

The 1116th Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 7.15pm.

Councillors Present: - Cllr J Smith chaired the meeting.
Cllr Johnson, Cllr McCarley, Cllr Moran, Cllr Naylor, Cllr Potts, Cllr M Smith, Cllr Watson

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Carter, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Robins, Cllr Russell

2. To accept the Minutes of the 1115th Meeting held on Thursday 17th November 2016

16573 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 17th November 2016.

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

3.1. To approve the ticket price for the Civic Ball 2017

16574 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Potts that the Parish Council approves the ticket price for the Civic Ball 2017 as £35.

The Clerk reported that:

An e-mail had been received from the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator requesting her attendance at the Parish Council meeting be postponed until February. This was due to the major incident report not being completed until possibly the end of January.

An e-mail had also been received from PC Sutton advising that he had to cancel his attendance at the 15th December Parish Council meeting. He had to cover the Todmorden Ward Forum.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a letter had been received from Calderdale Council's Planning Services regarding planning application number 16/00886/HSE, 69 Stonelea, Barkisland. The officer advised that the application had now gone to appeal under s78 against refusal of a householder application. The appeal start date was 14th November 2016.

An e-mail had also been received from Calderdale Council's Highways Services advising that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Ripponden was back out to public consultation after amendment. A copy of the plans had been left at the Parish Council office for public inspection. The consultation period was from 25th November to 16th December 2016. The Clerk was asked to publicise this on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page.

The Clerk advised that a resident had visited the office to complain about the lights still being out on Rochdale Road near Stones Drive. The Clerk confirmed that she had reported it once again to Calderdale Council. A response had now been received advising that the officers were working with contractors to resolve outstanding issues regarding faulty street lighting.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that an e-mail had been received from Groundwork to advise that the Parish Council had been awarded the £12000 grant for the play area at Mill Fold. The Clerk confirmed that she had let Calderdale Council know and the playground manager was happy to meet up with members of the Environment Committee to progress the grant and refurbishment work. The Meeting agreed that Cllr Johnson, Cllr Naylor and the Clerk should arrange a meeting as soon as possible. Cllr Johnson also suggested that Mr Winrow should also be invited to attend.

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

The Clerk advised that a representative from St Bartholomew's Church had been in touch to update the Parish Council on its plans to look at organising a Dementia Friendly café. The Clerk also confirmed that she had e-mailed around the groups that had participated in the Dementia Friendly training to organise a meeting with Chris Harvey from Memory Lane café, Sowerby Bridge. Cllr Potts advised that he had forwarded a copy of the plans to the Alzheimer's Society for references.

The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been received from PCSO Serban concerning the parking near the junction at Kenworthy Lane. The Clerk had e-mailed Highways Services to enquire as to whether in view of the delayed TRO, white lines could be temporarily marked at the junction. The Meeting agreed that the parking issues on Halifax Road should be an Agenda item at the next meeting for discussion.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that the YLCA had replied to the Parish Council regarding the rescheduled date for the South Pennine Branch meeting. They confirm that the meeting would now be on 14th December 2016.

The Clerk advised that a response had been received from Yorkshire Water regarding dog fouling at Baitings Bridge. The officer reported that nothing could be done on Yorkshire Water's part since it only provided signage which was thought to be adequate. The officer advised that the Parish Council should speak with Calderdale Council to see if further bins could be installed. Cllr Potts agreed to check for the next meeting if the signage was adequate and as to whether it referred to fines.

Cllr Johnson provided an update on the progress with Calderdale Council regarding the potential of CCTV for Ripponden. He advised that the delay was due to the inadequacy of street lighting within Ripponden for the installation of CCTV.

Cllr Watson reported that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2016 were inaccurate in that they did not record that he had declared an interest in planning application 16/01319 land adjacent to Heald Wall Nook and that he had left the meeting prior to the application being discussed on page number 6007. The Meeting agreed that this should be recorded in these minutes.

4. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest

Cllr McCarley and Cllr Moran declared an interest in Agenda item 10 regarding Ripponden Festival.

Cllr McCarley also declared an interest in planning application 16/01370, unit 1 Slitheroe Works.

5. Public Participation

Cllr Holden (Ward Councillor) for Agenda item 7 and to observe the rest of the meeting.

Mrs Naylor in an observational capacity.

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

The Clerk reported that:

A letter had been received from Calderdale Council's Finance Services providing the timescales for 2017/18 budget process. The Parish Council will need to notify of its precept by 7th February 2017.

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

An e-mail had also been received from Calderdale Council confirming the dates for the Town & Parish Council Liaison Group meetings for 2017. The officer confirmed that the meeting for 9th May 2017 was scheduled to be held in the Parish Council office.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a resident had visited the office to report a sewer blockage at Rishworth New Road. The Clerk confirmed that she had forwarded this Yorkshire Water and that the issue had been resolved.

A resident had also telephoned the office to report the damaged bridge at the pathway near the Silk Mill. The Assistant Clerk had contacted Calderdale Council regarding this and the matter was now with Highways Services to investigate.

An e-mail had been received from West Yorkshire Police regarding the future of the Sowerby Bridge Police Station. A copy had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that this should be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had received several e-mail complaints concerning the recent accident on Halifax Road and parking issues.

Cllr Naylor reported that he had attended the Christmas Lights Switch On and assisted in the Parish Council office. The event had been extremely well attended both at the Church and Memorial Garden.

Cllr Potts informed the Meeting about the blocked access to the public footpath at Steel Lane on the boundary of the Parish. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to Calderdale Council.

Cllr Johnson advised the Meeting that PC Sutton now had a dual role and was required to cover Todmorden as well as the Ryburn Valley. He also thanked Cllr Naylor, Cllr Robins, Cllr Potts, Cllr McCarley and the Clerk for their assistance in organising the Christmas Lights Switch On.

Cllr J Smith also thanked all Councillors who had assisted with the organisation of the Christmas Lights Switch On event. She reported that the church carol service had been excellent and well attended. Cllr J Smith had received very positive feedback from the shops that had remained open. She did however feel that the timings needed to be reviewed for next year.

Cllr J Smith reported on the Calder Valley Search and Rescue Celebratory event which she had attended with her consort. The evening had been very interesting and informative of the work done by the team. The Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire and the Chief Constable had also been in attendance.

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

Cllr Holden updated the Meeting on the work that he had been doing regarding local parking issues and the Traffic Regulation Order, faulty street lights and dog fouling.

Cllr Potts raised concerns with Cllr Holden regarding the increase in fly tipping near the junction of the M62 and the A627. Cllr Holden confirmed that he would look into the matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Naylor asked if Cllr Holden could look into the overgrown trees on Rishworth New Road that had been reported to Calderdale Council on several occasions and to date nothing had been done. Cllr Holden asked if details could be forwarded on to him for the matter to be looked into.

8. To agree accounts for payment

16575 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £1,012.62 be passed for payment.

9. To receive correspondence**Correspondence**

Calderdale Council	Proposed TRO
Captive Animals Org	Use of Reindeer
Mr & Mrs Hackett	Thank you letter
Pension Regulator	Staging Dates for Auto Enrolment
Tesco Bags of Help	Grant award
Todmorden Town Council	Christmas card
Young at Heart Club	Thank you for Grant

Information

Calderdale Council	Meeting dates 23/11/16 to 15/2/17
City Connect	Rochdale Canal Towpath Improvements
North Bank Forum	Sector Support Update – 18 th & 25 th November
YLCA	South Pennine Branch meeting 14 th December 2016
YLCA	South Pennine Leader Programme

Agendas

05/12/2016	Economy & Environment Scrutiny Panel
06/12/2016	Planning Committee 1
07/12/2016	Cabinet Local Plan Working Party

Matters arising from correspondence

It was agreed that a copy of the e-mail from City Connect be forwarded on to Ryburn Greenway project for their references.

Cllr M Smith and Cllr Naylor asked if the Clerk could forward a copy of the YLCA e-mail concerning the Leader programme to them.

The Cllr J Smith reported that a resident had sent an e-mail to her regarding the traffic accident on Halifax Road. Cllr J Smith passed a copy onto the Clerk for the Parish Council's references.

10. To consider a Grant application received under the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 for Ripponden Pantomime Co and Ripponden Festival**Ripponden Pantomime Co:**

The Clerk reported that this application had now been formally withdrawn and that the group would be re-submitting a new application in the near future.

Ripponden Festival:

Cllr Moran and Cllr McCarley declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

The Clerk reported that the group had provided a breakdown of their income and expenditure which had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. She also read out a request from the group to consider funding additional items. A breakdown of individual costs had been included.

10. To consider a Grant application received under the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 for Ripponden Pantomime Co and Ripponden Festival (continued)

Cllr Watson reiterated his agreement with Cllr Carters suggestion at the last meeting that the Parish Council considers funding items for children's entertainment and that this would not be outside the scope of Section 137. The Clerk advised that she had contacted the Yorkshire Local Councils Association and that a response had been received which confirmed that the Association saw no issues with providing a grant to the Community group for children's entertainment since this would not directly benefit the church.

Cllr Potts asked the Clerk if there was any money left from the Festive Fund Grant awarded to the Parish Council by Calderdale Council. The Clerk advised that whilst not all invoices had been received it looked as if £100 would be left over which had been set aside for hiring donkeys for the Christmas Lights Switch On. She also advised that Cllr Carter had spoken with officers at Calderdale Council and they had confirmed that there was no problem with any leftover grant being passed onto the group for festive purposes.

16576 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Potts that the Parish Council awards a section 137 grant of £400 to Ripponden Festival for the provision of a Punch & Judy and Barrel Organ. In addition, £100 out of the Festive Fund Grant be transferred to the group towards the hire of Donkeys.

Cllr Johnson, Cllr Potts and Cllr Watson voted in favour; Cllr Naylor and Cllr M Smith voted against.

Cllr Moran, Cllr McCarley and Cllr J Smith abstained from voting.

Cllr Holden left the meeting at 8.30pm

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: 16/01455/HSE

Case Officer: Sara Johnson

Site: 48 Halifax Road Ripponden

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory to garage to facilitate extension and conversion to granny annex ancillary to dwelling

Applicant: Mr T Gibson

Allocation: Primary Housing Area

History:

Main Issues: Site lies in Primary Housing Area policy H2 therefore applies. The proposal will be assessed against policy BE1 General Design Criteria, BE2 Privacy, Daylighting and Amenity and T18 Maximum Parking Allowances, and NE16 Protection of Protected Species

RPC Comments:

16577 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that it complies with T18.

Application No: 16/20220/TPO

Case Officer: Keith Grady

Site: Highfield Farm Barn Bank Hey Bottom Lane Ripponden

Proposal: Prune three trees and fell two trees (Tree Preservation Order)

Applicant: Mr T Wilson

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

Allocation: Greenbelt, Special Landscape area
 History: No recent applications, but site has been the subject of a Forestry Commission Felling License approval, and specific trees have been condemned due to being in a dangerous condition.
 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:

16578 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that it is good arboricultural practise.

Cllr McCarley declared an interest in the next application

Application No: 16/01370/COU

Case Officer: Janine Branscombe
 Site: Unit 1 Slitheroe Works Oldham Road Ripponden
 Proposal: Change of use from B8 (Storage and distribution) to mixed use A1 (Hairdressers) & Sui Generis (Beauty Parlour or Salon)
 Applicant: Miss V Marriott
 Allocation: Primary Employment Area
 History: None
 Main Issues: Loss of employment land. Parking

RPC Comments:

16579 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to there being sufficient parking space.

Application No: 16/01301/OUT

Case Officer: Janine Branscombe
 Site: Land East Of 6 Hill Park Mount Kebroyd Mount Triangle
 Proposal: Detached dwelling (Outline)
 Applicant: A Hook
 Allocation: PHA
 History: None
 Main Issues: Dwelling in PHA acceptable in principle subject to highways and meets policy BE1 and BE2.

RPC Comments:

16580 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Watson that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of access issues and policies BE1 & BE2.

Application No: 16/01441/FUL

Case Officer: Diane Scaramuzza
 Site: Land at Wood Head Scammonden Road Barkisland
 Proposal: Agricultural Building (Resubmission of application 15/01521/FUL)
 Applicant: Mr E Norcliffe
 Allocation: Green Belt, Special Landscape Area
 History: 15/01521/FUL – Agricultural building – Withdrawn
 Main Issues: Impact of building on Green Belt/visual amenity
 Impact of building on neighbouring listed buildings

RPC Comments:

16581 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of the buildings impact on Green Belt/Visual Amenity and impact on neighbouring listed buildings; NPPF9 and that there is no justification.

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

Application No: 16/01307/COU

Case Officer: Claire Dunn

Site: The Barn At Hey Croft Farm Hey Lane Outlane Elland

Proposal: Change of use from farm buildings to 'Doggy daycare/Creche' and including the construction of fencing to field to be used for exercise area

Applicant: Mr M Antich

Allocation: Green Belt, Special Landscape Area, Wildlife Corridor

History: 09/00572/CON Change of use and alterations to barns to form two dwellings

Main Issues: RCUDP policies NE4, BE5, EP8

RPC Comments:

16582 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Moran that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Planning Decisions:

16/00369/FUL Lench House Farm Heather Moor Lane Rishworth	Proposed new agricultural building; new porch and internal alterations to Lench House.	Granted
16/00370/LBC Lench House Farm Heather Moor Lane Rishworth	New porch and internal alterations to Lench House.	Granted
16/01379/HSE 12 Regal Close Rishworth	First floor extension to front, rear and side and conversion of integral garage to living space.	Granted
16/01263/FUL The Turnpike Oldham Road Ripponden	Construction of two storey extension to form self-contained manager's accommodation and additional dining area.	Granted

11.2. Planning Enforcement

None

The meeting closed at 9.08pm