

The Minutes of the Meeting of
Riccall Parish Council
held on
21ST November 2016
from 7.30 p.m.
at the Regen Centre

Attending: Cllrs Keen (Chairman) Adamson, Dawson, Kilmartin, Nuttall, Owens, Rimmer, Sharp, Somers-Joce and Wilkinson
District Cllr Reynolds
Clerk & RFO - Mrs Sandra Botham
Mr Peter Huxford- York Greenways
Members of the public wishing to speak

Public Participation commenced at 7.15pm, when members of the public raised two questions relating to road safety for Dunelm Farm Close and a planning consultation on land off Selby Road.

A resident from Dunelm Farm Close raised concerns for motorists emerging onto Main Street and for pedestrians, particularly school children alighting from the bus. Emerging motorists turning left often have their view blocked by parked cars and children crossing the road are in danger too. It was suggested that parking restrictions may alleviate the situation.

A group of residents from Selby Road had elected a spokesperson to put forward their concerns regarding *2016/1258/COU; Change of use to allow the siting of 6 no holiday use only units on land to rear of ; The Lodge, 23 Selby Road, Riccall*. The site lies behind a number of properties on Selby Road but is not under the ownership of any of these residents. Recent clearance of the site and visits to residents suggesting a variety of proposed uses has made the residents wary of the developer who has previously applied for planning permission. They are concerned that if planning permission is granted the land could be passed on and possibly changed for different uses. Other issues relate to access to the site, connection to utilities and impact on neighbouring properties.

It was noted that as a late submission to the PC, most members were unaware of the current application at this point except for the member who is considering the application which will be discussed later.

It was emphasised that comments to the planning authority will have more impact if all those affected make individual responses and that a copy to the Clerk would be appreciated. It was also suggested that they request that the planning committee visit the site prior to any planning meeting and that a representative speaks at the meeting on behalf of the group of residents. It was noted that RPC would be agreeable to a further meeting with residents, if it were thought necessary.

It was also noted that Selby DC Enforcement Office is aware of the situation as they were involved when work to clear the site took place.

The Public Session ended at 7.30pm and all of the residents except one, left the meeting.

AGENDA

1 Apologies and declarations of interest

There were no apologies for absence.

Declarations of interest in item 11 on the agenda were made by Cllrs Dawson, Keen, Nuttall and Wilkinson.

2 Minutes of the meeting of Riccall Parish Council held on 17 October 2016 (circulated)

The minutes for the above meeting were accepted as a true record and adopted.

3 Report on progress and updates since the last meeting

District Cllr Reynolds noted that the Green Bin Tax has not yet been formally discussed and will be considered at the December or January meeting although there is opposition to it and he thanked the Clerk for confirmation of the Parish Council's views.

There is no costing information available for the lay-by yet but Cllr Reynold confirmed that planning permission would not be required although consultation would be needed with Highways.

County Cllr Casling had sent her apologies and a reminder that her Locality Funding is still open with £300 available.

All emails relating to North Yorkshire Police have been circulated and the Clerk is waiting for information from the PCSO relating to a vehicle parked in the village where parking restrictions are being placed during road closures

The Clerk gave an update on action taken and developments since the last meeting;

- Regarding the Council Tax Referendum Principles consultation, a response had been sent to Selby DC and copied to YLCA & Nigel Adams' office. SDC commented: *"In order to be affected by the changes, Riccall would have to charge a precept for a Band D property in excess of £75.46 and for 2016/17, have a precept of £500,000. It is very difficult to give specific costs as it will all depend on charges such as printing etc which will be unknown until the actual election. If I was placing an estimate, I would say around £3,500 however this is very rough and may differ come an actual election.* YLCA said Selby DC could not have understood the document correctly, given the response they have made.
- The Annual Tree Survey took place- minor pruning to Lime Tree on the village green is required and Branches Out have been contacted to carry out the work and they will also inspect tree lights and replace bulbs.
- Fly-tipping on Checker Lane was reported to SDC, who noted that they were no longer collecting from there, as it's a private road. Yorkshire Water were contacted. They say they own the compound area only. Selby DC were contacted again, but there has been no response so far.

- A Freedom of Information request was made for correspondence received from fracking companies and their consultants since January 2016. No correspondence had been received.
- Notifications about the A19 to Back Lane and Selby Road closures during re-surfacing work between 28 Nov – 9 Dec work schedules have been received and are posted on our website and notice boards with details about dates/ road closure/ bus diversions.
- Cllr Rimmer and the Clerk will be attending a Parish Grant and Council Tax meeting tomorrow at Selby DC

4 Matters from Public Participation

Matters raised during Public Participation regarding the planning application off Selby Road will be discussed under item 7c.

Dangers associated with exiting Dunelm Farm Close by car and for pedestrians in that area were discussed and will be raised with the relevant authorities. *The Clerk will contact Highways and Police.*

Several calls have been taken relating to dog fouling. Residents noted that Coppergate and Station Road are both badly affected. The current edition of the Beacon includes two articles relating to this and it was noted that there are 9 dog bins and 30 litter bins located around the village and 5 more bins in Riccall Park yet some owners will still not pick up after their dog. Encouraging residents to 'name & shame' offenders may be the only way to resolve this. *The Clerk will respond.*

Continuing parking issues at school drop off times on Saunters Way have been reported with residents complaining that inconsiderate drivers are blocking drives and the access to Saunters Way. It was noted that few parents use the Hare & Hounds car park which is offered for use. In addition the parking on Church Street is also continuing. *More pressure will be put on the Police to take action via Neighbourhood Watch and the CEF meetings.*

5 Correspondence

5a) General correspondence - requiring decisions:

The NYCC Minerals and Waste Joint Plan response date is 21 Dec 2016. *Please contact the Clerk for the link and to forward any comments.*

Selby DC Chairman's Charity appeal to support Asthma UK and McMillans Nurses. It was agreed to make a donation of £50 to the appeal.

5b) General correspondence - for information:

An update on the Council Tax Referendum Principles consultation had been received from NALC.

Information regarding setting up a 'no cold calling zone' from Selby DC has been received and will be passed on to Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Rimmer noted that the article in the Beacon is asking for support from residents and it was suggested that he attend the Coffee Mornings at the Chapel for residents to sign up their areas.

Notification of a Julia Mulligan survey was circulated to members by email.

The Regen Centre has sent notification of increases in the rent & room hire. *The Clerk will provide the insurance details required.*

5c) Late correspondence – to note only.

Yorkshire Bank has sent notification that bank charges will apply to the current account from 10 Jan 2017. *The Clerk has contacted the bank and is awaiting a response.*

NYCC have responded to a request for data retrieval from the VAS. They state that the signs no longer record data as they are not very accurate. The request was made to provide data for the new Community Speed Watch, Cllr Keen noted that more survey areas could be registered if residents report speeding via the 95 Alive website. It was also noted that 95Alive reports have now been located for reports made on Kelfield Road at the school crossing point.

6 Accounts for November 2016

A total expenditure of £9736.46 was approved.

Payments for November 2016 were approved and an update on the budget position and bank reconciliation were given by the Clerk. It was noted that two new reports had been circulated to members to show the Asset Replacement and Project accounts. These are a 'Summary of Receipts and Payments' and 'Bank-Cash & Investment Reconciliation' and will be provided each month.

At 8.05pm a short break was taken for cheque signing. Three members also signed a Bank Mandate to remove Cllr Whitwood from the signatories.

7 Planning

7a)

Selby DC has granted planning permission for the following application:

2016/0922/FUL: Permission has been *granted* for the proposed erection of a detached 2 storey house and garage-Land at 7-9 Church Street, Riccall.

2016/1096/HPA- Permission has been *granted* for proposed single storey side and rear extensions with internal alterations and pitched roof to garage and porch- 10A Manor Garth, Riccall.

7b The following planning application will be considered:

2016/1200/HPA: Proposed erection of first floor extension to the rear to create a fourth bedroom-The Brambles, 2 York Road, Riccall. Lead Cllr Somers-Joce

No objections.

2016/1216/HPA: Proposed two storey rear extension comprising on the ground floor a porch and door, dining/sitting room, conservatory, rear porch and door, wc, utility room, store with external access and to first floor a bedroom with en suite bathroom and multi fuel stove with S/S external chimney- Elston House, 25 Main Street, Riccall. Lead Cllr Adamson.

No objections.

2016/1241/HPA: Proposed erection of two storey pitched roof side extension-Orchard House, Back Lane, Riccall. Lead Cllr Sharp

No objections.

7c) Other planning matters

2016/0318/OUT; land off Wheatfields Walk – the new Planning Officer for the site, Thomas Webster, had reported that the developer is still trying to address concerns raised by statutory consultees and that if they cannot answer these they have the option to withdraw the application. No deadline dates have been set.

Late application:

2016/1258/COU; Change of use to allow the siting of 6 no holiday use only on land to rear of The Lodge, 23 Selby Road, Riccall.
Lead Cllr Rimmer.

Issues with the access, utilities and impact on existing properties were discussed along with the planning history. The points made in the Public Participation session were also taken into account.

Peter Huxford entered the meeting at 8.35p.m.

It was agreed to **Object** to the application on the above grounds, with all members in favour.

It was noted that an appeal made for a planning application at 31 York Road, Riccall has been successful.

It was agreed to bring Item 12 forward as Peter Huxford, the speaker had arrived.

12 York Greenways Project

Peter Huxford gave an overview of the project. He explained that funding is to be applied for shortly from the Heritage Lottery Fund and he is seeking to promote and get support for the project from local organisations. There are four elements to the project:

The Railway Creation & Demise, Coal Mining, the Cycle Path and Natural Heritage. Relevant organisations are getting on board with the project as well as local schools and groups to record and share the history. It is planned that sculptures, artwork and information boards will be gateway features near the access at Riccall. Memories of railway workers will be recorded on video and audio. The information /history will be accessible to the public and it is hoped that many people will be involved. An article will be placed in the Beacon and it was noted that some members of the Forbes-Adams family have memories of the railway. Peter left some posters for display around the village.

The Chairman thanked Peter for his interesting presentation and he left the meeting at 8.55p.m.

8 Reports and Consultation

Cllrs Adamson and Keen reported from the CEF meeting where funding bids were assessed and they noted it was a complicated process and discussions were uncomfortable with all parties in the room whilst bids were discussed. Cllr Dawson noted that funding awarded to Riccall & District Resilience Group had come back with conditions attached which had not been made clear in the meeting and which needed clarifying. Cllr Reynolds noted that it had been confirmed that co-opted members have the same right to vote as elected members.

Cllrs Keen and Owens reported from the Beechtree Patients Group noting that York Clinical Trust is under scrutiny. It was noted also that Riccall patients are able to attend Selby Surgery if the one at Riccall is closed. GP's are no longer in attendance at Selby Hospital Emergency Services, therefore if nursing staff are unable to treat a patient, a GP may have to be called out.

9 Recreational / H&S update

The Clerk reported on matters that relate to play equipment or sports field maintenance:

Cllr Dawson reported for October: the aerial slide soft pour surface had been vandalised but has now been repaired. The repair cost over £400 and the vandalism was reported to the Police and mentioned in the Beacon. Some of the Adult Gym equipment needs attention as the bearings are crunching. The supplier has been contacted and they are inspecting the equipment faults and we are awaiting a report.

Gavin is to prioritise replacing retaining boards on the aerial slide/replacing cap covers/ repairing junior gate/removing damaged sign on skatepark- he is also working through the RoSPA report.

A meeting with all members who carry out inspections and repairs, to discuss maintenance etc is being arranged.

10 Cricket Wicket

The removal of the wicket was discussed and Cllr Nuttall is to draw up a Method Statement to ensure the work is carried out correctly and that adequate Insurance is in place. The work would be carried out at the end of the Football season (April/May).

11 Funding for Riccall & District Resilience Plan

Cllrs Dawson, Keen, Nuttall and Wilkinson had declared an interest in this item and offered to leave the room for discussion to take place once they had presented some relevant information. Members were aware of the Plan as it had been initiated by the Parish Council with NYCC and the working group had recently been set up as a separate group to access funding. A constitution and bank account are in place. A bid for funding via CEF has been successful in securing half the amount sought (subject to additional information being acceptable) and plans can now go ahead to start the project, with a storage container being the initial stage and then acquiring equipment. It was noted that it is intended to book out equipment, such as generators and lights, for community events, as this will both test the equipment and make people familiar with using it.

Although the group will be working outside the Parish Council, the main aim is still to look after the vulnerable residents of the community in case of emergencies, and as such the group are asking the Parish Council for funding and also if they will agree to the administration work continuing to be carried out by the Clerk and to pay room rental for meetings. Further funding streams will also be sought, in order to provide sufficient funding for the requirements of the project.

Cllrs Dawson, Keen, Nuttall and Wilkinson left the meeting at 9.29p.m. and Cllr Sharp acted as Chairman in Cllr Keen's absence.

Discussion took place, including making provision for funding in the budget and a proposal was made to match the CEF funding subject to the provision of other application criteria. *All members were in favour.*

A proposal was made for the Parish Council to continue funding the room rental and administration work by the Clerk. *All members were in favour.*

Cllrs Dawson, Keen, Nuttall and Wilkinson re-entered the room at 9.35pm and Cllr Keen resumed his role as Chairman

Cllr Keen, as Chairman of the Riccall and District Resilience Group, thanked members for their faith in the group and for moving the project forward.

Cllr Reynolds was asked about a previous CEF project to provide a community bus; he reported that there were too many problems associated with this and it did not get off the ground.

13 Village Green Fencing Project

A further quote for replacement of the fencing has been submitted, so an application for funding from the Locality Budget, via Cllr Casling, can now be made. As noted earlier there is £300 still available. *The Clerk will complete the forms.*

14 Minor items and items for the next agenda

The Beacon was ready to be distributed and Cllr Sharp offered to take the extra route.

An item will be placed in Jan or Feb 2017 meeting to discuss items submitted for publication in the Beacon.

Cllr Keen noted that dates had been circulated to members taking part in the Community Speed Watch regarding availability for training. As a feature has also been included in the Beacon asking for volunteers it was decided to wait until the New Year for training. Cllr Keen also suggested that he should attend the next NW meeting to try and encourage more volunteers.

15 Staff Matters

None.

The Chairman thanked those present and closed the meeting at 10.05p.m.