

The 1093rd Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 17th December 2015 at 7.15pm.

Councillors Present: - Cllr Johnson chaired the meeting.
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 Carter, Cllr Potts

2. To accept the Minutes of the 1092nd Meeting held on Thursday 3rd December 2015

16208 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Robins and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 3rd December 2015.

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

The Clerk Reported that:

A letter had been received from Calderdale Council's Enforcement Services regarding The Plant Mill advising that planning permission had been granted, which resolved the breach in planning control. The officer confirmed that the case had now been closed.

A letter had also been received from Calderdale Council's Planning Services concerning land south of Loreli, Nursery Lane, Ripponden. The officer advised that the application had been referred to Planning Appeal and that representations must be made by 12th January 2016.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that an e-mail had been received from Mr Robertshaw of Calderdale Council regarding the removal of the diseased cherry tree from the Memorial Garden. The officer confirmed that he had spoken with the family who had planted the tree as a memorial and was now looking into the feasibility of a replacement tree.

An e-mail response had been received from the Upper Valley Area Manager updating the Parish Council on the timing for repairs to the bench at Rishworth. He advised that his team would endeavour to inspect the bench and undertake any repair by April 2016. Due to the hazardous state of the bench the Clerk was asked to contact the joiner, Colin Cavalier to see if he could do the necessary repair work.

The Clerk advised the Meeting that an e-mail had been received from Calderdale Council's Building Control Team regarding the disrepair of the dry stone wall at Upper Firth House, Barkisland. The officer confirmed that the matter is to be investigated by Highways & Engineering. The Clerk was asked to diarise for the end of January to check that the work had been done.

The Clerk reported that the Councillors tasked with responding to the Local Plan Consultation had met and a response submitted to Calderdale Council on 14th December 2015.

Cllr Moran reported that the road surface on Blue Ball Road was still unsafe following the recent heavy rainfall. Cllr Johnson advised that Calderdale Council had been on the road that day. Cllr Moran also informed the Meeting that she had received a complaint from a resident concerning speeding on Rochdale Road.

Cllr Naylor reported that he too had received a complaint regarding traffic and parking issues and asked if discussion on parking availability within the village could be an Agenda item at the next meeting to be held on 14th January 2016.

Cllr Robins asked for clarification regarding Councillors mileage claims. The Clerk provided details.

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

Cllr Johnson asked if the Clerk would chase up the replacement of the damaged bollard on Oldham Road with Calderdale Council. He also reported that he had received a complaint from a resident of Barkisland regarding the missing tree lights at Gate House Garden. He advised that he had spoken with the contractor and lights had now been installed.

Cllr Johnson informed the Meeting that he had received several complaints concerning the dangerous parking at Spring Street/Rochdale Road. The Meeting agreed that a letter should be sent to the Police to request action be taken and also a letter to Calderdale Council to see if consideration could be given to having double yellow lines on the road. Cllr Smith suggested that the whole system of parking and traffic needed to be addressed and that this should be an Agenda item early in the New Year. The Clerk reminded the Meeting that Calderdale Council was scheduled to consult on a new TRO for Ripponden early in January.

4. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest

None

5. Public Participation

None present

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

6.1. To approve the ticket price for the Civic Dinner 2016

Cllr Johnson reviewed the Civic Dinner Committee meeting that had been held on 1st December 2015, the main points of which had been agreeing a band, ticket price, menu and colour scheme.

Cllr Naylor raised concerns about the loudness of bands recently booked to play at the Civic Dinner and the fact there was no quiet place for guests to withdraw to. The Meeting noted his comments.

Cllr Johnson explained that Committee members had felt that the evening should be self-financing and consideration of different price options had been discussed.

16209 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Moran and seconded by Cllr J Smith that the Parish Council should increase the ticket price to £35 for the 2016 Civic Dinner.

Cllr Naylor and Cllr Watson abstained from the vote.

The Clerk reported that:

An e-mail had been received from Calderdale Council Finance Services advising the Parish Council of the deadline for submitting the precept for 2016/17.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that Cllr Moran had contacted her regarding flooding at Upper Hole Head, Soyland. The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been forwarded to Calderdale Council.

The Clerk advised that she had e-mailed a photograph of the large pile of rubbish tipped in the alley at the side of Crown Buildings to the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and the Wardens requesting that they liaise with Environmental Health to get action taken for its removal. The Meeting agreed that a copy should also be sent to Ward Councillors for their references.

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

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received under the Freedom of Information Act from Parkwood Leisure requesting information as to leisure facilities provided by the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed she would reply to the Company and advise that no leisure facilities were run by the Parish Council.

A letter had been received from the Pension Regulator providing a guide to automatic enrolment and confirming the Parish Council's starting date of 1st January 2017.

The Clerk asked that a meeting date be arranged in January for the Community Market and Communications Committees. It was agreed that the meetings should be on 18th January 2016 starting at 7.00pm.

The Clerk requested that the Parish Council office be closed on the 24th December 2015. The Meeting had no objections to this request.

Cllr J Smith reported that with her Consort, she had attended the Heathfield and Rishworth Annual joint concert which had been extremely good and showcased many talented musicians. She also informed the Meeting that street light 179 on Elland Road was now working. Cllr J Smith asked for advice from Councillors regarding a problem with a culvert at the back of properties on School Close. Cllr Naylor suggested contacting Calderdale Council's Land Drainage Team.

Cllr Moran asked if local community groups were provided details of Sports England Grants. The Clerk advised that local sports groups did get the details direct.

Cllr Watson reported that he had been unable to attend the NHS meeting, but did attend the Planning Committee 1 on behalf of the Parish Council. He advised that planning permission had been granted for the applications Ryburn Polythene and Robins Nest. He also advised that he had received several complaints from residents regarding the Barkisland Stable Cross and Clare Hill planning applications.

Cllr Naylor reported that on behalf of the Parish Council he had placed tickets on vehicles parked overnight at Brig Royd Doctors surgery carpark in preparation for the Christmas Market.

Cllr Hunt informed the Meeting that the part of the wall on Rishworth New Road had collapsed into the road which could be a hazard to pedestrians and vehicles. He also reported that the power source box on Rishworth New Road was covered in black and yellow tape which in the dark was very distracting to drivers. The Clerk was asked to refer both matters to Calderdale Council.

Cllr McCarley reported that he had attended the Christmas Market and did a litter pick up at the end of the day. He thanked Cllr Moran for the two recent window displays to promote the Market and Christmas. Cllr McCarley also asked that a press release drafted by Cllr Moran regarding the Christmas Lights Switch On and forthcoming Civic Dinner be approved by the Parish Council. Copies of the press release had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

16210 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Robins that after a few minor amendments the Parish Council approves the press release for the Christmas Lights Switch On and forthcoming Civic Dinner.

Cllr Johnson thanked Cllr Moran for drafting the press release at such short notice.

Cllr Johnson reported that with his Consort he had attended St Bartholomew's Winter Market, the Mayors Carol Concert at Halifax Town Hall, Whitworth Town Council Carol Concert and Barkisland Old Peoples Welfare Committee Christmas 'get together'. All occasions had been very enjoyable. Cllr Johnson had also assisted with the organisation for the Christmas Market.

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

Cllr Johnson informed the Meeting that he had spoken to Cllr Carter, who had advised that she had nothing to report. The Clerk advised that she had e-mailed Cllr Holden and Cllr Thornber to see if they had anything to report to the Parish Council, no replies had been received.

8. To agree accounts for payment

16211 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Robins that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £561.97 be passed for payment.

9. To receive correspondence**Correspondence**

Calderdale Council	20mph speed limit for Sowerby Bridge
Mrs Nicholson	Street Light Fault at Greetland Road, Barkisland
Overgate Hospice	Thank You letter
Mr Penrose	Support for Stones Cricket Club
St Bartholomew's Church	Thank You to Chairman
Mrs Watson	Thank you for Michaelmas Show Shield
Craig Whittaker MP	Christmas card
St Bartholomew's Church	Christmas card
Hebden Royd Town Council	Christmas card
Holme Valley Parish Council	Christmas card
Kirkburton Parish Council	Christmas card
Todmorden Town Council	Christmas card
Whitworth Town Council	Christmas card

Information

Calderdale Council	Upper Valley Neighbourhood News - December
Calderdale Council	Budget Consultation Key Findings
Kirklees Council	Extension of deadline for Consultation on Local Plan
North Bank Forum	Sector Support Update 16 th December 2015
WY Police & Crime Commissioner	December Newsletter

Invitations

Calder Valley Search & Rescue	Golden Jubilee Celebration 6 th February 2016
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Agendas

17/12/15	Economy & Environment Scrutiny Panel
17/12/15	Governance & Business Committee

Matters arising from correspondence

16212 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Chairman liaises with the Clerk to draft a letter of support for Stones Cricket Club on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr M Smith declared an interest in the matter.

Cllr J Smith advised that she had received an e-mail from a resident concerning winter gritting on Ripponden Old Lane. Cllr J Smith was asked to forward the e-mail onto the Clerk who in turn would pass the information onto the three Ward Councillors to request that they take the matter up with officers on the resident's behalf.

10. To discuss and agree an Action Plan to progress the Parish Council's Dementia Friendly Application.

The Clerk read out an e-mail from Cllr Potts outlining his thoughts as to what the next steps should be.

It was agreed that Cllr Potts, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Moran, Cllr Naylor, Cllr Robins and the Clerk should attend a 45 minute Dementia Friendly Training Course organised by the Alzheimer's Society. The Clerk was also asked to provide all Councillors with the link to the You Tube film.

16213 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Hunt that Cllr Potts should be the lead contact to act on behalf of the Parish Council for this project.

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: 15/01603/HSE

Officer: Sara Johnson

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Laycock

Site: The Delph Greetland Road Barkisland

Proposal: Balcony and alterations to window openings at first floor to rear

History: Rear Conservatory granted under 04/00466/HSE, Conversion of garage and carport into dwelling granted 09/00339/CON

Main Issues: Need to ensure proposal meets with NPPF9 as is located in Green Belt as well as RCUDP BE1, BE2

RPC Comments:

16214 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Robins that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to there being no overlooking issues..

Application No: 15/01412/FUL

Officer: Janine Branscombe

Applicant: Ashtree Fine Development

Site: Land East of White Hart Fold Rochdale Road Ripponden

Proposal: Realignment of plot 10

History: 14/01428/FUL

Main Issues: The principle of development has already been established through the granting of 14/01428. This application relates to the repositioning of plot 10. It will be assessed against NE20, BE1, BE2, H2.

RPC Comments:

16215 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Robins that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that the re-alignment of the plot would require destroying trees with a TPO and wildlife habitat. The water table would be significantly affected by the loss of trees, policies EP20 and NE20.

Application No: 15/01574/FUL

Officer: Sara Johnson

Applicant: Mr G Goulding

Site: Land rear of 164 Halifax Road Ripponden

Proposal: Detached dwelling

History: None

Main Issues: Principle acceptable as proposed in Primary Housing Area. Need to ensure compliance with BE1, BE2, BE5, T18 and NPPF6.

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

RPC Comments:

16216 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of policy BE5, inability to turn within the curtilage of the development, Design & Access, Privacy and Amenity space.

Planning Decisions:

15/42050/42DAYS 29 Stonelea Barkisland	Prior approval application for proposed single storey extension to rear, extending out by 5.7 metres, maximum height 3.95 metres, 2.87 metres to eaves.	Prior Approval Not Required
15/01490/HSE 10 Coronation Terrace Ripponden	Two storey side extension	Granted
15/00822/FUL Ryburn Polythene Limited Oldham Road Ripponden	Conversion of existing mill to form 13 apartments (amended plan)	Granted
14/00914/CON The Plant Mill Oldham Road Ripponden	Change of use from industrial use to a mixed use comprising of retail and cafe at ground floor and two apartments (Use Class C3) at first floor on the north end of the building, together with associated external alterations and formation of car park (Amended plan)	Granted
15/00701/DISC1 Land South Of The Old Pottery Long Gate Rishworth	Submission of information to discharge conditions on application 15/00701-conditions 2-4	Partially Complied With

11.2. Planning Enforcement

None

Cllr J Smith advised the Meeting that the work plan for the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Panel scheduled discussion regarding 'on street' parking on 23rd February 2016. It was agreed that parking issues should be an Agenda item for the Parish Council meeting on 11th February 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm