

**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**of Riccall Parish Council**  
**held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015**  
**from 7.30 p.m. at the Regen Centre**

Attending: Cllr Keen (Chairman), Cllrs Adamson, Dawson, Kilmartin, Rimmer, Sharp, Somers-Joce, Whitwood and Wilkinson.

District Councillor - Ian Reynolds

Mrs Lindsey Ryan - Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Mrs Sandra Botham - Administrative Assistant

1 member of public

The Chairman welcomed new councillor Chris Whitwood to his first meeting.

**1 Apologies and declarations of interest**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Nuttall and Owens, and Tom Davies the Youth Advisor.

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda

**2 Minutes of the Annual meeting of Riccall Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

The minutes were accepted as a true record and adopted.

**3 Report on progress and updates since the last meeting**

The North Yorkshire Police report had been circulated.

District Cllr Reynolds had nothing to report.

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

- Concerned residents had reported a possible bogus caller collecting on behalf of British Heart Foundation. The police had received no reports.
- Councillors have been issued with an updated copy of the 'Good Councillor Guide.'
- The new roller banner for the Community Library is now in use and the volunteers are very pleased with it.
- Further monitoring reports for the Heritage Lottery Fund and the FA Football Foundation grants have now been completed and submitted.
- The Housing Surveys distributed with the Beacon are now being submitted by residents, with 15 having been completed so far.

- The website has been updated with a new profile for Cllr Rimmer. Cllr Whitwood was requested to submit a profile which will be placed on the website.
- The police have raised concerns that the incident of a man exposing himself on the cycle path in previous summers may happen again and ask that any incidents are reported to them.
- Road markings denoting 'Bus Stop' have been completed outside the park entrance.
- Notices have been placed on the village green to deter cyclists locking bikes to the structures. As this is continuing, notices will now be placed on the cycles.
- Declarations of Office have been filed and Registers of Interest have been submitted to the Selby DC Monitoring officer.
- The Clerk thanked Cllrs for their help in distributing the recent Beacon.

Cllr Rimmer noted that the man thought to be canvassing for British Heart Foundation was a genuine representative.

#### **4 Matters from Public Participation**

Several residents have complained about the poor condition of the fencing across the green area on Saunters Way. *The Community Officer at SDC will be contacted.*

Residents have noted the increasing problem of cars parking along York Road caused by overspill from the cycle path parking, particularly at the weekends. This will need to be taken into consideration for any future developments in the area.

Several residents have reported the increase and nuisance caused by pigeons.

*Cllr Casling entered the meeting at 7.40p.m.*

Walkers have been reporting the presence of cattle on the river bank which is causing concern as they are quite intimidating and some residents have been left feeling threatened. The ROW officer did walk the area last summer following concerns but has since left his post at NYCC. As the area forms part of the Riccall Round Walk and with regard to public safety, it was decided that concerns will be raised with NYCC, as the authority for public rights of way. Cllr Casling offered to contact NYCC and find out which officer will deal with this.

Cllr Casling also noted that she is now Young Peoples Champion for NYCC and will be happy to be involved with any events and activities for young people in order to build a better relationship between them and the County Council.

#### **5 Correspondence**

##### **5a) General correspondence - requiring decisions:**

A resident has emailed concerns of anti-social behaviour incidents and dog fouling on Carr Lane. The resident has been supplied with an anti-fouling sign and Cllrs suggested that the police may be able to monitor the anti-social behaviour.

**5b) General correspondence - for information:**

The resident who requested funding to help publish a book about the history of Riccall has written again to explain his disappointment at the Parish Council not being able to help financially.

Temporary road closure of Silver Street during the Carnival has been approved.

A resident has emailed regarding traffic on York Road following the Beacon article about the VAS sign. The Clerk has replied explaining reasons why a VAS would not be appropriate in this location.

Cllrs have been invited to a follow-up workshop for Plan Selby which will be held at the Regen Centre 6-9pm on 9<sup>th</sup> July. *Cllrs please contact the Clerk re attendance.*

**5c) Late correspondence – to note only.**

Information has been received relating to the Station Rise recreation area (circ). *This will be included on the July Agenda.*

NYCC are looking for nominations for their Community Awards Scheme which has been introduced to honour volunteers in the community working on projects, as groups or individuals to benefit their community.

A resident has emailed about the possibility of disabled access to the park and to raise other mobility issues around the village. Sharon Fox at NY Highways will be contacted regarding road/footpath access solutions. *The resident has been invited to meet and discuss the issues in more detail.*

Cllr Casling noted that Escrick has become pro-active particularly with parking on kerbs and they put laminated information notices on vehicles to discourage this and have been quite successful. *Cllr Casling will provide the Clerk with a copy of the notice.*

*Cllr Casling left the meeting at 8.10p.m.*

**6 Accounts for June 2015**

***Total Expenditure of £8503.55***

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

*At 8.15p.m. a break was taken to sign the cheques. Guest speakers arrived at 8.25p.m. and item 10 of the agenda was brought forward.*

## **10 A19 noise issues**

Tom Roskams and Martin Wiles gave a brief over-view of the process which originally included speeding, risk at junctions of the A19 and environmental risks. The outcomes following a meeting between Highways, the Police and the Clerk were that the police were negative about supporting speeding issues and it was recognised that a proposed development will have to take into account risk at the junction of the A19. A petition gained 430 residents support in taking forward an environmental solution to the noise and vibration issues. The feasibility of a sound barrier is being progressed and it is hoped that the PC will add their support and expertise to access any finance streams.

Q. Cllrs questioned the reasons for the number of residents signing the petition and did it include junction improvements.

A. *It did include all three related issues.*

Q. How many homes are affected by noise?

A. *120 homes on the east side of Main Street and York Road. It was noted that this is external noise rather than internal, unless windows are open, with the effects having less impact the further away property is from the road.*

Q. Tom and Martin were asked how long they had lived in Riccall and what the increase in traffic had been in that time.

A. *2 and 17 years. Surveys have shown that traffic has doubled since the construction of the A19 with studies showing 20,000 vehicles daily using it and 1200 of these HGV. The impact of noise and vibration indoors had not been appreciated.*

Q. What are the height and materials to be used in forming an acoustic barrier?

A. *It was noted that a bund is unlikely due to the lack of space so an acoustic fence would be more appropriate, however some properties at the northern end of the village may have a lack of space for that too.*

The Chairman invited District Councillor Reynolds to advise as he has knowledge of the Copmanthorpe barrier. Cllr Reynolds noted that he is sympathetic of the issues but he feels that County Council funding would be difficult to secure. He noted the Copmanthorpe barrier was part of a bigger scheme to bring in a new access to the A64 dual carriageway which was an accident blackspot. He also noted that the proposed new residential development, which includes access issues, would be likely to include an acoustic barrier as part of any scheme for a roundabout or traffic lights. This would benefit Holmes Drive area but not the southern end of the village.

Q. Would a barrier of trees reduce the noise impact?

A. *Again space is an issue in some areas and the impact on acoustics is minimal.*

Q. Would a reduction in speed have an impact on noise?

A. *The Highways Agency suggests the impact would be less.*

Q. It was suggested that roundabouts at each access to the village from the A19 may reduce speed.

A. *There could be an increase in noise due to braking and accelerating at roundabouts.*

The Environment Agency has been contacted regarding noise monitoring and quantifying the noise. The cost of a monitoring point to collect data would be approximately £800.

Cllr Keen said this could be an agenda item for the meeting in July and asked Martin and Tom to pass any additional information onto the Clerk and find out more about the funding position and involvement of the Environment Agency.

*The guest speakers were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting at 8.55p.m.*

Cllrs agreed to have this item on next month's agenda.

## **7 Planning**

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

None.

### **7b) The following planning applications will be considered:**

Outline application with all matters reserved for demolition of existing bungalow and nursery buildings and the erection of residential development of 23 dwellings at Villa Nursery, 31 York Rd, Riccall. (Cllrs Keen and Dawson)

*No objections* but raise concerns relating to vehicular access to the site and that the PC prefer not to create another recreation area as there are adequate recreational facilities within the village.

Cllr Reynolds advised on some issues raised by Cllrs relating to this proposal.

Section 73 application for the variation of condition 16 (drawings) of approval 2014/0623/FUL for the proposed erection of 3 No new dwellings and barn conversion at York End, 15 York Road, Riccall. (Cllr Wilkinson)

*No objections.*

Proposed single storey extension to the rear and side elevations 10A Manor Garth (Cllr Sharp).

*No objections.*

## **7c) Other planning matters**

None

## **8 Reports and Consultation**

Cllr Rimmer reported back from the Policing in North Yorkshire event noting that police support volunteers are managing the pilot Community Speed Watch scheme. Cllr Rimmer had asked about being able to log on to crime stats specific to Riccall but so far has been unable to access any.

Cllr Rimmer also noted that the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting is the AGM on 8th July at the Chapel and that new volunteers are looking into setting up a website.

Cllr Keen reported that the defibrillator is to be installed at Beech Tree Surgery and that the Carnival Committee is to produce an information sheet which will be handed out to residents. Training for up to 20 people will also be available. He also reported that the Carnival Committee are fund raising for a second defibrillator to be located at the Regen Centre. Cllr Whitwood noted that he is a St Johns Ambulance trainer and would be willing to assist in any training.

Cllr Keen noted it is Open Gardens this coming Sunday.

Cllr Keen and District Cllr Reynolds have been liaising with Beech Tree Surgery regarding the recent planning application for a portakabin and noted that issues with a partner surgery have superseded this at the present time. Cllr Reynolds advised that funding for a new surgery might be sought through new developments in Riccall via the Community Infrastructure Levy.

## **9 Recreational / H&S update**

The Clerk reported on matters relating to play equipment or sports field maintenance;

- Dave Meli of Riccall Utd Juniors has reported that the Jubilee sports field pitch needs rolling and that the football team have filled in an area of erosion at the goal mouth.
- The net on the sports wall has been vandalised- the Clerk will pass on the photo/information to the police and Cllr Dawson offered to make a temporary repair. *The Clerk will get a quote for repair as this piece of equipment is not specified on the insurance.*

## **11 Youth Advisor**

The Youth Advisor was not present at the meeting.

## **12 VAS and traffic issues**

Cllrs discussed details of the siting of the additional socket for the VAS to be used on Kelfield Road. It was agreed to go along with NYCCs advice about the chosen site.

Cllrs discussed proposals to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for double yellow lines at two sites in Riccall. The Clerk noted that the area on Main Street outside Riccall Park was not as expected, following her previous discussions with Gary Lumb and she will contact him for clarification. There are issues with cars parking partially on the footpath in the second area at the junction of Chapel Lane and Main Street and Cllrs asked if the conditions on the planning approval of the properties can be checked to see if they are being complied with. Cllr Reynolds offered to take this issue up with the planning enforcement officer if necessary. *The Clerk will speak to Gary Lumb and check details of the planning conditions.*

## **13 Volunteers thank you evening**

This is to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at the Regen Centre and Cllrs agreed to a budget of £250.

## **14 Minor items and items for the next agenda**

None

The Chairman then made a presentation on behalf of the Cllrs and staff to Lindsey Ryan, thanking her for 15 years of outstanding service as Clerk and Finance officer and wishing her all the best for the future with her new business venture.

*Item 15 was taken in private session; members of the public left the meeting at 9.43 p.m.*

*Cllr Keen thanked those present and closed the meeting at 9.55p.m.*