

The 1094th Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.15pm.

Councillors Present: - Cllr Johnson chaired the meeting.

Cllr Carter, Cllr Hunt, 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 McCarley, Cllr Potts

2. To accept the Minutes of the 1093rd Meeting held on Thursday 17th December 2015

16217 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 17th December 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 agree a Panel for the Good Citizens Award

16218 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Naylor that Cllr Russell, Cllr Moran and Cllr Robins should be the panel to decide the winner of the Good Citizens Award 2015.

The Clerk Reported that:

An e-mail response had been received from the Alzheimer's Society regarding a Dementia Friendly Training session. The officer advised that training could be facilitated at the Parish Council Office. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the trainer to arrange a suitable date preferably in the evening.

A response had been received from Calderdale Council regarding the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Ripponden and traffic congestion on Elland Road. Copies of the letter had been circulated to all Councillors for references. The Clerk informed the Meeting that a Notice had also been received from Calderdale Council regarding the final proposed TRO confirming that formal advertisement would be within the next 4 to 6 weeks. Copies of this notice and plans had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The Meeting agreed that discussion on the TRO should be an Agenda item at the next meeting on 28th January 2016.

A letter had been received from Calderdale Council's Planning Services concerning land adjacent Heald Wall Nook Cottage. The officer advised that the planning application was to go to planning appeal and that the last date for representations was 15th February 2016. The Meeting agreed that a letter should be sent to Calderdale Council to query what action had been taken regarding the covenant placed on the land when it had been sold. Cllr Naylor agreed to liaise with the Clerk to draft the letter.

The Clerk advised that a response had been received from Calderdale Council's Highways Services concerning the partly collapsed wall at Rishworth New Road. The officer reported that the Rapid Response Team had been sent to make the wall safe. Also a request had been made for a photograph of the power source box. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Hunt had provided a photograph which had been forwarded to Calderdale Council. This in turn had been passed to Northern Gas to establish ownership.

A further e-mail had been received from Calderdale Council's Highways Services concerning the broken bollard on Oldham Road. The e-mail confirmed that an order had been placed for a replacement bollard and that this would be installed once received. In the meantime, an officer was to inspect the broken bollard to ensure that there was no hazard to the public.

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

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a response had been received from Parking Services regarding illegal parking on Rochdale Road. The officer advised that extra enforcement patrols had been carried out over a period of days and the findings were that the road was clear. The situation is to be monitored by officers. PCSO Serban had also confirmed that he would do additional visits once he was able following the recent flooding of Sowerby Bridge police station. Cllr Carter advised that she was to speak with the Head of Service concerning the matter in the forthcoming week.

The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator had contacted requesting that the Safer Cleaner Greener meeting to take place at the Parish Council Office be postponed to February due to the recent flooding issues. The Meeting had no objections to this request.

An e-mail had been received from Calderdale Council's Asset Manager requesting his attendance at a future Parish Council meeting to discuss Community Asset Transfers for Riverside Meadows and Mill Fold Public Toilets. The Meeting agreed that the officer should be invited to attend the meeting to be held on 25th February 2016.

The Clerk advised that following the last meeting she had contacted Mr Cavalier, the joiner regarding the repair of the bench at St Johns estate, Rishworth. Unfortunately he was unable to do any repairs until the end of January due to holidays. The Meeting agreed that the Clerk should re-contact Mr Cavalier at the beginning of February.

Cllr Moran reported that she had been contacted by a member of the family who planted the cherry tree at the Memorial garden which was now to be removed due to disease. The family was very upset at the tree having to be removed and would like the opportunity to attend when the tree is cut down. Cllr Carter advised that Calderdale Council's tree specialist was in touch with a member of the family and that the family was being kept up to date. Cllr Carter agreed to provide contact details of the officer responsible to Cllr Moran for the family member she had been speaking to.

The Chairman asked that Agenda item 10 be brought forward to the next item to allow a member of the public to address the Meeting.

16219 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Watson that Standing Orders are suspended to allow Mrs Wilson to address the Meeting.

10. To discuss off-street parking availability within the Ripponden village

Mrs Wilson spoke of her concerns regarding the limited car parking facilities within the village and the increased number of long stay vehicles left daily in Royd Lane carpark. She felt that this issue was now starting to put visitors off coming to Ripponden which in turn was seriously affecting business.

The Clerk read out an e-mail received from Cllr Carter as Ward Councillor, which included a response from a Calderdale Council officer to the Parish Council's request for advisory parking signs for 2 hour limits.

Cllr M Smith reiterated his previous suggestion of the potential use of land at Spinners Hollow. Cllr Carter advised that this was unfortunately not feasible due to the past contamination of land. Another possibility discussed was herring bone parking at Maud Lane/Royd Lane.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Wilson for attending the meeting. Mrs Wilson then left.

16220 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Watson that Standing Orders be re-instated.

10. To discuss off-street parking availability within the Ripponden village (continued)

16221 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr M Smith that the Parish Council looks into applying for the land at the left hand side of Maud Lane/Royd Lane to be registered in the Council's name.

16222 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Watson that the Parish Council requests that Cllr Carter pursues a 2 hour parking limit with Calderdale Council for Royd Lane car park and the feasibility of having a disc parking zone.

16223 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council contacts Pennine Housing with a view to discussing the possibility of leasing the land at the right hand side of Royd Lane near Brig Royd for additional parking.

4. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest

None

5. Public Participation

Mrs Wilson for Agenda item 10.

6. To receive reports from the Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives

6.1. To agree as to whether the Parish Council should submit a response to the WY Police and Crime Commissioner's Policing Budget Consultation 2016

The Meeting agreed that due to the fact that the Parish Council had recently met with the West Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner and expressed its views, it was not necessary to complete the survey. However Individual Councillors were encouraged to complete the on-line survey.

6.2. To discuss the Boxing Day flooding and action taken within the Parish

The Meeting agreed that this item should be discussed after Agenda item 11 since this would provide an opportunity to view photographs and films supplied by Cllr Watson.

The Clerk reported that:

Cllr J Smith had e-mailed the Parish Council regarding faults to street lights at Stoney Lane. These had been reported to her by a resident who had previously contacted Calderdale Council in November with no action taken. The Clerk confirmed that she had re-reported the lights on-line quoting the original report reference numbers. Cllr J Smith advised that she too had contacted Calderdale Council.

An e-mail had been received from Calderdale Council concerning the 2016 dates for the Town & Parish Council Liaison Group meetings. The officer requested that the Parish Council office be used for the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 3rd May 2016. The Meeting had no objections to this request.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that an e-mail had been received from one of the Church Wardens concerning the disrepair of the dog waste bag dispenser at Mill Fold. Cllr Watson volunteered to inspect the dispenser and do any necessary repair work on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

The Clerk asked for meeting dates for the Employment and Standard Committees. It was agreed that the Employment Committee should meet on 8th February 2016 at 7.00pm and the Standards Committee on the 23rd February 2016 at 7.30pm.

Cllr J Smith asked the Chairman on whose authority the Parish Council office had been opened on the 27th December. The Chairman advised that it had been his decision based on the requirement to make a quick decision due to the urgency of the situation regarding the Boxing Day floods. Cllr Johnson informed the Meeting that an apology e-mail had been sent to all Councillors for not advising prior to the office opening. He confirmed that this had been an oversight on his part which wouldn't happen again.

Cllr J Smith reported that the over-hanging ivy had now been cut back at Clough Cottage. She also informed the Meeting that Ripponden in Bloom had its Annual General Meeting the previous day and a booklet had been prepared to celebrate its 10 year anniversary. Cllr J Smith provided a copy for the Parish Council. She also advised that concerns had been raised regarding the three tier planter at the Memorial garden and requested that the matter be referred to the Environment Committee.

Cllr J Smith reported on the damage caused around the village by the Boxing Day flooding. Hirstwood Holme had been flooded and a tree had fallen into the river getting stuck. There had been scaffolding damage at the church which had been reported to the Builders to enable them to check its safety. Cllr Carter advised that JLA had also been flooded. The Clerk reported that Cllr Watson's photographs of the River Ryburn flooding had been forwarded to Calderdale Council and the three Ryburn Ward Councillors for references. Cllr Carter informed the Meeting that Calderdale Council was to collate any reports of damage received and liaise with the Environment Agency for any necessary future preventative action.

Cllr Johnson reported that with his Consort he had attended St Bartholomew's Christingle Service and had assisted Overgate Hospice with its Christmas tree collection service within the Parish. Cllr Johnson also circulated a draft copy of the Civic Dinner invitation for the Meetings references.

Cllr M Smith reported that together with the Vice-Chairman, Cllr J Smith, he had attended the midnight service at Barkisland.

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

Cllr Carter advised that other than the items that had already been discussed she had nothing to report.

Cllr Russell asked Cllr Carter for advice on grants for flood victims and Council Tax exemptions. Cllr Carter advised the meeting of the Community Foundation Grants and the two stores set up at Sowerby Bridge and West Parade, Halifax with donated goods supplied for victims.

8. To agree accounts for payment

16224 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Hunt that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £2,497.11 be passed for payment.

Cllr Naylor asked that the Clerk look into payment of future HM Revenue & Customs invoices by electronic banking.

9. To receive correspondence**Correspondence**

Calderdale Council	Planning Application 15/01688/HSE
Ripponden Park Bowling Club	Expenditure details for the security system
Rotary Club of Sowerby Bridge	Thank You letter for donation
West Yorkshire Police	Closure of Sowerby Bridge police station due to flooding
YLCA	Membership subscription 2016/17
Mr Afflek	Parking in Ripponden
Mr Danby	c.c. letter to Calderdale Council re Elland Road junction
Ms Stanley	Parking on Ripponden Bank

Information

Calderdale Council	Amendments to Committee list 11/1/16 to 17/2/16
Calderdale Council	Launch of Local Postcode Local Trust grants
Calderdale Council	Council Tax Referendum Limits
YLCA	Response re Referendum Limits
NABMA	Annual Report 2015
NABMA	Britain's Favourite Market
North Bank Forum	Sector Support Update 6 th & 13 th January 2016
Rural Action Yorkshire	December Newsletter
Ryburn Valley Greenway Group	AGM 21 st January 2016
WY Police & Crime Commissioner	January Newsletter
YLCA	Opportunities Bulletin
YLCA	Queens 90 th Birthday Beacons
YLCA	Changes to External Audit Regime
YLCA	White Rose Update December 2015

Agendas

14/01/16	Health & Wellbeing Board
18/01/16	Audit Committee
18/01/16	Cabinet

Matters arising from correspondence

The Clerk was asked to send a grant application form to Ripponden Park Bowling Club.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Haigh at Bowers Hall, Barkisland to see if he would be interested in participating on the Queens 90th Birthday Beacons.

The Meeting agreed that changes to the External Audit Regime should be an Agenda item at the next meeting to be held on 28th January 2016.

11. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues**11.1. Planning Applications & Decisions****New Plans for this meeting****Application No: 15/01586/FUL**

Officer:	Claire Marshall
Applicant:	Mrs D Patel
Site:	176 Oldham Road Ripponden

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

Proposal: Replacement of existing timber shopfront to new white aluminium glazed system

History: None relevant

Main Issues: Visual impact – RCUDP policies BE1 and S17

RPC Comments:

16225 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Watson that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Application No: 15/10054/ADV

Officer: Claire Marshall

Applicant: Mrs D Patel

Site: 176 Oldham Road Ripponden

Proposal: Illuminated Sign light box to top section and 1 No. illuminated wall display notice boards to each side of entrance (Advertisement Consent)

History: None relevant

Main Issues: Amenity and public safety – para 67 of NPPF

RPC Comments:

16226 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Watson that the Parish Council has no objections to this application

Application No: 15/40024/AGRR

Officer: Claire Marshall

Applicant: Mr J Lumb

Site: Smithy Fold Farm Withens End Lane Rishworth

Proposal: Single storey utility building

History: None relevant

Main Issues: Agricultural notification for prior approval of the siting, design and external appearance of the building

RPC Comments:

16227 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Hunt that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Cllr Carter declared a pecuniary interest in the next application and temporarily left the meeting.

Application No: 15/01650/HSE

Officer: Steven Emery

Applicant: Mr M Dennis

Site: 2 Fountain Street Ripponden

Proposal: Two storey extension to side

History: None relevant

Main Issues: RCUDP policies H2, BE1 and BE2

RPC Comments:

16228 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Robins that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Cllr Carter re-joined the meeting.

Application No: 15/20177/TPO

Officer: Keith Grady

Applicant: Mr S Gamble

Site: 3 Stony Croft Lane Ripponden

Proposal: Fell one tree (Tree Preservation Order)

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

History: Two previous applications have been considered. In 2004 the loss of the tree was not considered acceptable (04/20162/TPO), and in 2011 the pruning of the tree was approved subject to condition (11/20095/TPO).

Main Issues: The amenity value of the tree and what impact the works will have on the character and appearance of the area, and in view of the assessment whether or not the works are justified in view of the reason put forward for the works.

RPC Comments:

16229 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the planning officer being satisfied that it meets good arboricultural practise.

Application No: 15/01666/FUL

Officer: Claire Marshall

Applicant: Mr M Pitchforth

Site: Land opposite the Steeps Nursery Lane Ripponden

Proposal: Agricultural building (part retrospective)

History: 15/00418/FUL - Tractor and parts shed (Retrospective) - Refused

Main Issues: Green Belt, RCUDP policies E16, BE1 and BE5

RPC Comments:

16230 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is not for agricultural use, green belt development and policies NE7, NE15, NPPF9, BE1 & BE5. The Parish Council also has concerns about the validity of the application as it is unclear as to whether the owner of the land is aware of the application. The certificate of ownership has not been completed and the Parish Council believes that the applicant and owner are not one and the same.

Application No: 15/01677/HSE

Officer: Steven Emery

Applicant: Mr S Bow

Site: Hazelgreave Rishworth Road Barkisland

Proposal: Conversion of attached garage to living accommodation

History: 15/00758/HSE - Single storey kitchen extension and single storey link extension

Main Issues: Green Belt, RCUDP policies BE1, BE2, NE12 and T18

RPC Comments:

16231 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is development in the Green Belt. If however the Planning Officer is of the mind to grant permission, the Parish Council requests that permitted development rights for future development be withdrawn.

Application No: 15/20178/TPO

Officer: Keith Grady

Applicant: Mr J Travis

Site: Spring Bank 7 Sandyfoot Barkisland

Proposal: Fell two trees (Tree Preservation Order)

History: Four previous applications to prune the trees have been considered (89/20038/TPO, 91/20003/TPO, 97/20021/TPO & 11/20095/TPO). All four applications have been approved subject to conditions.

Main Issues: The amenity value of the trees and what impact the works will have on the character and appearance of the area, and in view of the assessment whether or not the works are justified in view of the reason put forward for the works.

RPC Comments:

16232 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the planning officer being satisfied that it meets good arboricultural practise.

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

Planning Decisions:

15/00543/NMA Former Central Garage Accident Repair Centre The Riverside Complex Mill Fold Way Ripponden	Non Material Amendment to application 15/00543 which includes reduction in roof design, changes to materials on side elevations, changes to windows on side and rear elevations by way of reduction in size.	Granted
15/01487/HSE Clough House Elland Road Ripponden	Two storey extensions to side and rear, single storey extension to side/front	Granted
15/01388/191 Barkisland Cross Stables Greetland Road Barkisland	Agricultural building (Lawful Development Certificate)	Refused
15/01504/HSE Odessa House Lighthazles Road Soyland	Demolition of existing double garage and construction of new double garage.	Granted
15/01349/HSE 21 Sandyfoot Barkisland	Two storey side extension forming annex for elderly parents with single storey extension to rear	Granted
15/00127/FUL Blackwood Farm Long Causeway Rishworth	Replacement of agricultural workers mobile home with agricultural dwelling	Granted
15/01516/HSE Flock Hall Hollins Lane Sowerby Bridge	Demolition of existing conservatory to facilitate garden room, hydrotherapy pool to south elevation, extension of garage with first floor extension over and first floor extension to rear	Granted
15/01497/FUL Former Central Garage Accident Repair Centre The Riverside Complex Mill Fold Way Ripponden	Amendment to application 15/00543/FUL to substitute single dwelling to replace plots 7 and 8.	Granted
15/42055/42DAYS 29 Stonelea Barkisland	Prior approval application for proposed single storey extension to rear, extending out by 5.7 metres, maximum height 3.95 metres, 2.875 metres to eaves	Prior Approval Not Required

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

07/01014/NMA 1 Highfield Cottages High Field Lane Ripponden	Non Material Amendment to application 07/01014 - Alter size of dormers	Refused
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11.2. Planning Enforcement

None

Cllr Robins left the meeting at 9.29pm

16233 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Naylor that Standing Order 3(w) be suspended for 10 minutes to allow business to be completed

6.2. To discuss the Boxing Day flooding and action taken within the Parish

Cllr Watson talked through his photographs and two short films showing the damage caused by the recent flooding of the river Ryburn. Cllr Carter advised that Cllr Watson should send the additional photographs and film to the Chief Executive of Calderdale Council to enable the flooding risk areas to be mapped for future references and action.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm