

The 1120th Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 26th January 2017 at 7.15pm.

Councillors Present: - Cllr J Smith chaired the meeting.

Cllr Hunt, Cllr Johnson, Cllr McCarley, Cllr Moran, Cllr Naylor, Cllr Potts, Cllr Robins, Cllr Russell, Cllr M Smith

1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Carter, Cllr Watson

2. To accept the Minutes of the 1118th & 1119th Meetings held on Thursday 12th & 19th January 2017

Page 6035 Agenda item 6, paragraph 9 – amend to read ‘...stolen cars incidents May 2015 ...’

16620 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Moran and seconded by Cllr Russell that after the above amendment the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2017.

Page 6040 Agenda item 4, paragraph 3 – amend to read ‘It was agreed that various budget items should be reviewed by the relevant Committees in the year 2017/18.’

16621 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Robins and seconded by Cllr Potts that after the above amendment the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2017.

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 additional spending for the Refurbishment of Mill Fold Play Area

Cllr Moran asked if the quote put forward for approval was the best quote, not necessarily the cheapest. The Clerk advised that all quotes provided had been from Calderdale Council’s list of recommended suppliers.

16622 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council approves the additional spending of £1092 to be met from Capital Reserves.

The Clerk reported that:

A letter had been received from Calderdale Council’s Planning Services concerning Lightlie Royd, Lightcliffe Royd Lane, Barkisland. The officer advised that the planning application was to go to Planning Appeal and the latest day for representation was 27th February 2017.

An e-mail response had been received from Planning Enforcement regarding a resident complaint in respect of 62 Stonelea. The officer advised that the Enforcement Team would be visiting the property to investigate whether there had been a breach of planning control. Cllr Johnson would provide the Clerk with the resident’s telephone number so that the information could be reported back to him.

The Clerk advised that an e-mail response had been received from the lead officer for Superfast Broadband at Calderdale Council. The officer confirmed that he would speak with the resident direct concerning issues at Rishworth and copy the Parish Council into any correspondence.

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 Calderdale Council's Legal Services concerning the alleged encroachment on common land at Hey Head Rishworth. The officer advised that the Council had asked the individuals responsible to put the land back to its former position. The Clerk was asked to contact Safer, Cleaner, Greener concerning the position as to enforcement action.

The Clerk advised that an update had been received from Calderdale Council regarding the proposed installation of CCTV camera in Ripponden. There had been significant delays in providing a report due to the restructuring of Highway Services.

The Clerk reported that DCI Chesters had confirmed that he will attend Parish Council meeting on 9th February 2017.

Cllr Johnson reported that the drainage problem at Dick Lane had been forwarded onto Yorkshire Water. He also advised that he had spoken with a resident concerning the Planning issues at 62 Stonelea.

Cllr Naylor reported that the deterioration of Branch Road, Barkisland had been raised at the Greetland Ward Forum. He also asked if the overhanging vegetation at Rishworth New Road, Rishworth could be chased up with Calderdale Council. Cllr Naylor asked for clarification from the Chairman as to the reason why archive documentation from the Ryburn History Society could not be stored at the Parish Council office, as recorded in previous minutes.

Cllr Potts reported that the proposal for a Stainland Parish Council was to be discussed at Calderdale Council's Full Council meeting. He also advised the Meeting that the fly tipping issues on the A672 was getting worse. He will be reporting this at the next Environment Committee meeting to be held on 31st January 2017. Cllr J Smith reported that Ripponden in Bloom is looking to do a litter pick in that area and would like the assistance of Safer, Cleaner, Greener.

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 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation and Budget as at 31st December 2016

16623 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council accepts the quarterly bank reconciliation and budget as at 31st December 2016.

Cllr Naylor asked that a review of the Parish Council's debtor payments be an Agenda item at the next meeting on 9th February 2017.

6.2. To approve a Press release concerning Sowerby Bridge Police Station

16624 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Naylor that with one amendment the Parish Council approves the Press Release concerning Sowerby Bridge Police Station for release to the media.

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

16625 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Moran that Standing Orders be suspended to allow PC Sutton to address the meeting.

PC Sutton provided a brief update on the action taken so far concerning the recent anti-social behaviour and vehicle theft incidents. He also provided the last 12 months crime figures for the Meetings references. Concerns were raised by Councillors as to the accuracy of the crime figures compared to the local knowledge of crime being discussed on social media.

PC Sutton agreed to try and get the crime figures mapped onto a large map of the Parish area for clarity.

The Chairman thanked PC Sutton for his attendance and he then left the meeting.

16626 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Moran that Standing Orders be re-instated.

6.3. To agree a list of questions for DCI Chester's visit

The Meeting agreed on the following list of questions to be provided to DCI Chesters prior to his attendance at the next Full Council meeting.

- What progress (if any) has been made for retaining the police station open in Sowerby Bridge
- What are DCI Chesters plans to meet the WY Police & Crime Commissioners Neighbourhood Policing Scheme
- How is police officer deployment to be managed in the Parish area
- It is general knowledge that the Parish is now sharing its PC with Todmorden, who is based at Todmorden. Where does that leave the Ripponden Parish Council Tax payers?

It was agreed that in preparation for the meeting Cllr Johnson and Cllr Russell would liaise to get the crime figures re-charted.

Cllr Robins agreed to keep notes of any crime reported on Social Media and Cllr Johnson agreed to write a short article for the Parish Council's Facebook page.

The Clerk reported that

Ryburn United had e-mailed to request the use of the Parish Council office for a funding meeting on 31st January. This request was circulated to all councillors for comment and since no objections had been received the Clerk had confirmed that it would be okay. Cllr J Smith agreed to lock up the office when the meeting finished.

An e-mail had been received from a resident concerning a proposed motorbike scrambler track at Scammonden. The resident outlined her concerns regarding the noise and nature of visitors to the site if it went ahead. She also provided the Kirklees Council website link for the public consultation. The closing date for comment was 3rd February 2017.

The Clerk advised that further to the recent crime issues, at Cllr Johnsons request she had e-mailed Inspector Bairstow asking for an update on what action has been taken by police officer. An e-mail response had been received informing the council that the police had not been aware of a spike in incidents. Inspector Bairstow wondered if reports were being made to police or whether awareness of such, resulted from residents reports on social media. She advised that the police presence in the area had been affected by lack of numbers and two serious incidents in Halifax that had needed attention.

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

The Clerk informed the Meeting that an e-mail had been received from a resident asking for advice regarding volunteering to provide ad-hoc transport to those in the community who had restricted mobility. The Clerk advised that she had referred the gentleman to Community Transport Calderdale.

Cllr McCarley reported that many of the street signs within the parish were in need of a clean and asked if this could be raised at the Environment Committee meeting to be held on 31st January 2017.

Cllr Potts reported that he had attended a recent St Bartholomew's PCC meeting and provided information to the church concerning the Parish Council's Dementia Friendly work plan. The Chairman thanked Cllr Potts for his attendance.

Cllr Russell reviewed the judging for the Good Citizens award. The winner had now been agreed and the panel members were to draft personalized letters to all nominees. It was agreed that publicity for the award scheme should be referred to the Communications Committee to progress with perhaps a window display of all 2016 nominees. The Chairman thanked the panel for its work.

Cllr Hunt asked about the number of cars now parked daily near junction 22. It was clarified that the parking was as a result of people car sharing.

Cllr Moran advised that the lights at Royd Lane car park were still out. The Clerk was asked to refer the matter to the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to see if she could make enquiries as to the delay. Cllr Moran also asked if the Clerk could ask Calderdale Council as to when the new tree would be put into the Memorial Garden to replace the cherry tree recently cut down.

Cllr Robins enquired as to whether the Parish Council had ever got involved with victimised residents. The Meeting agreed that such incidents should be reported by the victims to Ward Councillors who had in the past provided assistance.

Cllr Robins reported that the cats eyes were still missing on the A672 and asked if the Clerk could chase the matter up with Calderdale Council.

Cllr M Smith reported that he had picked up a motorbike number plate left by one of the scrambler bikers, which he would be passing onto the police.

Cllr M Smith asked that the Minutes from the Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting held on 4th January 2017 be included in the minutes of this meeting.

16627 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting held on 4th January 2017 be included in the Minutes of this meeting. (See appendix 1).

Cllr M Smith reviewed the Neighbourhood Planning Committee meeting held on the 24th January 2017, the main points being the working agreement signed with Calderdale Council, Training, the development of an initial action plan including consultation, publicity and funding.

16628 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Potts that the public and press be excluded from the following item.

Cllr Johnson reviewed the Employment Committee meeting held on 23rd January 2017

16629 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Potts that the public and press be re-admitted.

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

Cllr Johnson reported on the dangerous state of wall at Smithy Clough Lane, he confirmed that he had provided the Clerk with a map and photographs to pass onto Calderdale Council. He also informed the Meeting of the overhanging vegetation on Rochdale Road near Spring Street and asked if the Clerk could report the matter to Calderdale Council. Cllr Johnson also advised that he had reported the fallen tree at Hays Lane/Cliffe Lane which had now been referred to Calderdale Council by the Assistant Clerk.

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

None

8. To agree accounts for payment

16630 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Robins that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £629.60 be passed for payment.

9. To receive correspondence

Information

Calderdale Council	TTRO for Back Lane, Ripponden
Calderdale Council	TTRO for Lighthazels Chapel Road, Ripponden
Calderdale Council	TTRO for Bottomley Lane, Barkisland
Calderdale Council	TTRO for Butterworth Lane, Triangle
Calderdale Council	TTRO for Nursery Lane, Ripponden
Calderdale Council	TTRO for Jackson Meadows Footpath, Ripponden
Calderdale Council	Neighbourhood News
North Bank Forum	Sector Support Update – 12 th & 19 th January 2017
WY Police & Crime Commissioner	January Newsletter

Invitations

Hebden Royd Town Council	1940's Mayor's Charity Do! Sat 1 st April 7.30pm
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Agendas

26/01/2017	Economy & Environment Scrutiny Panel
30/01/2017	Cabinet
31/01/2017	Planning Committee 1
01/02/2017	Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel

Matters arising from correspondence

It was agreed that the TTRO Notice for Lighthazels Chapel Road details should be put on the Parish Council's Facebook page due to it being on a bus route.

The Clerk was asked to see if Cllr Watson would represent the Parish Council at the Planning Committee 1 meeting on 31st January 2017.

10. To approve a Budget for 2017/2018

16630 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council approves a budget of £53,660 for 2017/2018.

11. To approve the Parish Precept for 2017/2018

Proposed by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr M Smith that the Parish Council should agree a precept of £41,013 for 2017/2018, being a nil annual increase for Band D properties.

Amendment proposed by Cllr Hunt and seconded by Cllr Robins that the Parish Council should agree a frozen precept of £40,507 for 2017/2018, which would mean a decrease of 1.24% for Band D properties on 2016/2017.

A vote took place on the amendment, 3 in favour, 6 against and 1 abstained.

16631 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr M Smith that the Parish Council approves a Parish Precept of £41,013 for 2017/2018.

The voting was 6 in favour, 3 against and 1 abstained.

Cllr Moran and Cllr Robins left the meeting at 9.20pm

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****Application No: 16/01625/LBC**

Case Officer: Janine Branscombe

Site: Barkisland Hall Stainland Road Barkisland

Proposal: Internal and external alterations (Listed Building Consent)

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Woodhouse

Allocation: PHA

History: 01/01329/FUL, 01/01330/LBC, 05/01140/LBC, 09/00574/LBC, 99/20039/TPO, 99/2001/TPO, 93/00792/FUL, 87/00270/LBC, 86/01586. 86/01585/FUL, 84/00676/COU, 83/02977/LBC, 83/02976/COU, 83/01775/COU, 82/00430/COU, 80/01108/FUL, 76/01769/TEM, 75/02057/TEM, 74/01713, 75/00275/TEM

Main Issues: Pre-application advice has been undertaken on this application with the Conservation Officer.

RPC Comments:

16632 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 it is a Grade 1 listed building and that the Conservation officer should reject this application unless there are good grounds not to.

Cllr M Smith declared an interest in the following application

Application No: 16/01614/HSE

Case Officer: Steven Emery

Site: 37 Castle Lane Ripponden

Proposal: Raised patio and retaining wall to rear (Part Retrospective)

Applicant: Mr S Kirby

Allocation: GB, Village Envelope

History: Enforcement 16/60088 – raised patio (pending); 16/01337 – raised patio to rear (refused – impact on neighbour)

Main Issues: The application will be assessed as recent 16/01337 under green belt policies. However same impact concerns on neighbour at no 39 exist

RPC Comments:

16633 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that there are significant overlooking issues and policies BE1, BE2, & BE3.

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

Application No: 16/01585/FUL

Case Officer: Sara Johnson
 Site: Heights Green Barn Quakers Lane Sowerby Bridge
 Proposal: Demolition of existing shed and construction of replacement agricultural building.
 Applicant: Mr D Hilton
 Allocation: Green Belt, Special Landscape Area,
 History: 07/01230/CON Conversion of barn to dwelling
 10/00962/Renewal of above
 16/00179/HSE Reconstruction of garage
 16/01536/HSE Sun Lounge extension
 Main Issues: New agricultural building in Green Belt will need to be justified. Will need to be assessed against NPPF 89, BE1, EP8 and E16, in terms of scale, mass and materials.

RPC Comments:

16634 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is over intensive use of the site, design & privacy BE1 & BE2 and Green Belt development.

Application No: 16/01559/HSE

Case Officer: Steven Emery
 Site: 15A Pinfold Close Barkisland
 Proposal: Conversion of garage to living space
 Applicant: Mr M Herring
 Allocation: PHA
 History: 78/00066 – Residential development of 19 dwellings
 Main Issues: Application will be assessed under H2, BE1, BE2 and T18 (parking).

RPC Comments:

16635 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Potts that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that it meets policy.

16636 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr Hunt that that Standing Order 3(w) be suspended for 10 minutes to allow business to be completed

Application No: 16/01546/HSE

Case Officer: Steven Emery
 Site: Highfield Farm Bank Hey Bottom Lane Ripponden
 Proposal: Raise height of roof on existing detached garage to create first floor and external staircase to East elevation
 Applicant: Mr G Henderson
 Allocation: GB, SLA
 History: 05/02046 - Proposed garage and conversion of existing garage to residential accommodation
 16/60227/ENF – non-compliance with 05/02046 (first floor to garage)
 Main Issues: Application will be assessed under NPPF section 9 (GB) and UDP policies NE12 (SLA) and BE1 (Design).

RPC Comments:

16637 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr McCarley that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is a Special Landscape Area NE12, and Green Belt NPPF9

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

Application No: 16/01660/HSE

Case Officer: Diane Scaramuzza

Site: Delamere Krumlin Road Scammonden Road Barkisland

Proposal: Two storey rear extension (Revised Scheme to 16/01090)

Applicant: Miss J Hardingham

Allocation: Green Belt, SLA

History: 16/01090/HSE - Two storey rear extension - Permitted

Main Issues: Impact and acceptability in terms of Green Belt and SLA policies

N.B. – this application is a re-submission of the previous approval. The difference being that this extension is proposed to be linked to a single storey extension at the neighbours, Aysgarth, sharing a party wall.

RPC Comments:

16638 Resolved in a motion by Cllr McCarley and seconded by Cllr Naylor that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is Green Belt, a mid-terrace property, overlooking issues and street scene. Policies BE1 & BE2.

Application No: 16/01599/FUL

Case Officer: Janine Branscombe

Site: Delf Barn Clapgate Lane Triangle Sowerby Bridge

Proposal: Extension and change of use of existing summerhouse to holiday let.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Howarth

Allocation: wild, Green belt

History: 83/02224/CUR change of use from barn and enclosed yard to dwelling

Main Issues: not yet visited.

RPC Comments:

16639 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Russell that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is Green Belt NPPF9, parking and that it is unsuitable for vehicular access.

Planning Decisions:

16/01319/FUL Land Adjacent Heald Wall Nook Cottage Scammonden Road Barkisland	Detached dwelling	Granted
16/01307/COU The Barn At Hey Croft Farm Hey Lane Outlane Elland	Change of use from farm building to 'Doggy daycare/Creche', and from agricultural field to exercise area for dogs (Sui Generis) including the construction of fencing	Granted
16/01226/LBC Lower Goat House Oldham Road Ripponden	First floor extension and glazed sectional link to enclose a new staircase (Listed Building Consent)	Granted

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

16/01225/HSE Lower Goat House Oldham Road Ripponden	First floor extension and glazed sectional link to enclose a new staircase	Granted
16/01536/HSE Heights Green Barn Quakers Lane Sowerby Bridge	Sun lounge extension	Granted
16/01535/HSE Schiehallion Halifax Road Ripponden	Demolition of existing porch to rear to facilitate new extension, convert existing conservatory to porch, over cladding to front and rear elevations and sedum roof to flat roof extensions	Granted
16/01498/HSE The Old Wheelhouse Hey Lane Outlane Elland	First floor extension to South East and North West and porch to front	Granted
16/20229/TPO Upper Woodhead Scammonden Road Barkisland	Fell one tree	Granted
16/20226/TPO Brantwood Krumlin Road Scammonden Road Barkisland	Fell 4 trees (Tree Preservation Order)	Granted
16/20233/TPO 60 Castle Lane Ripponden	Prune one tree (Tree Preservation Order)	Granted
16/01464/HSE 31 Causeway Head Cross Wells Road Ripponden	Replace an existing single storey extension with single storey extension to west elevation	Granted
16/01400/CON Winterow 94 Rochdale Road Ripponden	Conversion of existing garage to detached dwelling	Granted

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

- 12.2. Planning Enforcement

None

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Appendix 1

Neighbourhood Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 7.00pm

The Clerk welcomed Cllrs to the meeting.

Present:- Cllr Potts, Cllr Russell, Cllr J Smith, Cllr M Smith

1. To elect a Chairman for 2016/2017

NPC2017-01 Resolved in a motion by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Potts that subject to his agreement, Cllr Watson be appointed Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee for 2016/2017.

NPC2017-02 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Potts that Cllr M Smith Chair this meeting in Cllr Watsons absence.

2. To receive apologies for absence and lateness

Absence – Cllr Carter, Cllr Robins, Cllr Watson

3. To approve the Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 28th July 2015

Unfortunately there were no Councillors present who had attended the previous meeting.

NPC2017-03 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Potts that as far as the Meeting was aware the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th July 2015.

4. To discuss progressing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish in the absence of a Local Plan

Cllr Russell asked that it be recorded that the Meeting was disappointed at the lack of progress made by Calderdale Council in producing a Local Plan for the Metropolitan area.

Cllr M Smith updated the Meeting on the discussion that took place at the recent YLCA South Pennine branch meeting and urged the Committee to agree to progressing a Neighbourhood Plan for Ripponden Parish as a matter of urgency, without the Local Plan. His main concern was the limited funding available and he didn't want the Parish Council to miss out on this. He also felt that the Parish Council should consider appointing a consultant to assist with the process.

The Clerk advised that it might be of use to arrange for a representative from the Hebden Royd and surrounding Hill Top Councils to attend the next meeting to provide advice as to the best way to progress. Cllr Russell volunteered to visit Hebden Royd Town Council to obtain information from their Planning officer or Lead Councillor and produce a written report on her findings for the next meeting.

NPC2017-04 Resolved in a motion by Cllr Potts and seconded by Cllr M Smith that Cllr Russell should on behalf of the Parish Council meet with Hebden Royd Town Council as a matter of urgency to seek advice and assistance in progressing a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Hebden Royd Town Clerk to arrange a meeting date.

The Meeting also agreed that the Committee should recommend that the working agreement between Calderdale Council and the Parish Council should be signed by the Chairman at the next Full Council meeting.

5. To discuss and agree an Action Plan

It was agreed that this item would be held over to the next meeting pending Cllr Russell's report in accordance with Agenda item.

6. To agree the Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.