

The 1099th Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 24th March 2016 at 7.25pm.

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

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Hunt, Cllr Moran, Cllr Robins, Cllr Russell, Cllr J Smith, Cllr M Smith

2. To accept the Minutes of the 1098th Meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2016

16294 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 10th March 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 providing Councillors with access details to the YLCA members' website

16295 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Potts that the Parish Council approves the Clerk providing Councillors with the access details to the YLCA members' website.

3.2. To discuss the potential effects on Ebenezer Graveyard of the Planning Application for 5 Soyland Town Road

It was agreed that this should be discussed under Agenda item 12

The Clerk reported that:

An e-mail response had been received from Calderdale Council regarding the Parish Council's support of Cllr Thornber's concerns about the faulty 'School Warning' light outside Ripponden School. The officer advised that the contractors were to liaise with the manufacturer to source replacement parts.

An e-mail response had also been received from Calderdale Council concerning the hazard tape on the power supply box at Rishworth New Road. The officer advised that he was to chase the matter up with Yorkshire Water. It is believed that the box holds monitoring equipment for the sewer.

The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator had copied the Parish Council into a further e-mail to Environmental Services concerning the rubbish at Crown Buildings, Ripponden. A response had also been received from Environmental Services advising that the landlord had been contacted again and confirmed that the area was to be cleared and a more permanent solution sought.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's Dementia Friendly Plan had been logged by Cllr Potts with the Alzheimer's Society in support of its application.

An acknowledgment e-mail had been received from the Environment Agency regarding the Parish Council's letter concerning Clock Face Quarry.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that an e-mail had been received from the Ryburn Valley Greenway Project group apologising for having to cancel their attendance at tonight's meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the group have rescheduled their attendance to the next Full Council meeting to be held on 7th April 2016.

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

Cllr Carter reported that in 2012 new legislation was introduced which reclassified certain rivers to water courses. She thought that the River Ryburn may have been reclassified in certain parts within the Parish. The Clerk was asked to contact the Environment Agency for clarification.

Cllr Watson advised that he had received a complaint from a resident regarding parking by JLA employees on Halifax Road which resulted in HGV's having to swerve onto the opposite side of the island to get through. The Clerk was asked to contact PCSO Serban to request the issue be monitored.

Cllr Potts asked if the Clerk could re-report the removal of redundant signage at Godly Lane to Calderdale Council

4. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest

None

5. Public Participation

None

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

The Clerk reported that:

The Annual Return 2015/16 and supporting documents had been received from the External Auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP for completion after 31st March 2016.

The Parish Council had received an invoice from Calderdale Council in respect of Riverside Meadows for £95. The Meeting agreed that the future leasing of Riverside Meadows should be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a letter had been received from Lloyds Bank advising the Parish Council that its range of Business accounts were to be simplified from 10th May 2016. As a result the Parish Councils current account was to be transferred to the new Business Current Account which incorporated a £5 monthly fee, but free electronic payments and cash & cheque transactions. The Clerk advised that she would check with a sample of other banks to see if this was a common feature for business accounts and also contact YLCA to see if there was a recommended list of banks for Parish Council's.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Hunt had e-mailed to advise the Parish Council that he had received two resident complaints. Firstly regarding the state of Lower Head, Krumlin and secondly a recent visit by surveyors to St Johns Close, Rishworth. The Meeting agreed that both issues should be forwarded onto the three Ryburn Ward Councillors to be looked into.

The Clerk advised that Cllr M Smith had e-mailed a copy of his reply to a resident concerning traffic calming for Barkisland following the recent accident at the junction near Barkisland School. The Clerk was asked to refer the matter to Calderdale Council.

An e-mail had been received from Mrs Crossley regarding drop in sessions for the proposed Stainland Parish Council. She asked if any Ripponden Councillors would be available to attend to help with resident queries. Cllr Watson agreed to attend the afternoon session and Cllr Potts/Cllr Naylor the evening session.

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

The Clerk advised that an enquiry had been made to Calderdale Council following a suggestion from Cllr Naylor that the union flag be flown at half-mast for the victims of the Brussels bombing. The Clerk reported that Calderdale Council had no plans to fly a flag on any of its land and buildings.

The Clerk asked for a date to be arranged for the next Employment Committee meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should to e-mail members to arrange a convenient date.

Cllr Naylor asked if responses had been received from Sonoco and regarding the wall at Heath Lea. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council letters had only just been sent due to the priority given to the organisation of the Civic Dinner.

Cllr McCarley reported that he had received an enquiry from a visitor as to why there was no gateway sign into Ripponden from Rishworth. Cllr Naylor and Cllr Carter advised that the reason was that there was no change in speed limit from Rishworth to Ripponden on the Oldham Road. The Meeting did agree that the Clerk should once again write to Calderdale Council to enquire as to whether a 'welcome to Ripponden' sign would be feasible.

Cllr Potts reported on a recent traffic incident at Hays Lane. Modern sat nav's direct traffic to Hays Lane as an alternative route to the A58 even though the lane is not suitable for vehicles. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Calderdale Council to see if would be possible to have clear signage warning traffic of the lanes unsuitability.

Cllr Potts informed the Meeting of a Sheep watch toolkit that was to be made available to Communities and Parish Councils towards the end of March. The Clerk was asked to make an application once available.

Cllr Potts provided an update on the setting up of a new group 'Friends of Rishworth Mill Dam' and its progress in applying for funding.

Cllr Johnson provided an update from his recent meeting with Inspector Bairstow. He also reported on the very favourable feedback received on the Civic Dinner and his attendance at the recent Ward Forum.

Cllr Johnson advised the Meeting about the complaints he had received regarding mud deposited on the road at Soyland, he confirmed that he had referred the matter to Cllr Carter as Ward Councillor to progress.

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

Cllr Carter updated the Parish Council on the situation regarding the mud deposited on the road at Soyland and confirmed that she had spoken to PCSO Serban and officers at Calderdale Council to get the matter addressed.

8. To agree accounts for payment

16296 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £1,583.13 be passed for payment.

9. To receive correspondence**Correspondence**

Mr H Eastwood
Todmorden Town Council

c.c letter to Calderdale Council re Dyson Lane
Thank you letter re Civic Dinner

9. To receive correspondence (continued)

Yorkshire Water
Unable to read

Inspections at Baitings Reservoir
Planning application for Calder Valley Skip Hire

Information

Calderdale Council
North Bank Forum
NALC
WY Police
WY Police & Crime Commissioner

March edition of the Upper Valley Neighbourhood News
Sector Support Update 11th & 16th March 2016
S137 Expenditure Limit for 2016/2017
Ryburn Crime figures 1/1/16 to 24/3/16
April Newsletter

Matters arising from correspondence

The Clerk was asked to acknowledge receipt of Mr Eastwood's e-mail and ask that he keeps the Parish Council informed of any progress.

The Meeting agreed that the notice from Yorkshire Water should be displayed in the Council office window.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Officer regarding the planning application to enquire as to whether the Parish Council should be consulted due to the possible impact environmentally and traffic wise to the Parish.

10. To approve the amendments to the Parish Councils Standing Orders

The Meeting accepted the amendments to the Parish Council Standing Orders.

11. To discuss and agree expenditure for the required maintenance work at Ebenezer Graveyard

16297 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Parish Council approves expenditure of £1,500 for the required maintenance work at Ebenezer Graveyards to be funded from Revenue Reserves.

12. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues**12.1. Planning Applications & Decisions****New plans for this meeting**

Cllr Naylor did not take any part in the decision making for the next application

Application No: 16/00306/HSE

Officer: Janine Branscombe
Applicant: Mr C Lassey
Site: The Barn Moor Farm Cote Road Ripponden
Proposal: Detached Garage
History: 15/01243, 12/00985, 84/01102, 92/02325
Main Issues: site not yet visited. Impact on the green belt. Materials, design

RPC Comments:

16298 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that no up to date site plan has been provided, over intensive use of the site, Green Belt, policies BE1, NPPF 9 and NE5, access issues and it is not a working farm. If however the Planning officer is of the mind to approve the application, the

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Parish Council requests that a condition be placed on the permission to prevent further development of the garage.

Application No: 16/00301/HSE

Officer: Steven Emery
 Applicant: Mr R Duffy
 Site: Ingleboro Krumlin Road Scammonden Road Barkisland
 Proposal: Two storey side extension
 History: 14/42007/42DAYS - Prior approval application for proposed single storey extension/conservatory to rear, extending out by 3.5 metres, maximum height 3.35 metres, 2.5 metres to eaves (Prior Approval Not Required)
 Main Issues: The application would be assessed against NPPF section 9 (Green Belt) and section 7 (Requiring good Design) and RCUDP policies BE1, BE2.

RPC Comments:

16299 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Carter that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is a large extension in Green Belt, design issues and policies NPPF9, sec 7, BE1, BE2, NE4, OS1.

Application No: 16/00313/HSE

Officer: Steven Emery
 Applicant: Mr R & Mrs M French
 Site: 5 Soyland Town Road Ripponden
 Proposal: Single storey extension to West elevation
 History: 82/01575 – Two detached dwellings (approved)
 13/30076 – Gazebo (Enquiry – PP not required)
 13/30124 – Conservatory (Enquiry – PP not required)
 Main Issues: The application would be assessed against NPPF section 9 (Green Belt) and section 7 (Requiring good Design) and RCUDP policies BE1, BE2.

RPC Comments:

16300 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Naylor that because the Parish Council is the legal owner of the remaining graveyard adjoining this property it cannot comment on the application.

Under Agenda item 3

16301 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Watson that the Parish Council should seek legal advice due to the possible infringement on the boundaries and overhanging issues.

The Meeting agreed that Cllr Naylor should liaise with the Clerk regarding a letter to Mr French's solicitors and seeking legal advice.

Application No: 16/00105/FUL

Officer: Janine Branscombe
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Mann
 Site: Land East Of 91 Bar Lane Ripponden
 Proposal: Detached dwelling
 History: None
 Main Issues: Impact on existing trees, principle of development, design and materials, access

RPC Comments:

16302 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

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

Application No: 15/01665/FUL

Officer: Janine Branscombe
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs A Prosser
 Site: Lightlie Royd Lightcliffe Royd Lane Barkisland
 Proposal: Conversion of barn to form two dwellings and one garage.
 History: 92/01131/LBC, 92/02064/CON, 93/01435/FUL, 93/01440/LBC
 Main Issues: Green belt issues, design, highway issues

RPC Comments:

16303 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 Green Belt development, contrary to Green Belt policy, the development will be a new build, over intensive use of the site, policies NE4, BE1, BE3, BE8, BE5 and issues with Listed Building Consent.

Planning Decisions:

16/00125/HSE 10 Birch Avenue Rishworth	Removal of existing garage to facilitate construction of single storey side extension	Granted
14/01428/DISC2 Land East Of White Hart Fold Rochdale Road Ripponden	Submission of information to Discharge Conditions on application 14/01428 - condition 4	Partially Complied With
15/01564/FUL Mill Fold Barn Mill Fold Ripponden	Demolition of dangerous building and construction of 2 No industrial units with offices over	Withdrawn
16/00179/HSE Heights Green Barn Quakers Lane Sowerby Bridge	Reconstruction of existing garage	Granted

12.2. Planning Enforcement

None

The meeting closed at 9.30pm