

The 1084th Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 13th August 2015 at 7.15pm.

Councillors Present: - Cllr Johnson chaired the Meeting.

Cllr Carter, Cllr Hunt, Cllr McCarley, Cllr Moran, Cllr Naylor, Cllr Robins, Cllr Russell, Cllr J Smith, Cllr M Smith, Cllr Watson

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Potts

2. To accept the Minutes of the 1083rd Meeting held on Thursday 30th July 2015

Pg 5722 Para 2 Amend to read 'response had been received'

Pg 5722 Para 6 Amend to read 'were still permanently on'

Pg 5723 Para 7 Amend to read 'to contact the maintenance team'.

16078 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr McCarley that, after amendments, the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 30th July 2015.

3. To receive information on any on-going items identified in these and previous Minutes and decide further action where necessary

3.1. To discuss and agree a list of issues to be raised with the Neighbourhood Team Inspector.

The agenda item was discussed at length. The Parish Council acknowledged and commended the information that was coming through to the Parish Council from both Rural Watch and OWL and expressed concern that Rural Watch would be without cover until 25th August.

Serious concern was expressed at the reduction of policing in the area and the significant increase in crime and burglary. The meeting agreed that with a police officer on long term sick, one PC cannot cover Luddenden Foot and the Ryburn area and it was totally impractical for an officer to do so without vehicular access.

The meeting agreed that the need for an ANPR camera should be discussed with the Inspector. Evidence of drugs use had been seen in the Mill Fold area and the meeting agreed that CCTV information should be made available for the Inspector at the next Parish Council meeting.

The meeting discussed the on-going problem with traffic speed and inconsiderate parking particularly in the Royd Lane area and agreed that this should be brought to the Inspector's attention.

The meeting was informed that a number of residents of Soyland would be meeting in the next few days to discuss the increasing level of crime in the Soyland area.

The Chairman asked if the meeting would be willing to discuss Agenda Item 5 to allow members of the public to address the Parish Council.

5. Public Participation

16079 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Robins that standing orders should be suspended to allow members of the public to address the Parish Council.

Three residents outlined their concerns that land in private ownership had been included in planning application 15/00822/FUL and discussed the effect that the proposed development would have on parking on Oldham Road.

Cllr Johnson thanked them for attending the meeting.

16080 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Robins that Standing Orders should be re-instated.

3. To receive information on any on-going items identified in these and previous Minutes and decide further action where necessary (continued)

The Clerk reported that

Anne Markwell from Calderdale Council had responded to the Parish Council's letter relating to planning application 15/00685/FUL, south of Fairways Lower Park Royd Drive and would provide the Parish Council with details of the case officer and case reference number shortly.

Mark Thompson of Calderdale Council had responded to the Parish Council's letter regarding the condition of pathways at St Johns Close. Pennine Housing has ordered a number of repairs to be carried out which they are aiming to complete over the next three weeks.

Lisa Baigent of Sowerby Bridge Rushbearing had provided additional information regarding the arrival of the procession in Ripponden. The Deputy Clerk was asked to clarify the arrival time of 17.25pm.

David Anderson of KDA Training had supplied information regarding Emergency First Aid Training. Cllr Carter agreed to get details of and feedback about the training carried out by Calder Valley Search and Rescue

Mr Ian Forbes had contacted the Parish Council to thank the Cllrs who attended the Ripponden Woods Launch Event. Mr Forbes requested an opportunity to address the Parish Council and the Deputy Clerk was asked to invite him to a future meeting.

Northern Gas Networks had informed Calderdale Council that the site was not ready for works at Ripponden Old Lane. The TTRO for Ripponden Old Lane was now due to start on 22nd September. Cllr Carter informed the meeting that the proposed diversion was via Coach Road. The meeting agreed that unless Coach Road was up-graded or adopted this was unsatisfactory as a diversion and traffic should be diverted via Back Lane/Spring Street/Royd Lane. The Deputy Clerk was asked to contact Calderdale Council.

A response had been received from Mark Dowson at Calderdale Council relating to the loose coping stones on the wall at the Ripponden bus layby. He informed the Parish Council that many of the stones were likely to be the responsibility of Highways and Communities and he had passed on the matter to Highways to resolve.

The Clerk had received a phone call from Mr Bishop at Rishworth School regarding litter and dog fouling. He informed the Clerk that the school's maintenance team would look at their schedule of cleaning to address the problem of litter. Mr Bishop discussed the problem of dog fouling on school premises.

Cllr Robins asked whether fencing could be erected by the school and was informed that the school could erect fencing on its land if within permitted development rights.

The Parish Council had received an additional invoice from B D Brooks relating to work on the Ripponden stocks. The meeting agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Calderdale Council's Enforcement team had requested clarification as to the location of work being carried out in the vicinity of King's Mount Barkisland.

Payment of £580 had been received from Zurich Municipal Insurance for the repairs carried out to the Krumlin telephone box.

3. To receive information on any on-going items identified in these and previous Minutes and decide further action where necessary (continued)

Cllr Russell suggested that there would probably be little use of the telephone box by the local community and if it was to be used by the Parish Council as a notice board perhaps consideration should be given to keeping the box locked to avoid further damage during adverse weather. The meeting agreed that, in the first instance, Mr Watson should be contacted to ask whether it would be possible to have in place some means of locking the door and what costs this would incur.

Cllr Robins informed the meeting that a Facebook page boost had been set up for the forthcoming Michaelmas Show. Cllr McCarley had paid for the facility from his personal bank account and as such a receipt for payment was not available. The meeting agreed that as the amount in question was small a refund should be made on production, by Cllr McCarley, of a suitable chit.

Cllr Watson discussed the work that had been carried out on the Ripponden stocks. The meeting agreed that the new stone should not be treated to match the old stone. Cllr Watson informed the meeting that the stocks in Barkisland were currently not in need of any remedial work.

Cllr Watson asked whether a response had been received from the Monitoring Officer. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that a letter had not been received. Cllr Watson was informed that the Monitoring Officer was on leave.

Cllr Naylor discussed the vegetation at St Bartholomew's vicarage which is overhanging Elland Road. The Deputy Clerk was asked to write to the church asking that the vegetation is cut back as soon as possible.

Cllr Naylor discussed the state of the play area at Mill Fold and asked that it is considered by the Parish Council prior to the budget being set for next year. The meeting agreed that the matter should be a future agenda item. Cllr M Smith suggested that the play area might be considered for community asset transfer.

Cllr M Smith informed the meeting that large rats had been seen and killed in the vicinity of Greenacres. The Deputy Clerk was asked to contact Mark Lawrence at Calderdale Council about the growing problem of rat infestation.

Cllr Johnson asked for confirmation that the Environment Committee could approve the final design for the replacement Michaelmas Show shields and received confirmation from the meeting.

Cllr Johnson discussed the purchase of Cllr badges. The meeting agreed that, should a Cllr lose their badge, it would be reasonable to expect the Cllr in question to pay for a replacement.

4. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest

None

6. To receive reports from the Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives and to deal with matters arising

The Clerk reported that:

The White Rose July update included information about the Commonwealth Day on 14th March 2016. After discussion, the meeting agreed that the Parish Council would not purchase a Commonwealth flag.

Cllr Carter informed the meeting that the rules and regulations had changed for the flying of the Union flag.

6. To receive reports from the Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives and to deal with matters arising (continued)

A street warden had visited the office and informed the Deputy Clerk that estate agents had been asked to remove 'For Sale' signs from council property.

A brief telephone message had been left by a unit manager from the BBC asking whether they could have use of the Parish Council's power supply for approximately one hour during filming for the TV series Happy Valley. A donation would be made to the Parish Council. The Deputy Clerk was asked to obtain further details.

Mick Harrop of Calderdale Council had emailed the Parish Council to inform Cllrs that Calderdale Council was in the process of giving permission to Ryburn United to position two containers and erect advertising boards on the wall under Halifax Road facing the pitch.

Cllr J Smith had provided Cllrs with notes from the recent Town and Parish Liaison Committee meeting the main points of which were SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) Calderdale Council's budget consultation, training courses and festive lights. Discussion had taken place about the general state of Calderdale roads including the A58 and A672. Andrew Pitts was to liaise with Calderdale's highways regarding the very poor state of the A672 from Junction 22 of the M62. Cllrs were asked to inform the Clerk/Deputy Clerk of any training courses they wished to attend.

Cllr J Smith informed the meeting that if the Clerk had completed competency as part of her Cilca training she could deal with Section 137 grants.

Cllr J Smith asked whether it would be possible to have an electronic read-out for the bus stops. Cllr Carter agreed to make enquiries.

Cllr J Smith asked if an additional waterer for the village hanging baskets was available. Cllr Carter would check on availability.

Cllr Robins informed the meeting that there had been an increase in litter. Cllr Carter asked Cllr Robins to supply the Parish Council with details of specific areas affected so these could be referred to the Environment Committee.

Cllr Hunt had attended a recent meeting of Rishworth Environmental Group and gave a brief review of the meeting. One of the matters discussed was the state of the Rishworth Mill Pond. The meeting agreed that the matter should be passed to the Environment Committee to discuss as an agenda item at its forthcoming meeting.

Cllr Carter informed Cllr Hunt that reports on the activities of REG were normally given to the Environment Committee by REG's co-opted member.

The meeting agreed that Calderdale Council should be informed of the potholes on Rishworth Hall Close and the overgrown state of the public footpath to the rear of Rishworth Hall Close.

Cllr Moran informed the meeting that the traffic lights in the centre of the village on Rochdale Road were obscured by greenery. The Deputy Clerk was asked to report the matter to Calderdale Council.

Cllr Watson informed the meeting that there had been a spate of accidents at the junction of Elland Road and Stainland Road resulting in damage to property.

Cllr Watson had attended a recent meeting of Calderdale Council's Planning Committee.

Cllr Carter reviewed the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on Tuesday 28th July 2015 the main point of which was to receive advice from Mr Ratcliffe, Calderdale Council's Development Strategy Manager on the next stage of the plan process. The meeting discussed the immediate next steps.

6. To receive reports from the Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives and to deal with matters arising (continued)

16081 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Watson that the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on Wednesday 1st July 2015 be included in the Minutes of this meeting.

**Neighbourhood Planning Committee Meeting
held on Wednesday 1st July 2015 at 7.00pm**

The Clerk welcomed Cllrs to the meeting.

Present:- Cllr Carter, Cllr Johnson, Cllr McCarley, Cllr Potts, Cllr Robins, Cllr Watson

1. To elect a Chairman for 2015/2016

Proposed by Cllr Johnson that Cllr Watson should continue as Chairman for 2015/2016. Cllr Watson declined the nomination.

NPC 2016-01 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr McCarley that Cllr Carter be appointed Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee for 2015/2016.

Cllr Carter accepted the post and took the Chair.

2. To receive apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Naylor, Cllr M Smith

3. To agree the Committee's Terms of Reference

NPC2016-02 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Robins and seconded by Cllr Watson that subject to Full Council approval the Terms of reference for the Committee should be amended as follows:

- To produce a draft Neighbourhood Development Plan to be reported back to Full Council for discussion and approval.
- To create a plan that promotes and improves the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Parish area.
- Under Delegated powers, take the lead in dialogue with the Planning Authority and engage with all interested parties.

4. To approve the Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 28th October 2014

NPC2016-03 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Minutes are accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting held on Thursday 28th October 2014.

5. To discuss inviting a representative from Calderdale Council to attend the next meeting to talk through the process and the possibility of attending future meetings in an advisory capacity

The Meeting agreed that Mr Ratcliffe from Calderdale Council should be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the way forward and assist with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

- 1. To receive reports from the Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives and to deal with matters arising (continued)**

**Neighbourhood Planning Committee Meeting
held on Wednesday 1st July 2015 at 7.00pm (continued)**

It was also agreed that the Committee should consider at a later stage appointment of an independent Planner/ Consultant. This will need considerable investment and the Committee should therefore be looking at the possibility of grants.

Mr Ratcliffe should also be asked when he attends the next meeting, if he would be prepared to attend future Committee Meetings in an advisory capacity.

- 6. To consider the briefing document prepared by Cllr Watson**

Cllr Watson introduced his document, copies of which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Watson for the work that he had done and it was agreed that it would be a useful document to refer to when discussing the second stage with Mr Ratcliffe.

The Meeting agreed that Agenda items 7 to 9 should be held over to a future meeting after Mr Ratcliffe's attendance.

- 7. To agree the Date of the next meeting**
The next meeting will be agreed at a later date.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

- 7. To receive reports from Calderdale Councillors who represent Ryburn Ward**

Cllr Carter informed the meeting that 'H' markings will be put at the top of Rylands Park and Stones Drive.

Cllr Carter asked the meeting for a date for the Christmas lights switch-on and this was confirmed as Thursday 26th November.

Cllr Carter informed the meeting that the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) in Hebden Bridge had requested copies of the Parish Council's cycle leaflet. Cllr Carter would distribute cycle leaflets and the Parish Council's tourism leaflet to Ogden Water and the TICs in Hebden Bridge and Halifax.

Cllr Carter reported that there is a view that the toilets at Mill Fold, which are in Calderdale Council ownership, will be demolished. The toilets are used each year for community events and Cllr Carter asked if the Parish Council would consider the toilets for community asset transfer. The meeting agreed that the matter should be an agenda item at a forthcoming meeting.

- 8. To agree accounts for payment**

16082 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £3,321.69 be passed for payment.

- 9. To receive correspondence**

Correspondence

Ms Debbie Megson

Planning permission enquiry, Barkisland

11. To consider ways of making the Remembrance Sunday Memorial Services more inclusive to all denominations (continued)

16083 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr M Smith that invitations should be extended to St Patrick's Church, Sowerby Bridge and Stones Methodist Church to participate in the memorial services. The Deputy Clerk was asked to include a schedule of last year's services with the invitations. The meeting agreed that, through social media, ex-servicemen should be made aware of and invited to the memorial services.

12. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues

12.1. Planning Applications & Decisions

Application No: 15/00990/FUL

Officer: Steven Emery
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Healy
 Site: Land opposite 119 Rochdale Road Ripponden
 Proposal: Detached dwelling with attached garage/games room over (Revised scheme to planning application 15/00595)
 History: 15/00595 - Detached dwelling with attached garage/games room above (refused - orientation/siting and scale, impact on setting of a listed building and access)
 14/01425 - Detached house and garage (Outline) - permitted
 Main Issues: The application would be assessed on
 RCUDP policies:-
 H9 - Non Allocated Housing Sites
 BE1 - General Design Criteria
 BE2 - Privacy, Daylighting and Amenity Space
 BE15 – Setting of a listed building
 BE5 - The Design and Layout of Highways and Accesses
 T18 - Maximum Parking Allowances
 EP14 - Protection of Ground Water
 EP20 - Protection from Flood Risk
 EP22 - Sustainable Drainage Systems
 NE15 – Development in wildlife corridors.
 and NPPF policies:-
 6 Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes
 12 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
 7 Requiring good design.

16084 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Parish Council objects to this application on the same grounds as previously.

Application No: 15/00980/FUL

Officer: Steven Emery
 Applicant: Mr J Coulter
 Site: 2 Beeston Hurst, Rochdale Road, Ripponden, Sowerby Bridge
 Proposal: Demolish existing semi-detached house and rebuild as detached house with detached garage
 History: 10/01002 - Demolish existing house (semi detached) and rebuild as detached house
 Main Issues: The application would be assessed against
 RCUDP policies:-
 H9 - Non Allocated Housing Sites
 BE1 - General Design Criteria
 BE2 - Privacy, Daylighting and Amenity Space
 BE5 - The Design and Layout of Highways and Accesses

12. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues (continued)

12.1. Planning Applications & Decisions (continued)

T18 - Maximum Parking Allowances
 EP14 - Protection of Ground Water
 EP20 - Protection from Flood Risk
 EP22 - Sustainable Drainage Systems
 NE12 - Development Within the Special Landscape Area
 NE15 – Development in wildlife corridors.
 and NPPF policies:-
 6 Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes
 9 Protecting Green Belt land
 7 Requiring good design.

16085 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr M Smith that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of the main issues that have been listed.

Application No: 15/00822/FUL

Officer: Claire Marshall
 Applicant: Mr P Beasley
 Site: Ryburn Polythene Limited Oldham Road Ripponden
 Proposal: Conversion of existing mill to form 13 apartments
 History: 11/01212/FUL - Change of use and refurbishment of mill to form 3 No Town Houses and 6 No Apartments with 12 No parking spaces – refused by Planning Committee for the reason that the proposal fails to provide any private outdoor amenity space. An appeal was allowed and planning permission granted.
 Main Issues: Paragraph 14 of the NPPF – Presumption in favour of sustainable development.
 Section 6 of the NPPF – paragraph 47: presumption in favour of sustainable development.
 Section 1 of the NPPF – paragraph 22: planning policies should avoid the long term protection of sites allocated for employment use where there is no reasonable prospect of a site being used for that purpose.
 RCUDP policies BE1, BE2, BE5, T18, EP9, NE15 and NE16

16086 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that there is an increased number of dwellings and bedrooms with no amenity space. There is no proposed parking scheme for on-road parking.

Planning Decisions:

15/00771/HSE 21 Sandyfoot Barkisland	Single storey rear extension and 2 storey side extension	Refused
15/00758/HSE Hazelgreave Rishworth Road Barkisland	Single storey kitchen extension and single storey link extension	Granted

12. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues (continued)

12.1. Planning Applications & Decisions (continued)

<p>15/00740/FUL St Bartholomews Church Old Bank Ripponden</p>	<p>Raising of paving levels and provision of steps to allow installation of new drain</p>	<p>Granted</p>
<p>15/00692/HSE Woodside Halifax Road</p>	<p>Two storey extension to North elevation and single storey extension to West elevation</p>	<p>Granted</p>
<p>15/00674/HSE Owl Cottage Blackshaw Clough Road Soyland</p>	<p>Extension to existing single attached garage to create double attached garage</p>	<p>Granted</p>
<p>15/00790/FUL Stones Bank Stead Lane Rishworth</p>	<p>Detached dwelling</p>	<p>Granted</p>
<p>15/00552/FUL 1 Hazelgrieve Hall Farm Rishworth Road Barkisland</p>	<p>Change of use of agricultural land to facilitate extension of garden area and construction of decking area (Retrospective)</p>	<p>Granted</p>
<p>15/00281/FUL Clarehill Coach Road Ripponden</p>	<p>Raise the height of existing bungalow by additional two stories and divide into two dwellings with additional new dwelling in garden</p>	<p>Refused</p>
<p>15/06011/EIA Clock Face Quarry Barkisland</p>	<p>Screening opinion for circa 5mw solar park</p>	<p>EIA Not required</p>

16087 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the meeting be extended to conclude business.

12.2. Planning Enforcement

The meeting discussed work being carried out on land south of Gosling Lane Barkisland. Cllrs had been led to believe that there have been significant breaches of planning conditions.

16088 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr M Smith that a letter should be sent to the Chief Executive at Calderdale Council informing her that various requests have been sent to Calderdale Council's enforcement team regarding the alleged breach of planning conditions and the Parish Council is concerned by the actions of Calderdale's officers.

12.2. Planning Enforcement

Cllr M Smith informed the meeting about, and showed photographs of, disruption to residents caused by construction work at School Close Ripponden.

The meeting closed at 9.39pm