

Minutes of the meeting of Riccall Parish Council
held on 20th April 2015
from 7.30 p.m. at the Regen Centre

Attending: Cllrs Adamson, Dawson, Kilmartin, Nuttall, Owens, Sharp, Somers-Joce and Wilkinson.

District Councillor - Ian Reynolds

Mrs Lindsey Ryan - Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Mrs Sandra Botham - Administrative Assistant

1 Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Keen and Duggan, County Cllr Casling and Youth Advisor Tom Davies.

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

2 Minutes of the meeting of Riccall Parish Council held on 16th March 2015

The minutes were accepted as a true record and adopted.

3 Report on progress and updates since the last meeting

District Cllr Reynolds had nothing to report.

North Yorkshire Police had not submitted any information for the meeting.

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

- a competition for Barlby High School pupils to design a crest for RPC is nearing completion and designs should be available to judge at the next meeting
- Kate Urwin the Energy Dr has been present during Community Library opening times to meet the public to promote the funding she has available to residents.
- The insurance policy has been amended to include the Proludic Shelter and Basket Swing within the assets list.
- A response has been sent to NYCC regarding suggestions for the proposed street lighting reductions.
- The Housing Needs Survey is now ready to be distributed and will be sent out shortly with the Beacon- the Clerk noted that residents may assume that this survey is due to the proposed new development by Taylor Wimpey but would like to note that it is not connected.
- A hole that appeared in the road on Church Street near Rose Cottage has been repaired by NYCC Highways.
- An application had been made for the road closure during Riccall Carnival.

- The Beacon will be edited and printed in May and will then be ready for distribution by Cllrs and the Housing Needs Survey and Annual Report can be included with it.

4 Matters from Public Participation

A resident has complained about parking at Riccall Park during the recent school holidays noting that vehicles were parked as far back as Checker Lane.

A resident has complained that builders working at York End are parking partially on the pavement making it difficult to pass especially with pushchairs. It was noted that a lady representing the builders had notified residents that they will park on site as soon as possible to avoid disruption.

5 Correspondence

5a) General correspondence - requiring decisions:

A resident has emailed to request a sign with regard to stopping ball games on Chapel Walk. *The Clerk has responded to say that the comments will go to Council. It was agreed that many estates are full of children playing ball games and that it is difficult to stop that.*

5b) General correspondence - for information:

St Leonards Hospice has notified us of a thanksgiving service in York Minster and has invited members of the Council. Anyone interested please contact the Clerk. (Brian may wish to attend) This will also be put in the Beacon for residents, if the Beacon goes out in time.

Arriva has emailed regarding parking issues at Riccall Park, noting it is now causing a safety issue for the bus service and they would like to know if there are any plans for local traffic management. The Clerk has forwarded the email to Gary Lumb and noted that double yellow lines are planned on this stretch of road but has had no response regarding this. In addition, in the new financial year council will be considering providing a car parking area to alleviate the situation.

The Clerk will contact Arriva to clarify why one of the bus stops has no road markings.

It was noted that at the recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting, concerns were also raised about the amount of parking on the A19 at the park and the safety issues. Cllrs noted that the proposed development opposite may also have an impact.

Sharon Fox of NYCC Highways has notified us of the road works for French drains being installed on the A19 north of the village during the hours of 9.30am to 3.30pm between 20th and 24th April when southbound traffic will be diverted around by Hollicarrs.

5c) Late correspondence – to note only.

A resident has written to ask if it is possible for the council to give funding towards publication of a book about the history of the village. *The Clerk is to find out further details about the costs of publishing.*

Selby DC has written about the impact of changes to funding from Section 106 agreements which will be made in April when the Community Infrastructure Levy will come into force. Training and briefing sessions are to be held. A review of the balance showed that Riccall PC currently has used all available S106 money for recreational projects. Cllr Reynolds had given information that Riccall falls into the northern area for CILs and as yet the detail is not yet clear but in theory funding will go into a central pot and available to local councils via a bidding process for their community.

6 Accounts for April 2015

A total expenditure of £6,194.71 was agreed

Payments for April 2015 were approved and an update on the budget position and bank reconciliation were given by the Clerk.

8.00p.m - a 10 minute break was taken to sign cheques.

7 Planning

7a) Selby DC has granted planning permission for the following applications:

Permission has been ***granted*** for the proposed installation of a 25m high lattice tower with 1 No 660 mm transmission dish and ancillary cabling, internal equipment and fixings at Riccall Mine, Selby Rd, Riccall 8/15/354C/PA

Permission has been ***granted*** for the proposed first floor alteration / extension to the front of 23 Kelfield Rd, Riccall, York 8/15/425B/PA

Permission has been ***granted*** for the retrospective application for the erection of a directional signpost on east side of A19, Street Record, Selby Road, Riccall 8/15/443A/AA

Permission has been ***granted*** for a new residential dwelling at Garden House, Manor Garth, Riccall 8/15/281D/PA

7b) The following planning applications will be considered:

None received

7c) Other planning matters

It was noted that outline permission is being sought for 25 dwellings on land behind York Road.

8 Reports and Consultation

Cllr Adamson reported back from the recent CEF meeting noting the topics discussed were relating to vulnerable people and the forthcoming Tour de Yorkshire. He noted that police reported an increase in crime in the area.

Cllr Wilkinson reported from the Neighbourhood Watch meeting noting a big increase in the number of people attending. A secretary is still needed to replace the present one who is soon retiring.

Cllr Dawson noted that CEF Board meeting day has moved to Mondays which clashes with RPC meetings, therefore he has apologised for not attending CEF as his priority is with the PC but suggests that maybe himself and Cllr Keen can alternate attendance. He also reported that the funding group had one application for funding at Hemingbrough.

9 Recreational / H&S update

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

- Tru-Green are to replace the rotting boards on the mound slide
- The increase in mole hills has been reported
- The potential trip hazard at the gate has been sorted out
- New signage has been on order since November but has not yet arrived
- Moss treatment has been applied to the Viking Grid
- Maintenance of the notice boards and benches is to be arranged
- Money has been put into reserves to replace the Village Green fence. Cllr Nuttall volunteered to look at options for the fence and will report back.

Quotes to repair the ground erosion at the sports wall were considered and Cllrs were all in favour of the work to be completed by Tru-Green at a cost of £2,438 plus VAT.

Cllr Dawson asked if the work at the Kompan has been completed as he is due to carry out his inspection. The Clerk noted that the work has been delayed due to staff illness at Streetscape but will chase it up.

Cllrs discussed the issue of cycles regularly being chained to the notice board on the village green which are causing an obstruction and possible damage. It was decided to put a notice up to deter this. *The Clerk will organise this.*

10 Parish Council Elections 2015

The Clerk gave information on the uncontested election result for Riccall, noting that Cllr Duggan is not standing this time and Duncan Rimmer is joining the Council, leaving one vacancy. Co-option must take place within 35 days of the election and advertising will be done via posters and in the Beacon.

The Clerk will issue Cllrs with new information files for the 4 year period.

11 Community Library

The Clerk reported back from a meeting with all of the library volunteers who have come up with some ideas to offer additional services to the 50+ membership:

- include Citizens Advice service for a couple of hours at one of the sessions
- Offer a Loyalty Card
- Launch a competition for Reader of the Year for adults which would run with the usual Big Summer Read for children

The volunteers also requested some additional lighting be provided as presently the only lighting is for the bar, which is not sufficient. It was also noted that the present library co-ordinator, Cllr Adamson, will finish this role and a new council representative will be required from May, with one of the duties being to transport the books for the 3 monthly changeovers to Selby Library.

Cllrs suggested a meeting to thank the volunteers and it was noted that this could coincide with the usual supper meeting for the Snow Patrol. *The Clerk and Sandra Botham will set up a thank you evening.*

12 Youth Advisor

The Youth Advisor was not present at the meeting.

13 VAS

An email had been circulated on the Vehicle Activated Sign scheme and Cllrs discussed the options. All were in favour of signing up to the 4 year temporary scheme with annual payments of £750 (+vat) whilst continuing to try and secure a permanent VAS.

It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the cost of an additional socket with the intention of using it as part of the scheme on Kelfield Road, which is the other main access route causing concern with speeding. The VAS could then be alternated between the two sites.

14 Minor items and items for the next agenda

None

15 Staff Matters

None

Cllr Wilkinson thanked those present and closed the meeting at 9.00p.m.