

The 1063rd Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 25th September 2014 at 7.15pm.

Councillors Present: - Cllr McCarley chaired the Meeting
Cllr B Carter, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Naylor, Cllr Riley, Cllr Russell, Cllr J Smith, Cllr M Smith,
Cllr Watson

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence –Cllr G Carter, Cllr Ogden, Cllr Potts

2. To accept the Minutes of the 1062nd Meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2014

15773 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr B Carter that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2014.

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 a donation of chocolate for the Triathlon event to be held at Rishworth on 28th September 2014

15774 Resolved in a motion by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Parish Council approves the donation of 100 chocolate bars for the Triathlon event at Rishworth to be held on 28th September 2014.

3.2. To discuss action on outstanding invoices

The Clerk reported that an e-mail response had been received from Calderdale Council's Highway Services concerning the reinstatement of the pedestrian refuge at the top of Elland Road, Ripponden. The officer confirmed that the matter had been past to the contractors Amey for action. Cllr G Carter had also forwarded an e-mail from Calderdale Council confirming that the refuge was to be reinstated within the next two weeks.

An acknowledgement e-mail had been received from Highway Services regarding the road sign on Halifax Road which had been obscured from view by overhanging vegetation. The officer advised that the request for a clean and cutting back of the trees has been logged for action.

An e-mail response had been received from the Rights of Way Team concerning the Barkisland Hall double gates. The officer advised that he would revisit the site and look at what can be done to reassure the public of the right to access through the gates without involving enforcement action.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a reply had been received from Calderdale Council regarding the blossom trees at the War Memorial. The officer reported that no major branches actually overhung the memorial, but due to number and size they would always obscure the memorial. The Meeting agreed that the Clerk should write back and request that the trees crown be lifted and pruned since two were now overhanging onto the Oldham Road.

The Clerk advised the Meeting that an update had been received from Calderdale Council's Neighbourhood Co-ordinator concerning the on-going issue of bin storage at the side of Crown Buildings. The officer reported that the owner had agreed to install a fence/gate and to look into alternative bin storage.

A reply had been received from the planning officer regarding planning application 14/00914 – the Plant Mill. She clarified that it is a part application and that the only parking was as detailed on the site plans. The Meeting agreed to consider this under Agenda item 11.

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

An e-mail received from Ryburn United AFC concerning the recent Parish Council grant. The club had now purchased the line marker and wondered if the Parish Council would like the opportunity of a photograph presenting the line marker to the club. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the club and arrange a suitable date for the Chairman to visit.

The Clerk advised the Meeting that an e-mail had been received from Calderdale Council enquiring as to whether the Parish Council still wanted a site meeting at Riverside meadow. She also reported that she had received information from the Neighbourhood Coordinator regarding applying for a Community Asset Transfer. It was agreed that this should be an Agenda item at the next meeting to progress the matter. Cllr Naylor also agreed to visit the meadow to assess its condition and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr J Smith asked the Clerk when the Rural Action Yorkshire (RAY) Trustee Nomination form needed to be returned. The Clerk advised that the AGM was 11th October and that the form had to be with RAY by then.

Cllr Naylor asked the Clerk if a response had been received from the Co-operative Society regarding access to the disabled parking bays. The Clerk said that she would chase the matter

4. To receive Parish Councillors declarations of Interest

None

5. Public Participation

None present

The Chairman asked that Agenda item 7 be moved forward to the next item to enable Cllr Holden to address the Meeting.

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

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Cllr Holden to the Meeting.

Cllr Holden provided an update on various on-going issues within the Ripponden area: Dyson Lane – Police action had been increased with a number of fixed penalties issued and Cllr Holden was still speaking to Highways Services to obtain additional reasonably sized signs at both the top and bottom of the lane explaining access rights.

Speeding – Cllr Holden explained the work being currently undertaken by Highways and requested a copy of the analysed speed data from the survey undertaken by the Parish Council.

Rural Bus Services – Cllr Holder informed the Meeting that there had been no update as yet from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, but when he does receive information he will pass this onto the Parish Council.

Estate Agents signs – Cllr Holden advised the Meeting of his concerns with the increase of signs being fixed to street furniture around Ripponden and the number of complaints he had received about this matter. He reported that he had spoken to a number of Estate Agents and requested the removal of unnecessary signs. If there is no improvement within the next two weeks then the matter will be referred to Highways Services for action to be taken.

Moselden Lane/ Withens End Lane – there are a number of agencies now trying to resolve the situation, but as yet there are no major updates. The Parish Council was advised that the matter was going into enforcement procedures.

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

The Chairman thanked Cllr Holden for his attendance and very informative report. Cllr Holden then left the meeting.

6. To receive reports from the Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives and to deal with matters arising

6.1. To approve an additional key holder for the Council office

15775 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Parish Council approves an additional key holder for the Council office.

6.2. To review the sale and stock levels of merchandise

The Meeting noted the Clerks report sent to Councillors with the Agenda.

The Clerk reported that a notice had been received from Glow Worm that the office boiler guarantee expired on 28th September. The Meeting agreed that an extended guarantee would not be taken up and that any future safety check or repair would be undertaken by a local supplier. The Clerk was asked to contact the landlord to remind him about the annual gas and electricity safety certificates needed to be renewed.

The Clerk asked the Meeting if the itinerary for Remembrance Sunday was to remain the same as previous years in order that she can start preparations for the Services on 9th November 2014. The Meeting agreed that it should remain the same.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that the Guide leader had e-mailed requesting that the Guides take an active part in the Remembrance Sunday Service and the possibility of laying individual crosses at each memorial for every soldier named on the memorial that lost their lives in WW1.

15776 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr J Smith that the Parish Council had no objection to sponsoring a couple of wreaths for the Guides to lay at Rishworth and Ripponden by two Guides of their choice, but for health and safety reasons could not approve the laying of individual crosses at both memorials.

The Clerk reported that Ripponden had been awarded Silver Gilt at the Yorkshire in Bloom awards 2014. In addition a special Certificate of Achievement had been presented to Ripponden for its Tour de France displays. Cllr B Carter raised an issue with the judge's remarks regarding evidence of fundraising. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Environment Committee for discussion.

The Clerk requested meeting dates for Environment Committee and Neighbourhood Planning Committee. It was agreed that the Environment Committee meeting should be on 13th November at 7.30pm and the Clerk was asked to e-mail members of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee to arrange a suitable date.

Cllr Johnson reported that he had attended the recent Ward Forum meeting and that an area of concern was that the number of burglaries may be on the increase and because of the limited police resources allocated for the Ryburn valley this could not be policed. Cllr Johnson also advised the Meeting about a Trailer that had been parked on Rochdale Road without lights. He had reported the matter to the police who had spoken to the resident who confirmed that the Trailer would be removed as soon as possible.

Cllr Johnson reported that he had attended the Michaelmas Show to present awards to the winners together with the Mayor of Calderdale. He thanked the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for all their hard work in preparing for the event.

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

Cllr J Smith gave her apologies for the Communications Committee meeting to be held on 1st October 2014.

Cllr Russell gave her apologies for the Communications Committee meeting to be held on 1st October 2014. She also reported that she had been to Wakefield and found details of the Grade 1 listed buildings at the site of the proposed Gosling Lane Wind Turbine. Cllr Russell thanked Cllr Watson for his assistance in the matter.

Cllr Russell informed the Meeting about a party held in Barkisland on 30th August which had led to a certain amount of graffiti and damage to a wall on Scammonden Road. The matter had been reported to the Police and the graffiti cleaned.

Cllr B Carter reported that he had attended the Yorkshire in Bloom awards ceremony together with Cllr G Carter. The event had been very well attended and it had been nice that the efforts of the Parish Council and Community groups had been recognised. He felt however that the judge's criteria was totally wrong and needed to be reviewed.

Cllr B Carter had also attended the recent Ward Forum which disappointingly had not been well attended.

Cllr Naylor reported that as Chairman of the Environment Committee he had played an active part in setting up for the Michaelmas Show. There had been a few issues with the judging and number of entries had been down, but the day had been very enjoyable. Cllr Naylor thanked all who had helped with the show.

Cllr Riley reported that she too had attended the Michaelmas Show which had been a good event and everyone appeared to have had enjoyed the day.

Cllr Watson informed the Meeting that he had helped Cllr Naylor with the setting up for the Michaelmas Show. He had also attended the Simon Blyth open evening and spoken to representatives about the increase in signs being fixed to street furniture. He reported that Simon Blyth's had in fact now taken their signs down from Elland Road.

Cllr Watson also reported that he had attended the Triangle Mill Girls exhibition open day and the Planning Committee on behalf of the Parish Council. Both the Barkisland Cross stables and the Branch Road planning applications had been refused. He had attended the recent Ward Forum and had spoken to the Neighbourhood Policing Team about Dyson Lane. Cllr Watson advised the Meeting that with another Councillor he would be willing to spend time assisting the police by taking registration numbers of vehicles being driven on the Lane. The Meeting agreed that discussion on future action for Dyson Lane should be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

Cllr McCarley reviewed the minutes of the Civic Dinner Committee meeting held on 17th September 2014, the main points being agreeing a timetable for actions and approval of expenditure for a band. Cllr McCarley and Cllr Johnson had been tasked with finding and booking a suitable band for the dinner.

Cllr McCarley reported that he had attended Meltham Town Council Civic Service which had been very enjoyable. He thanked Cllr Johnson for his sponsored bike ride on behalf of the Chairman's Charity DEBRA which had raised £210 so far. He had also attended the Ward Forum meeting.

8. To agree accounts for payment

15777 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Russell that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £1,071.43 be passed for payment.

9. To receive correspondence**Correspondence**

Calderdale Council	20mph speed limits drop in session 7/10/14
Mrs Naylor	Request for review of entry criteria for Michaelmas Show
Mrs Stewart	Thank you note for donation of Christmas Lights
Mr Chilcott & Mr Whitehead	Thank you note for Tour de France displays
Yorkshire Internal Audit	Completion of Interim Audit

Information

Calderdale Council	Meeting dates 29/09/14 to 03/12/14
Calderdale Council	Annual Conference of Town & Parish Councillors
NABMA	NABMA News 15 th September
Cllr Potts	Articles on parking on pavements
Rural Action Yorkshire	Safer, Healthier Communities event 11/10/14
YLCA	White Rose Update September 2014

Invitations

St Bartholomew's Church	Christmas Craft Fair 22/11/2014 & Winter Market 6/12/14
Shaw & Crompton Parish Council	Tribute to Elvis Night 25/10/14
Whitworth Town Council	One Night of Abba 18/10/14

Agendas

02/10/2014	Cabinet meeting
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Matters arising from Correspondence

The Clerk was asked to refer Mrs Naylor's letter to the Environment Committee to be discussed as part of the review for the Michaelmas Show.

It was agreed that the two thank you notes should be put on display in the Parish Council Office.

10. To approve the Parish Council's Media Policy for 2014/2015

15778 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr J Smith that the Media Policy be referred back to the Standards Committee to incorporate the use of Social Media and amendment of item 5.4 in line with the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014.

The Clerk was asked to e-mail members of the Committee to arrange a meeting date.

11. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues**Application held over from the previous meeting****Application No 14/00914/CON**

Officer:	Claire Marshall
Applicant:	Mrs S Robins
Site:	The Plant Mill Oldham Road Ripponden
Proposal:	Change of use from industrial use to a mixed use comprising of retail (A1) ground floor, cafe (A3) ground floor and two apartments (C3) first floor, together with associated external alterations.

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

History: 13/00425/COU Change of use from commercial B1/B2 to mixed use; retail (A1); coffee shop (A3) and two apartments (C3) Change window to doorway with porch – refused on the grounds of lack of parking and lack of accurate plans

Main Issues: Retail sequential assessment – Section 2 of the NPPF
 Parking and access – RCUDP policies T18 and BE5
 Design of porch extension – RCUDP policy BE1
 Flats above shops and other business premises – RCUDP policy H12

RPC Comments:

15772 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr M Smith that this application be held over to the next meeting to obtain clarification from the Planning officer on a couple of issues.

15779 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that there is no dedicated parking site for two residential properties and there is insufficient parking for the retail development. It is illegal to park on the roadside from Dyson Lane to the entrance of Shaw Lane on Oldham Road. The parking detailed on the plans was previously allocated to the Cinnamon Lounge and there will be an overlap of customers at weekend with both establishments being open. Ripponden will also be losing a site for Industrial use.

New plans for this meeting

Application No 14/00971/FUL

Officer: Steven Emery
 Applicant: PCC of St Bartholomew's Church
 Site: St Bartholomews Church Old Bank Ripponden
 Proposal: External fire exit staircase to rear
 History: None
 Main Issues: The application would be assessed against:
 NPPF - section 12 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
 Paragraphs 132
 Requiring good design Paragraph 61
 RCUDP - BE14 - Alteration and extension of Listed Buildings

RPC Comments:

15780 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Application No 14/01090/HSE

Officer: Deborah Croot
 Applicant: Mr M Bury
 Site: Hill Crest Ripponden Old Lane Ripponden
 Proposal: Detached garage
 History: Green Belt, Village envelope.
 Main Issues: The application will be assessed against NPPF section 9 (Green belt) and section 7 (Design); also UDP policies NE12, BE1 & BE2. Previous history of approved extension 14/00186.

RPC Comments:

15781 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Riley that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Application No 14/00990/HSE

Officer: Sara Johnson
 Applicant: Mr M Fairclough

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

Site: Rosslyn Halifax Road Ripponden
 Proposal: Single storey extension to rear and detached double garage with living space below
 History: None
 Main Issues: H2 (Primary Housing Areas), BE1 (General Design Criteria), BE2 (privacy, daylighting and amenity), Land Stability.

RPC Comments:

15782 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr M Smith that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is over intensive use of the site and there are overlooking issues from the living quarters.

Planning Decisions:

<p>14/00842/FUL Little Merry Bent Farm Cross Wells Road Ripponden</p>	<p>Agricultural storage building</p>	<p>Refused</p>
<p>14/00632/CON Barkisland Cross Stables Jackson Lane Barkisland</p>	<p>Conversion of stable block to form dwelling</p>	<p>Refused</p>
<p>14/00567/FUL Annex 4 Wood Side Branch Road Barkisland</p>	<p>Demolition of domestic annex to facilitate construction of end terrace dwelling</p>	<p>Refused</p>
<p>13/00286/FUL Edgerton Farm Hey Lane Outlane Elland</p>	<p>Installation of a Bergey Excel S 10kw Wind turbine on a 20m mast</p>	<p>Appeal Allowed</p>
<p>14/00737/LBC Apartment 70 Rishworth Palace Rishworth Mill Lane Rishworth</p>	<p>Replacement windows to South and West elevation (Listed Building Consent)</p>	<p>Granted</p>

The meeting closed at 9.20pm