remedied.

If you have opinions on this matter please let us know. Contact any VDS Group member - in particular either Willis Ainley at Outlands, South End (670266) or Leslie Helliwell at Canwick, Lamb Lane (670291).

The finished article

We are now close to publication. Professional advice on layout and typesetting is being given by a graphic designer. Quotations for printing in full colour are being explored.

Willis Ainley

Chairman, Roos Village Design Group

ROOSTER DEADLINE

**Please supply materials for the next issue to
Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, by**

Friday 6th July

Friends of Roos School Summer Fayre : 16th June in the Playing Field

Morning

CHILDREN'S PET SHOW : Entrants to be at school by 10.00; judging at 10.30.

SCARECROW TRAIL : 11.00 to 1.00. The theme : "Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales". (Phone entries to C.Blenkin, 01964 - 670811)

Afternoon

Official opening : 2.00 p.m.

Tombola, hoopla, crazy sand, swing boats, bouncy assault course, miniature train, ...

Children's fancy dress competition.

Craft stalls. Dancing and keep-fit displays.

Cake stall (Offers of cakes to Liz Earle, 670298)

Cream teas. Beer tent.

GRAND RAFFLE : 1st prize £100. Draw at 4.0.

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Donations 2001 - 2002

Donations from the following are gratefully acknowledged.

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Mr & Mrs B.Smith, Mr & Mrs K.E.Winter,
Mr & Mrs J.H.Witty.

25 donations have now been received for the year 2001-2. Some have been extremely generous : the amount given so far this year totals £162. 50.

The newsletter is delivered to about 400 households. If you intend to make a donation for the current year please do so sooner rather than later.

After the begging bowl, an apology : for family reasons I have had time to produce only three pages this time.

Roos & District Horticultural Society

59th Annual Show

Saturday 7th July

Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall

Show opens : 3.0 p.m.

Charity stalls from 2.0. Sports 3.0.

Presentation of Cups

by Mrs Z.Gibson at 4.0.

Schedules and entry forms from

The Secretary, Mrs J. Grant,

Grange, South End, Roos. (01964 - 670576)

Caring for the churchyard

Having read in "The Rooster" about the cost of grass-cutting I wanted to help somehow to keep the grounds maintained.

Stuart and I were married at All Saints' and his father is buried in the lovely grounds. It's such a pleasant walk through his "garden" that I was sure other people must feel as I do and want to pull together to keep our churchyard well looked after.

The Garden Coffee Morning on 26th May was organised within a week. The weather was just perfect - a beautiful sunny day - and visitors came in droves. Over 150 cups of coffee and fresh cream teas were served. The ten helpers were stretched to meet the demand. In one and a half hours the event raised a staggering £445!

I would like to say a big thank-you to all the people who served, supported and made donations to make the day such a huge success for this worthy cause.

Cherie and Stuart Blenkin.

(And very special thanks, Cherie, to you and Stuart. Without your initiative it wouldn't have happened.)

Only 3 out of 5

A sort of sermon to fill up the page

Only about 60% of people voted in the election. Why on earth was that? The papers - and many voters - blame the politicians : it's their fault for being so boring... and unreliable and dishonest and only out for themselves.

I don't believe that. Though some aren't, most politicians are honest and hardworking, keen to make our country a better place. It's too easy to blame the politicians for public apathy. Much of the trouble lies with us voters ourselves.

Politics is a serious business and concerns issues that affect all our lives. It can't be as entertaining as television and newspapers have become, which use games and give-aways to attract viewers and readers.

We do politicians and ourselves a disservice when we treat them as if they were entertainers too, as if Blair and Hague and Kennedy were performers in a talent show, to be cheered or booed off according to the act they put on.

Election night on TV was packaged like The Weakest Link, with visual gimmicks to give the effect of a game show. We were shown politicians upstaged by smart-alec interviewers who interrupted them with snide put-downs when they tried to give serious answers to frivolous questions. The interviewer was the star. What a way to run a democracy!

Yet we are all serious about what affects our own lives. We all have plenty to say to friends about what the government or the council should do - and we blame them if they don't.

So the moral? If you care about Roos - as all who supported Cherie's Coffee Morning cared - come to the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th July. Let's have a serious public discussion about our village and enjoy *that* for a change.