

Minutes of the meeting of Riccall Parish Council
held on 19th January 2015 from 7.30 p.m.
at Riccall Regen Centre

Attending: Cllrs Keen, Adamson, Dawson, Duggan, Nuttall, Owens, Rookes, Sharp and Wilkinson.

Youth Advisor- Tom Davies

County & District Cllr Casling and District Cllr Reynolds

Mrs Lindsey Ryan- Clerk and Finance Officer

Mrs Sandra Botham- Administrative assistant

One member of the public attended but did not wish to speak during public participation

1 Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Somers-Joce and Cllr Kilmartin and were accepted.

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

2 Minutes of the meeting of Riccall Parish Council held on 8th December 2014 (circulated)

The minutes were accepted as a true record and adopted.

3 Report on progress and updates since the last meeting

County Cllr Casling gave an update, noting that NY Highways has confirmed a start date of 23rd February for the work on the York Road bus stop footpath.

District Cllr Reynolds noted that regarding the appeal for the wind turbine application off Selby Rd, the planning inspector is due to visit the site in the next few days.

An email update from North Yorkshire Police had been circulated.

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

Simon Ashby is leaving as the ROW officer for this area. The Clerk has thanked him for his work in helping to get the Riccall Round Walk signposted and usable.

The salt bin at the junction of Back Lane and Manor Garth has been smashed (presumably by a car). The Clerk will arrange to get a new one for this site.

The latest edition of the Riccall Beacon is done and will be out for delivery shortly.

There has been a recent RTA on York Rd, causing the road to be closed for a few hours.

The Minerals & Waste plan consultation is in its latest stage and comments need to be in before mid-March. *Cllr Wilkinson will consider the document on behalf of the Council and report back to the February meeting.*

A resident has complained about dog fouling on Selby Rd. The Clerk has offered some signage (Cllr Rookes agreed to put this up) and some stencils once they are on the next round of being refreshed.

There has been some fly tipping on Checker Lane, which SDC are dealing with.

4 Matters from Public Participation

A member of the public has informed the Clerk before the meeting that there is mud on the cycle path, caused by vehicles crossing fields. *This will be reported to the local Sustrans ranger.*

5 Correspondence

5a) General correspondence - requiring decisions:

None

5b) General correspondence - for information:

Resident's email – traffic vibration on York Rd. This has been reported to NYCC Highways, who will contact the resident.

A resident had emailed re the continued traffic light problems, the Clerk reported that North Yorkshire Highways have responded to say that the work is in hand and will notify her when it is resolved. There is still no long term solution in place for this junction. *Cllr Casling offered to follow this up and Cllrs asked if this could be in time for a update to be included in the next Beacon so that residents can be kept informed.*

Sandra Botham left the meeting at this point as she was unwell.

5c) Late correspondence.

None

6 Accounts for January 2015

Payments for January 2015 were approved and an update on the budget position and a bank reconciliation were received from the Clerk. Cllrs noted these.

Total Expenditure of £4,699.14

7 Planning

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

2014/1074/HPA-Planning permission has been ***granted*** for a Loft conversion with rear dormer 21 Viking Drive, Riccall

2014/1093/HPA- Planning permission has been ***granted*** for Single storey extensions to front and rear at Magpie Cottage, 3 Stonegate, Main Street

Selby DC had refused planning permission for the following applications:

2014/1098/FUL -Planning Permission has been ***refused*** for the proposed installation of a single modular building (manufactured by Portakabin Ltd) and link to the existing surgery to be used as a dispensary for patients at Beech Tree Surgery

District Cllr Ian Reynolds is to meet with Planning Officer Richard Sunter to discuss this decision.

7b) The following planning applications were considered:

2014/1241/FUL-Proposed erection of a holiday chalet at South Newlands Farm, Selby Rd, Riccall (Cllr Bob Owens)

No objections.

2014/1274/TPO-Application for consent to fell 1no. Sycamore tree (T04) under TPO 24/1986 at 15 Chapel Walk, Riccall (Cllr Rookes)

No objections.

2014/1274/HPA-Single storey front and rear pitched roof extensions off a two storey pitched roof side extension to provide additional bedroom and en-suite bathroom, down-stairs WC and utility room and enlarged garage and porch at 41 Saunters Way, Riccall (Cllr Nuttall)

No objections.

7c) Other planning matters

The Clerk gave an update on the small affordable housing site for Riccall, noting that a presentation afternoon, where residents can drop in is to be held by officers of Selby DC at the Regen Centre on 2nd February 2.30p.m. to 7.30p.m.

An email has been received from SDC Planning Enforcement re the approval for the development of 2 dwellings behind the Post Office.

District Cllr Reynolds gave an update on the appeal for the wind turbine application, which is still in the hands of the planning inspector.

8 Reports and Consultation

Cllr Dawson reported back from the meeting of the Selby Area Committee with the Chief Constable.

Cllrs Dawson and Keen reported from the most recent CEF meeting, where development plans were discussed.

Cllr Duggan reported back from a meeting of the Village Institute Committee. Trustees were chosen to replace vacancies. Further meetings are planned shortly.

Cllrs agreed to bringing item 10 forward as the guest speaker had arrived.

10 Lisa Otter

Lisa Otter from Selby DC spoke to members about the benefits of a housing needs survey for Riccall.

SDC would work with the local authority and a committee in order to get rural houses built if that need was evidenced and the build was possible.

Shortage of affordable homes can affect the community in different ways.

The survey would look at various factors; affordable homes, affordable rent and shared rent. Affordable homes need to be a priority and meet the needs of the local people.

A survey would identify the need and would remain open for a month.

It was agreed that a survey will go ahead and be delivered with the next edition of the Riccall Beacon. The current edition, that is just about to go to the printers will include an article about affordable housing and inform residents about the planned survey.

The Chairman thanked Lisa for her presentation and she left the meeting at this point.

9 Recreational / H&S update

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

- Timber uprights are to be monitored
- The new grass matting surface for the Kompan roundabout has now been completed, with some issues that the Clerk is attempting to resolve with the contractor.
- The seat and chain sleeve for the Aerial slide have been replaced
- Bark chippings have been raked
- A new inspection regime has been formulated and will be carried out between Cllrs, Steve Golton and ROSPA. Cllr Nuttall and the Clerk spoke about suggested changes to arrangements and these were agreed. *It was agreed that the quarterly inspection by Park Lane Playgrounds will no longer take place and that checks would be done on the Cllr rota each month with Steve Golton doing weekly visual checks on public areas and an annual RoSPA inspection.*

11 Vehicle Activated Sign

The recent correspondence (circulated by email) with regard to the new temporary sign scheme for vehicle activated signs (VAS) was noted.

District Cllr Ian Reynolds reported that Mike Jordan has arranged a meeting with Cllr David Jeffels about a permanent VAS for Riccall. The case was presented and a letter from the Parish Council has also been sent to Cllr Jeffels.

It was agreed that Riccall will continue to participate in the NYCC Highways temporary VAS scheme but that acquiring a permanent one is preferable and a case will continue to be put forward to support this.

12 Youth Advisor

Tom will provide an article for a future edition of the Beacon, encouraging young people to contact him with their views.

13 Cycle racks

A discussion took place about adding some new cycle racks around the community.

Cllr Keen will approach Sustrans to ask advice on where to place any racks and the Hare and Hounds public house will also be approached to confirm if they wish to provide cycle racks.

14 Quality Council status

The Clerk updated Cllrs on the newly launched scheme (details had been circulated) and it was decided to go ahead with an application for 'Gold' status, if possible, later this year.

15 Minor items and items for the next agenda

None

16 Staff Matters

None

The Chairman thanked those present and closed the meeting at 9.45p.m.