



The Rooster

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Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 12th November was attended by Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Jackson, Kirk, Quarmby, Priest, D.Winter and G.E.Winter. Mid-Holderness Ward Councillor Stewart Willie was in attendance.

Minutes

The Minutes were approved.

Cllr Willie commented on the Coastal Zone Management Plan. (*This was explained in the last newsletter.*)

Aldbrough crossroad. Cllr Quarmby said that the signs were still not satisfactory. Within a month there had been two accidents there requiring the attendance of police and an ambulance. The Chairman said that the Highways Department were waiting for a police report and recommendations. Cllr Quarmby was still unhappy. He wanted action before there was another accident. Cllr Willie said another letter should be sent to Highways - with a copy to him so that he could pursue the matter himself. This action was agreed.

Correspondence

Benefit Fraud. A poster supplied would be displayed.

Public conveniences at Bridlington. The town council wanted the conveniences kept open but were unwilling to take over the maintenance costs from the East Riding. A strongly-worded letter had been sent.

East Riding Chairman's Awards. Councillors were invited to nominate persons for the two awards - for work for the community and the environment and for excellent service beyond mere duty. No nominations were made.

East Riding and Hull NHS. A letter described the plans to base the Trust's main maternity and neo-natal services at Hull Royal Infirmary in 2003.

Precept for 2002 - 2003. The authority asked the Parish Council to state, by January 2002, its financial needs for the next financial year. It was agreed to request £1,000. During discussion Cllr David Winter, Treasurer, noted that it had been customary to give £20 annually to the Roos Poppy Appeal. The Chairman suggested that the donation should be raised to £50. Members concurred.

Millennium Stone. It was reported that the existing insurance premium covered third party claims and the risk of damage to the stone but not damage to the plaque. It was agreed to enquire what the increase of premium would be required to cover the plaque as well.

Planning

The Area Planning Committee had notified decisions on two applications previously discussed.

Southfield, South End. Boundary wall was approved.

East of Main Street (M.A.Lockwood).

Outline application to erect sixteen dwellings with access after demolition of a building (*Greenacre*). Approved.

The consent had seventeen conditions, requiring Planning Committee approval of details before the start of any work. Some of the more stringent ones read out at the meeting are outlined below.

Landscape works

Prior details were required of many provisions, including :

- Proposed finished levels or contours; means of enclosure; car parking; ...
- Minor artefacts and structures (e.g. furniture, play equipment on the children's play area, refuse or other storage units, signs, lighting, etc.).
- Planting plans, including substantial landscaping belts on the north and east; specifications concerning the establishment of plants and grass; schedules of plants, their species, sizes and number / densities.
- A programme for implementing the landscaping and a scheme for the future maintenance of public areas.

Housing Density.

The development is to have sixteen dwellings - no more and no less. (An explanation was given for the preciseness of the figure. The aim was to maximise the number of properties in accordance with current policy. On the other hand, because of the limited access, a larger number could not be served by the proposed road.)

Children's play area

A play area with equipment was to be provided on site unless the developer had agreed to contribute to the cost of provision elsewhere. The Chairman read out a letter - received independently but relevant to the application. A new regulation required any development of more than fifteen dwellings to provide an "OPS" - an Outside Playing Space.

Cllr Willie explained that the space and amount of equipment depended on the size of the site. The amenity

would be solely for the children living on the site. *(It was not clear how other children could be kept away.)* One councillor wondered if the developer would consider contributing to the cost of space and equipment for general use elsewhere.

A scheme was also required for "the improvement of the access to the playing fields" - i.e. to Roos Playing Field, which lies to the north of the eastern end of the site.

Affordable housing

Some affordable housing is to be included unless the developer has made an agreement to secure its provision elsewhere.

Demolition of Greenacre

Demolition was needed to provide adequate access from Main Street. Councillors remembered a previous meeting at which the owner of Hansa House had expressed his concern that the demolition might adversely affect his own property.

Cllr Willie said that this was not a matter for the Planning Committee. If there was damage the householder would need to claim restitution and compensation by civil action in the courts.

New applications

No new applications had been referred for comment.

Accounts

Two payments were approved : £30 for the hire of the Memorial Institute; £50 to the local Poppy Appeal.

Any other business

Sand-le-Mere. Consent to extension of the site had been conditional on the upgrading of the access road. The proprietor had appealed against the condition. Cllr Willie reported that the appeal had been rejected.

Dangerous road. Cllr Quarmby reported that because of erosion the Tunstall-to-Hilston road was dangerously near the cliff edge. Cllr Willie said that the Highways Department were aware of the problem. The road would be closed when the risk of collapse was serious. It was agreed that Highways should be told of the danger.

Procedures. Cllr Willie advised that the Agenda should have included notice of the financial resolutions to be tabled : the two payments agreed were strictly illegal. The government were now much stricter about such matters in view of concerns about standards in public life and due propriety in managing public funds.

PUBLIC SESSION

The road to Dent's Garth

Mr S.C.Roberts of Woodlands asked about the track from Cherry Hill Park to Woodlands. It was full of potholes and unsuitable for vehicles. He would like to see it properly built up and surfaced and wanted advice how this could be achieved.

Some councillors agreed : the road was used not only by private cars and service vehicles but also by pedestrians, for whom standing water made the walk to the church difficult. Many aspects were discussed.

Mr L.Helliwell said that he had recently rung Highways about unadopted roads in general but with particular reference to the road to Dent's Garth. It seemed that the Highways Department identified three kinds of road : adopted, unadopted and unmetalled. The Dent's Garth road was not unadopted but unmetalled. It could be adopted if landowners on each side shared the cost of building it up and surfacing it to a required standard.

Eventually it was agreed to ask the Highways Department where responsibility lay for this stretch of road.

Parish Paths

Dr A.S.Hersom (voluntary village contact for parish paths) reported that the East Riding's Parish Paths Officer had asked him to report where remedial work was needed in the next financial year. Dr Hersom was aware of some needs but invited any other information..

Next Parish Council meeting
7.30 on Monday 10th December
Roos Memorial Institute
Members of the public always welcome

The Rooster

Delivery. Thanks to five more volunteers. We now have two reserves : James Kendall and Kay Newton.

The help of the following who have been delivering this year is much appreciated.

Alan & Joan Bowden	Sandra Lockwood
Caroline Blyth	James Priest
Heather Boynton	Don & Nesta Rowland
Tom & Sandra Crombie	Brian & Ann Smith
Bob Feetom	Barbara Stephenson
Leslie & Irene Helliwell	David Winter

Donations. Recent donations are gratefully acknowledged from :

Mr & Mrs J.Cook	Mr & Mrs R.W.Smalley
Mr & Mrs L.Dickinson	Mrs B.K.Stephenson
Mr & Mrs F.Foster	Mrs C.M.White
Mr & Mrs N.W.Hoe	The Darby & Joan Club
Mrs B.Maddison	

Further donations will be welcome. If using a cheque, please make it payable to "L.Helliwell".

Copy deadline
Please supply material for the next issue by
Friday 7th December
to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane (670291)

Coming events

November

27 Playing Field AGM. The Pavilion. 7.30.

December

5 WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. (visit by Headway Players)

7 FORS Quiz Night. Black Horse Function Room. 8.00.

10 Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

16 Carol Service. All Saints' Church. 6.30.

FORS

(The Friends of Roos School)

Calling BP employees

If you are a BP employee (or were until recently) you could help by getting involved, even in a small way, with our fund-raising. BP will match - pound for pound - money raised for the school.

If you are willing to help or know an employee who would, please let us know as soon as possible. Ring me (670298) or the school (670535) for further information. Your help will be invaluable.

Liz Earle (Chairperson)

The Friends of Roos School Festive Quiz Night

Friday 7th December

8.0 p.m. in The Black Horse Function Room

Admission per team member £1.00

Quizmaster : Father Christmas

Christmas Draw on the night

1st Prize a bumper Christmas Hamper

Tickets : Liz (670298), Jo (671284) or Sally (671961)

(who will welcome non-perishable items for the hamper)

Playing Field

Please note that dog owners should not walk their dogs on the playing field. The field is out of bounds to dogs. Owners caught exercising them there will be reported to the police with immediate effect.

D.E. Winter Secretary.

Roos Playing Field Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 27th November

7.30 p.m. at the Pavilion

Darby & Joan Club

A big thank you from all at the Club to everyone who helped and donated to the Jumble Sale on 3rd November, which raised £264.98.

Jane Ulyott (on behalf of members)

George and Susan Wilbraham



Extracts from G.W. Wilbraham's "History of Roos" have appeared in many issues of "The Rooster". It seemed time to show readers a photograph of him.

He is seen here with his wife in 1945. The snap was taken in the rear garden of the School House, their family home when he was head of Roos School from 1919 to 1949.

George Wilbraham was a much-respected pillar of the community. He was devoted to the welfare of his pupils, in and out of school, and spent years on his research into local history. He was active in village affairs generally and supported many causes. He served on both the Parish Council (where he was for a time Parish Clerk) and the Parochial Church Council (where he was a churchwarden).

Susan Wilbraham died in 1963 and George in 1973. They are buried in the churchyard.

Clubs and societies

"The Rooster" still lacks the range of reports that it used to have. Secretaries please send in reports of your events and advertisements for future ones.

At least supply the names and phone numbers of your officers so that a list can be printed and people can contact you.

G.W.Wilbraham : The History of Roos - 29

Education in Roos (continued)

(The last account of education appeared in issue No. 65 in July 2000. It closed with an account of some missing official documents sent to Canon Machell in 1891.)

Early headteachers

Charles Silversides was the first schoolmaster in the era of public education. He retired on 30th September 1891, having served for 47 years and seven months. He was allowed to go on living in the schoolhouse and so was his widow after his death, aged 70, in 1894.

The 1890s

Mr Tom Price Lewis was appointed master. A bachelor, he lodged at East View until he married Mr Atkinson's daughter and then moved to a house called "Illingworth".

The Managers still faced financial difficulties. In 1892 a general meeting of ratepayers considered the need for more apparatus and a government report on the "insufficiency of the staff". An attempt to raise the voluntary rate from 2d to 3d was unsuccessful.

Fortunately in 1897 the government commenced the annual grant-in-aid of 5/- per scholar in voluntary schools and necessitous board schools. In 1900 a block grant was instituted instead : 17/- per head in infant departments and 22/- in others. The annual inspection was abolished and replaced by inspection without notice.

"Furniture", outside and in

That year a flagpole was erected in the front yard. A white ensign was bought and flown on national occasions.

In 1901 the old-fashioned galleries in infants schools were removed and replaced by smaller desks - but without seat backs. (*Presumably "galleries" were the long benches with a desk surface attached for a row of pupils to sit at.*)

Reorganisation of the system

Another Education Act in 1902 made county councils and county boroughs the authority for elementary schools. They set up education committees to run all secular schooling and supplement government grants from local rates. The managers of Roos School approved the Act - it offered a solution at last to their financial difficulties.

Managers were appointed for each school. The LEA appointed managers for "provided" schools (board schools). For "non-provided" schools (voluntary, i.e. church schools) one third of the managers were nominated by the LEA and two thirds ("foundation managers") were appointed under the school's trust deed. In provided schools the LEA controlled the appointment and dismissal of teachers. In non-provided schools such as Roos School the managers controlled staffing with the consent of the LEA.

Religious instruction was non-denominational in provided schools. In non-provided schools such as Roos C of E school it was determined by the managers. There was strenuous opposition from Nonconformists who objected to rates being used to subsidise, for example, Anglican religious teaching. They fought this provision by popular agitation and in some cases by refusing to pay part of the Education Rate.

The first Managers of Roos School under the Act were :

Rev E.Milsom, M.A., H.Woodhouse, LL.D, and Messrs E.Wallis and T.Enfield Kirk.

Mr Wm Maltas appointed by the County Council.

Mr W.Reed appointed by the Parish Council.

School medicals

In 1906 Parliament required all children to be medically examined, usually at least three times in their school career. Parents were expected to attend to hear the doctor's comments and advice. The school buildings at Roos were not ideal for such inspections. One of the two rooms had to be used while its scholars of that room were crammed into the other room.

Some improvements

In 1907 an LEA committee inspected the premises. As a result the outside amenities were improved at a cost of £44.9.8d. There was still no running water on site, only a large rainwater tank in the inner yard.

Next year the thorn hedge round the boys' yard was replaced by a brick one with a cement coping. The bricks were obtained from the windmill, which had been dismantled at about this time.

Limited opportunities for secondary education

In 1909 LEAs were given powers to award scholarships to able children following an examination. In our county there were few available. There was no grammar school nearby and arrangements were made with the Hull authority for a limited number of pupils to attend schools there. Craven Street Secondary was the school attended by successful Holderness applicants.

It was not till 1920 that the first scholarship children from Roos School furthered their education in Hull. They were Thorp Christiansen and Edward Barron. Both benefited - the former eventually obtained a post in South America.

1st World War: 1914 - 1918

The outbreak of the war with Germany on August 4th 1914 had its effects on the school and the village.

Mr T.P.Lewis, headmaster for 23 years, was taken ill in the December of 1914 and did not return to teaching. His successor was Mr Fred Pay. He was released for military service in 1916 and his wife took over his post.

Occasional visits from enemy airships, the stationing of men in uniform in and about the village, the release for farm work of boys over twelve, and the issue of ration cards - all these in their own way impressed on the children of Roos in those days the reality of being at war.

But school work went on. Government and county inspectors paid their periodic visits. Even the comforts of the children were improved : the main room was provided with two large fireplaces - one at each end of the room - replacing two forty-year-old tortoise stoves..

At the end of the war still another Education Act was passed but because of an economy axe many of its proposals were postponed. However, it did achieve some benefits : exemptions from compulsory attendance were abolished and each child had to remain at school up to the end of the term in which he or she became fourteen.

Mr and Mrs Pay and one of their assistant teachers left Roos for Fulford early in 1919. A temporary teacher, Mr A.C.Spencer, took charge for the time being.

Coming of G.W.Wilbraham

At the end of the summer holiday - when alterations to the school house had been made - G.W.Wilbraham took over the school.

His first duty was to advise the Managers about staffing. A daughter of Charles Silversides had applied to fill the vacancy. A trained certificated teacher, she had returned from teaching in London to nurse her aged mother and

aunt and was now free to take the post. A more suitable applicant could not have been found and she was appointed. She taught Standards 2, 3 and 4 for general subjects in the Institute, which had been built at the outbreak of war, and taught the girls needlework.

There were two other members of staff. Miss Gardiner taught the infants in the oldest part of the buildings, heated by a closed stove. The other was Miss Garbutt, who taught Standard 1 in the same room in which I took Standards 5, 6 and 7 and all boys for handwork.

This opened a new chapter in the story of Roos School.

Holderness Parish News

This magazine was published monthly. Mrs Joyce Woodhouse has kindly loaned a bound copy of the issues for the period 1899 - 1905. Extracts will be reprinted in "The Rooster" from time to time. The extracts below were written by the Rector, Rev. Edward Millsom, and throw further light on Roos School and village life at that time.

June 1900

We have very encouraging accounts of our schools this year. The report of the Government Inspectors is the most complimentary to Mr Lewis and his staff that we have ever received, which is saying a great deal...

"The school is admirably conducted. Mr Lewis deserves great praise for the conscientious manner in which he carries out his duties. The proficiency of the scholars in elementary and class subjects is most pleasing. The teaching is vigorous, methodical and successful. The children are bright, orderly, intelligent and well-behaved."

Of the Infants' Class the report says : "The training of the class is improving. The little children are nicely managed and are being carefully taught."

This will be read with great satisfaction by the parents of the children and by those who support the schools.

We have also to notice the great increase in the number of our subscribers with the result that the sum raised by voluntary contributions was £63 6s 3d. But although this, added to what has been received for hire of the room, represents an increase of over £20, we have a deficit of £17. 2s 9d, or £7. 2s 7d more than last year. This is owing to the falling off in the number of children attending the school, and the Government grant being therefore less. So we shall have to continue our efforts to get more subscribers and higher subscriptions...

On Ascension Day, the children of the Day Schools attended Church in the morning, and then went to the Rectory garden and field for cricket, swinging, and other amusements, and in order to celebrate the relief of Mafeking, the Rector invited them all to tea, while their elders celebrated the occasion by a dance at the schools after the evensong of the Festival and a Te Deum had been sung at the Church.

The Annual Dedication Festival will be held on Wednesday July 4th. There will be (D.V.) the usual services and a public tea. Articles for a sale to benefit the Church will be thankfully received by the Rector before the day of the Feast.

Trials of a Church Organist

Noo theer's an auld 'armonium

That leyks ti play a G;

It allas soonds leyk bagpipes

Nea mather was the key.

It's gotten a leeak iv its bellases,

Which dizn't 'elp yah a bit;

It c'n offen soond fair short o' breeath -

It's me as neeads ti keeap fit.

If ah weer ti pull ivv'ry stop oot

Ah'd ev ah'll on ti stay sat -

Ah'd bi brekkin oot iv a lather

An mi feeat wad bi rid yat.

Day when sthrap brock on yah pedal

Mi neb ommost 'it middle C

An rest ev sarvice reet leg 'ad to worrk

I' double-quick tahm lest it dee.

Theer's a hallockin' greeat arran 'at lives id works

'at allas scares mi ti deeath;

It 'ides under hymn beeaks an in atween keys

Till ah've larn'd ti grit mi teeath.

The's paages in hymn beeak 'at tonn thersens ower

Wen thoo ayent a finger free.

Thoo mun sthart wi Crimmond but aif waay thruff

Switch tiv Abahd Wi Me.

Noo! It's imprtant ti weer reet glasses -

Bifocals dhrooav mi mad -

Either craanin' forrard, skamin' doon mi neb,

Orr backin' off, chin doon, an sad.

Ah finnd buffit a bit 'igh, nivver worrit -

Theer's a mich moor impoortant matther :

If it warn't fer woodworrom oddin' 'ands,

Ah'd be doon on fleear wiv a clatther.

Ah plaay ower fast, ower slow, ower lood,

An tune's offen wrang en ti boot.

Seea if thoo wad leyk an organist's job

Will thoo think on an gie me a shoot?

(Thanks to Mrs Joy Moate for this heartfelt plaint.)

Roos in its landscape



This aerial view is from a colour photograph and may not print well in black and white.

It will appear in colour in the Roos Village Design Statement.

The angle gives a good sense of many of the village's characteristics : the distance between North End and South End; the two main north-south roads; the cluster of buildings between them and to the east of Main Street; and the many trees, especially in the south.

In the colour print you can even see the sea - to the north-east beyond Hilston.

It's a pity that the church and other buildings in the south are out of shot.