

The 1101st Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 21st April 2016 at 7.15pm.

Councillors Present: - Cllr Johnson chaired the meeting.
Cllr Carter, Cllr Hunt, Cllr McCarley, Cllr Naylor, Cllr Robins, Cllr Russell, Cllr Watson

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Moran, Cllr Potts, Cllr J Smith, Cllr M Smith
Lateness – Cllr Carter

2. To accept the Minutes of the 1100th Meeting held on Thursday 7th April 2016

Page 5891 Agenda item 3, paragraph 4 - amend to 'Cllr Potts asked if the Clerk had received an update on the removal of the signs at Godly Lane. The Clerk reported that the e-mail had only been sent a couple of days ago. Cllr Potts advised that he had taken photographs of the signs which he would forward onto the Clerk. He also raised concerns about the increased rubbish at junction 22 of the motorway. Cllr Carter advised that Calderdale Council was scheduled to tidy up the area in the near future. It was agreed that if the rubbish had not been cleared by the beginning of May a letter should be sent to Calderdale Council.'

16322 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Robins that after the above amendment the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 7th April 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 discuss the renewal of the lease for 107 Halifax Road, Ripponden

Cllr Johnson requested that this Agenda item be held over to the next meeting.

16323 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr McCarley that this item be held over to the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that:

A response had been received from Calderdale Council's Highway Services regarding street parking issues in Ripponden. A copy was provided to all Councillors. The Meeting agreed that the officer be thanked for the information and ask that the Parish Council's letter concerning the state of repair of the A672 be responded to.

A Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decision Notice had been received from Planning Services regarding land adjacent to Heald Wall Nook Cottage advising that the appeal had been dismissed.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a response had been received from the Environment Agency regarding Clock Face Quarry, a copy of which had been provided to all Councillors present. It was agreed that discussion of the information provided should be an Agenda item at the next Meeting to be held on 5th May 2016.

An acknowledgement had also been received from the Environment Agency regarding the re classification of the River Ryburn, the officer advised that a full response would be provided as soon as possible.

The Clerk reported her findings regarding Bank fees for Business Accounts. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Finance Committee to progress in the new Council year.

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 the Parish Council's Solicitor concerning the planning application for 5 Soyland Town Road, which adjoins Ebenezer Graveyard. The Solicitor provided advice regarding access and potential overhanging issues. The Clerk was asked to write to the agents to inform them of the situation.

The Clerk reported that she had done a site visit to the old 'One Stop' shop and advised that there were 4 wooden pallets stacked neatly at the side of the building and a steel storage box at the front of the building, which was sited on private land and as such caused no obstruction to pedestrians. Cllr Robins advised that she would keep an eye on the state of the property and try and obtain contact details for the owners.

Following the last meeting the Clerk reported that she had spoken with Crawshaw's Builders regarding the concrete slab placed in the pavement outside St Bartholomew's Church. The Company confirmed that they had already contacted Yorkshire Water about the issue and the slab was to be replaced with stone on 25th April 2016. Cllr Naylor agreed to check that the work had been done and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Robins asked if there had been any progress regarding the clearing of rubbish at the side of Crown Buildings, Ripponden. The Clerk advised that a notice had been served on the owner by Environmental Services.

Cllr Naylor provided an update on the Yorkshire Water road works on Elland Road and confirmed that they had now been completed.

Cllr Hunt informed the meeting that the bench at St Johns Estate, Rishworth still had not been repaired. Cllr Johnson advised that he would try and sort the matter.

4. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest

None

16324 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr McCarley that Standing Orders be suspend to allow a member of the public to address the Meeting.

5. Public Participation

The Chairman welcomed Mr Williams to the Meeting and asked that he present his issue to Councillors.

Mr Williams expressed concerns regarding the expense of the Parish Council office and enquired if the Parish Council would consider leasing the library to reduce costs. The Chairman advised that as yet the Parish Council had not been formally approached to consider an asset transfer of the library. He went on to explain that the Parish Council had not ruled out the possibility but negotiating a Community Asset Transfer with Calderdale Council would be a lengthy process and would need a cost benefit analysis.

Cllr Hunt advised that he had mentioned the possibility of leasing the library at the budget setting meeting. Cllr Russell agreed that it had been mentioned, but Cllr Hunt had not requested an Agenda item to progress this.

Cllr Johnson thanked Mr Williams for his attendance. Mr Williams then left the meeting.

16325 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Naylor that Standing Orders be re-instated.

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

The Clerk reported that:

A resident had visited the office regarding inconsiderate parking on Stainland Road. The Clerk advised that she had forwarded the matter onto Calderdale Council and PCSO Serban, who had contacted the resident to see what could be done to resolve the situation.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that the Parish Council had received notice of the renewal of membership for Rural Action Yorkshire – the cost remains the same at £35 per annum.

16326 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Robins and seconded by Cllr Hunt that the Parish Council does not renew its subscription for 2016/17.

Cllr Naylor left the meeting at 7.46pm

The Clerk advised that the YLCA had contacted to inform the Parish Council that Officers and Councillors could now access NALCs website. It was agreed that approval for this should be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

An e-mail had been received from Mr Wilson requesting information about the Rishworth Branch Line. The Clerk was asked to advise Mr Wilson that the land was owned by Calderdale Council.

The Clerk in consultation with the Chairman requested changes to the format of the Parish Council Minutes to allow Committee minutes to be included as appendix not into the body of the minutes.

16327 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Robins and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council had no objections to this change in format for the Minutes.

The New Community Police Officer arrived at the Meeting at 7.50pm

16328 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Robins that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Police Constable address the Meeting.

PC J Sutton introduced himself to the Meeting. It was agreed that PC Sutton should be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss policing in the parish with Councillors. PC Sutton was asked to liaise with the Clerk to arrange a suitable date.

Cllr Johnson asked if PC Sutton could provide a photograph of himself that could be displayed in the office window for residents' references. PC Sutton also mentioned his work with Dementia awareness and was interested in the Parish Councils progress with Dementia Friendly Affiliation. The Clerk was asked to notify PC Sutton when a meeting had been set up with interested local organisations and carers.

The Chairman thanked PC Sutton for attending the meeting. The officer then left the meeting.

Cllr Carter arrived at 8.00pm

16329 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Russell that Standing Orders be reinstated.

Cllr Robins reported that together with Cllr Moran, Cllr Watson and Cllr Russell she had attended a Calderdale Council training session on Planning Enforcement. She had found the session very interesting and informative. She also advised that the Planning Officer was to send a copy of the presentation to the Clerk for references and that the officer would be more than happy to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to discuss enforcement issues.

Cllr Watson reported that he too had attended the training session and had concerns about conditions attached to planning permission and how they were enforced.

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

Cllr Russell reported that she had attended the training session and her concerns about the reduced staffing levels, lack of resources and poor representation.

Cllr Johnson reported that together with his Consort he had attended Meltham Town Council Civic Reception which had been a very enjoyable evening. He also provided an update on his and Cllr McCarley's meeting with the Playground Manager regarding Mill Fold Playground.

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

Cllr Carter reported that she had attended a meeting with residents from Sowerby Bridge about the Planning Application for Calder Skip Hire. She advised the Meeting that residents were appreciative of the Parish Council's support.

Cllr Carter reported that she had also met with Planning Officer regarding the planning application for The Cross, Barkisland, which had been very positive.

8. To agree accounts for payment

16330 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Carter that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £2,227.00 be passed for payment.

9. To receive correspondence

Correspondence

Mrs J Crossley	Thank you for attendance at Stainland Drop In session
Mrs C Kielty	Renewal of Lease for 107 Halifax Road
Fountains Forestry Ltd	Restoration & Enhancement of Ancient Woodland
Mr C Parkinson	C.C. letter to Calderdale Council re Mearclough Bridge

Information

Calderdale Council	Meetings for the period 20 th April to 18 th May 2015
Calderdale Council	Upper Valley Neighbourhood News - April
Community Foundation	Launch Event – Watermark & Flood Save
North Bank Forum	Sector Support Update 11 th , 14 th , & 20 th April
Ripponden J & I School	The Great Gatsby School Ball
YLCA	White Rose Update - April

Invitations

Saddleworth Parish Council	Civic Service 22 nd May 2016
Shaw & Crompton Parish Council	Civic Reception 29 th April 2016
Whitworth Town Council	Mayor-Making/Annual General Meeting 26 th May 2016

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Matters arising from correspondence

The Meeting agreed that Ms Kielty's e-mail should be revisited at the next meeting when the renewal of the lease would be discussed.

9. To receive correspondence (continued)

The Clerk was asked to contact Fountains Forestry and request an extension in order for the Parish Council to discuss the report.

The Clerk was asked to acknowledge receipt of Mr Parkinson's letter and ask that he keep the Parish Council informed of progress.

The Meeting agreed that Cllr Johnson should attend Saddleworth Parish Council Civic Service on behalf of the Parish Council.

10. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues**10.1. Planning Applications & Decisions****New plans for this meeting**

Cllr Carter declared an interest in the next application

Application No: 16/00454/HSE

Officer: Steven Emery

Applicant: Mr M Holland

Site: 73 Stonelea Barkisland

Proposal: Two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear of existing property

History: None

Main Issues: The application would be assessed against RCUDP policies H2, BE1, BE2 and T18

RPC Comments:

16331 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Application No: 16/00126/HSE

Officer: Sara Johnson

Applicant: Mr A Watts

Site: 72 Brig Royd Ripponden

Proposal: Two Storey Extension

History:

Main Issues: Principle acceptable would be assessed against RCUDP policy BE1, BE2 and NE16.

RPC Comments:

16332 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Watson that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Application No: 16/00127/FUL

Officer: Sara Johnson

Applicant: Mr Holden

Site: 72 Brig Royd Ripponden

Proposal: Demolition of existing store and construction of dwelling

History:

Main Issues: Principle acceptable would be assessed against RCUDP policy BE1, BE2, T18 and NE16.

RPC Comments:

16333 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Watson that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

10.1. Planning Applications & Decisions (continued)

Cllr Russell declared a prejudicial interest in the next application and left the meeting at 8.55pm

Application No: 16/00320/HSE

Officer: Steven Emery
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs McDonnell
 Site: 6 Ringstone Barkisland
 Proposal: Single storey extension
 History: 13/00278 - First floor extension over existing garage to side and single storey extension to rear (permitted)
 Main Issues: The application would be assessed against NPPF (Green Belt) and RCUDP policies GBE1, NE12, BE1 and BE2

RPC Comments:

16334 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Robins and seconded by Cllr Hunt that the Parish Council has no objections to this application

Planning Decisions:

16/00313/HSE 5 Soyland Town Road Ripponden	Single storey extension to West elevation	Granted
16/00152/HSE New Moor 40 Hob Lane Ripponden	Single storey side extension	Refused
16/00108/FUL Maidenstones Barn Blue Ball Road Ripponden	Revised layout of previous approval 15/00465 to convert an existing agricultural building into a single dwelling with the addition of a garden room.	Refused

10.2. Planning Enforcement

None

The meeting closed at 9.00pm