

The 1071<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held in the Ripponden Parish Council Office on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.15pm.

**Councillors Present:** - Cllr McCarley chaired the Meeting  
Cllr Johnson, Cllr Naylor, Cllr Potts, Cllr J Smith, Cllr M Smith, Cllr Watson

**1. To accept apologies for absence and lateness**

Absence – Cllr B Carter, Cllr G Carter, Cllr Ogden, Cllr Riley, Cllr Russell

**2. To accept the Minutes of the 1070<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Page 5601 Agenda item 6, 3<sup>rd</sup> Parag at the end add 'Cllr Naylor asked that the Clerk contact Yorkshire Water to request a site meeting'.

**15873 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Johnson that after the above amendment the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

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

**The Clerk reported that:**

A response had been received from Calderdale Council regarding the builder's waste being dumped down the river bank at the new Riverside development. The officer advised that he had made a site visit and spoken to the contractors, who confirmed that when they had completed the work they would be doing a site clean-up.

An e-mail had been received from the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator regarding the use of speed guns at Oldham Road, Rochdale Road and Elland Road. Unfortunately the officer advised that the roads did not fit the police criteria. The Meeting agreed that a letter should be sent to West Yorkshire Police asking why these specific roads did not meet the criteria, when the Parish Council had been assured that something would be done following the results of the speed survey. Cllr Johnson agreed to liaise with the Clerk to draft the letter.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that an e-mail response had been received from Calderdale Council regarding the missing waste bin at the top of Elland Road. The officer advised that the base had corroded away and due to the fact that an alternative bin was sited just metres away the decision had been taken not to replace. The Meeting agreed that the matter should be referred to the Environment Committee to see if a replacement bin could be purchased and if so, would Calderdale Council agree to empty it.

The Clerk advised that an e-mail response had been received from Yorkshire Water regarding the sewer running with the river at Rishworth. The officer provided an update on the drainage problem. Cllr Potts advised that Yorkshire Water had not resolved the situation and that contractors were still pumping sewage twice a day. Cllr Potts confirmed that he would report back at the next meeting and in the meantime it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the officer to pursue a site meeting.

A further e-mail had been received from Yorkshire Water concerning the road works on Oldham Road/Halifax Road. The officer confirmed that whilst the full road was not to be resurfaced, Yorkshire Water would resurface and make good the channels dug out for the replacement pipe.

**Cllr Naylor** reported that the Conservative Club was yet again experiencing flooding in the cellars due to the drainage problems in Royd Lane car park. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to Calderdale Council.

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

**Cllr Naylor** also asked that a letter be sent to Planning Enforcement requesting that the size of the agricultural building off Soyland Town Road be checked since it appeared larger than the approved size.

**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 and to deal with matters arising**

6.1. To approve the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation and Budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014

The Clerk had previously sent copies of the two reports to all Councillors with the Agenda.

**15874 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr J Smith that the Parish Council approves the quarterly bank reconciliation.

**15875 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Potts that the Parish Council accepts the Budget report as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

**The Clerk Reported that:**

The Parish Council had received a letter from British Gas informing of an outstanding balance, the Clerk advised that after reconciling previous invoices everything appeared to be in order and as such she had queried the letter with British Gas, providing evidence of all payments. As yet no response had been received.

The Clerk provided the Meeting with her monthly report on outstanding correspondence. The report was noted by Councillors.

**Cllr J Smith** advised the Meeting that she would be attending the Town & Parish Council Liaison Group meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February and asked if the Parish Council had anything that needed to be raised at the meeting. It was agreed that plans for the Tour De Yorkshire and increasing crime figures should be raised.

**Cllr Potts** informed the Meeting that he had received a letter from a constituent concerning primarily, the lack of gritting at Heathfield Rise. Cllr Potts confirmed that he would reply to the constituent and forward a copy to the Clerk for the Parish Council's records.

**Cllr Naylor** reported on a recent Huddersfield Examiner article regarding the Parish Council's application to Calderdale Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood area. He also informed the Meeting that the panel set up to decide the winner of the Good Citizens award had met and resolved who should receive the award for 2014. He confirmed that the details would be reported back to the Communications Committee for action.

The Chairman thanked the panel.

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

None present

**8. To agree accounts for payment**

**15876 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the accounts listed on the schedule with a total value of £74.98 be passed for payment.

**9. To receive correspondence****Correspondence**

Get Cycling  
Mrs D Lenton

Tour de Yorkshire  
Yorkshire Water works affecting Dyson Lane

**Information**

Calderdale Council  
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Digital Development  
NABMA  
Planning Progress  
RHS  
Welcome to Yorkshire  
YLCA

Amendments to Committee List 16/1/15 to 9/2/15  
Street Lighting Update January 2015  
Tuel Lane/Wharfe Street Traffic Signal upgrade  
T & PC Liaison Group meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015  
Event Media Pack for Tour de Yorkshire  
Newsletters 19/01/15 & 26/01/15  
Note on Neighbourhood Development Plans  
Grass Roots magazine Winter 2014/15  
Details of first Tour de Yorkshire  
White Rose Update January Issue

**Invitations**

Calderdale Council  
Meltham Town Council  
Mossley Town Council  
Shaw & Crompton Parish Council

Mayors Charity Ball 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
Civic Reception 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
Civic Dinner 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
Civic Reception & Dinner 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Agendas**

02/02/2015  
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Cabinet  
Planning Committee 1 & 2  
Use of Resources Scrutiny Panel  
Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel

**Matters arising from Correspondence**

The Meeting agreed that the Clerk should contact 'Get Cycling' and request that their proposal be sent to the Parish Council.

It was agreed that contact details for Planning Progress should be passed onto the Neighbourhood Planning Committee for future reference.

Cllr J Smith asked if a copy of the article in the Grass Roots magazine concerning funding for schools be sent to the gardening organisers at Ripponden J & I School.

The Meeting agreed that the new Local Councils Award Scheme should be an Agenda item at a future meeting. The Clerk advised that she would download the scheme details.

Cllr M Smith confirmed that Ryburn United AFC and Stones Cricket Club were still interested in doing a window display at the beginning of February.

**10. To discuss and approve a Budget for 2015/2016**

The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2015/2016 based on the projected figures for 2014/2015. Copies of which had been sent to all Councillors with the Agenda for this meeting.

Being mindful of the forthcoming elections in May, concerns were raised regarding the level of budget set aside for election expenses.

**15876 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Parish Council sets aside £6000 from Revenue Reserves to cover possible election expenses.

Discussion took place concerning the Civic Dinner budget and it was felt that in future, as far as possible the Dinner should be self-financing and as such the budget should be reduced.

**15877 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Civic Dinner budget be reduced to £750 for 2015/2016.

Cllr M Smith reminded the Meeting that the first Tour de Yorkshire was to visit Ripponden in May and thought that the Tour Local Planning Committee should be resurrected to assist with the organisation of local events. The Meeting agreed and felt that a small budget should be provided to the Committee.

**15878 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr M Smith that an additional budget of £750 be set aside for the Tour Local Planning Committee.

It was agreed that the Committee should be renamed Cycle Tour Committee.

**15879 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Naylor and seconded by Cllr J Smith the Parish Council approves a budget of £52,360 for 2015/2016.

**11. To approve the Parish Precept for 2015/2016**

Cllr Watson suggested that the Parish Council may wish to use its reserves to substantially reduce the Precept for 2015/16. Discussion took place regarding the level of Parish Council reserves which had been significantly reduced in recent years. Cllr M Smith advised that in his experience a public authority could not be run without the provision of reserves to which the Meeting agreed.

**15880 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr J Smith that the Parish Council approves a Precept of £39,713 for 2015/2016, being a 58p annual increase for Band D properties.

**12. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement Issues****New plans for this meeting****Application No 15/20002/TPO**

Officer: Keith Grady

Applicant: Mr M Wood

Site: Rycliffe House 156 Halifax Road Ripponden

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

History: Various applications have been considered to both prune and fell trees. Works considered to be good practice have been supported. Other trees have been removed 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.

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

**RPC Comments:**

**15881 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr J Smith and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that it is good arboricultural practise.

**Application No 14/01428/FUL**

Officer: Janine Branscombe  
 Applicant: Ashtree Fine Developments  
 Site: Land East Of White Hart Fold Rochdale Road Ripponden  
 Proposal: Ten detached dwellings  
 History: 03/0491, 03/00492, 04/00964, 94/02307, 05/00754, 07/01340, 07/01693, 08/00145, 09/00948, 09/01522, 12/00502, 87/02312, 96/00474, 99/00893  
 Main Issues: The principle of development has already been established through the granting of the various applications above. The siting and design of the dwellings has slightly changed in this new application.

**RPC Comments:**

**15882 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Potts that the Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the utilities, school facilities and parking being adequate and that funding being provided under s106 or similar agreements to improve the Mill Fold recreational area, since it is clear that this development is intended to provide additional family housing.

**Application No 15/00031/OUT**

Officer: Sara Johnson  
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Charnock- Bates  
 Site: Oaklea Manor Branch Road Barkisland Halifax  
 Proposal: Domestic stable with associated hard standing (Outline)  
 History: 13/01141 for outline consent for domestic stables was withdrawn by the applicant following officers concerns on the extent of the stable blocks, excavation needed to create the stables and the long access between the two stable blocks and policy NPPF9  
 Main Issues: Whether this revised scheme for a single block now complies with NPPF9 and E16 and BE1 of the RCUDP is the excavation and the access and layout of the stables acceptable.

**RPC Comments:**

**15883 Resolved in a motion** by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Watson that the Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is affecting the openness of Green Belt, it requires major excavation work and drainage issues.

**Planning Decisions:**

<p><b>11/01513/DISC1</b>          Land Adjoining          Moselden Lane          Moselden Lane          Rishworth</p>	<p>Submission of information to discharge conditions on application 11/01513 - condition 2</p>	<p><b>Partially          Complied With</b></p>
<p><b>09/00498/DISC1</b>          Land East Of White          Hart Fold Rochdale          Road Ripponden</p>	<p>Submission of details to discharge conditions on planning permission 09/00498/FUL - Conditions 1 - 13</p>	<p><b>Withdrawn</b></p>

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

<b>14/01415/COU</b> Harley House Mill Fold Way Ripponden	Change of use from office units (B1) to veterinary clinic (Sui Generis)	<b>Granted</b>
<b>14/00636/DISC1</b> Land Adjacent To Stones Mill Cottage Bar Lane Ripponden	Submission of information to discharge conditions on application 14/00636- conditions 1, 2, 3 and 4	<b>Partially Complied With</b>
<b>14/01215/DISC1</b> 26 School Close Ripponden	Submission of information to discharge conditions 1, 4, 5, 6, and 9 on planning application 14/00590/RES.	<b>Partially Complied With</b>
<b>14/01098/FUL</b> Chapelfield Croft Old Bank Ripponden	Extension and conversion of existing building to form two semi-detached dwellings (Retrospective). Amendment to planning application 12/00078	<b>Granted</b>
<b>14/01302/DISC1</b> Unit 55 Bowers Mill Branch Road Barkisland	Submission of information to discharge conditions on application 14/01302 - condition 2	<b>Condition Complied With</b>
<b>14/01412/HSE</b> Ryland 156A Halifax Road Ripponden	Single storey extension to front	<b>Granted</b>
<b>14/01406/HSE</b> 1 Hollins Cottages Oldham Road Ripponden	Two storey extension to side	<b>Granted</b>
<b>14/01387/LBC</b> 2 The Old Water Mill Foxen Lane Mill Bank	Replacement of four windows (Listed Building Consent)	<b>Refused</b>

**The meeting closed at 9.20pm**