

Minutes of the meeting of Riccall Parish Council
on 14th December 2015
from 7.30 p.m. at the Regen Centre

Attending: Cllr Keen (Chairman), Cllrs Adamson, Dawson, Kilmartin, Nuttall, Owens, Rimmer, Somers-Joce,, Wilkinson
District Councillor Reynolds
Clerk & RFO – Mrs Sandra Botham

1 Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received and accepted for Cllr Sharp (holiday)
Cllr Whitwood was not in attendance and apologies had not been received in time for the meeting.

Cllr Owens noted declaration of interest in item 13 on the agenda at which point he will with-draw from the meeting.

2 Minutes of the meetings of Riccall Parish Council held on 16 November 2015 (circulated)
Budget meeting of Riccall Parish Council held on 23 November 2015 (circulated) and
Administration and Finance meeting held on 7 December 2015 (tabled)

The three sets of minutes were accepted as a true record and adopted.

The Chair and Clerk signed the Precept Notification for 2016/17.

3 Report on progress and updates since the last meeting

District Cllrs Reynolds gave an update on action taken and developments since the last meeting;

- Cllr Reynolds has liaised with Linden Homes and a NYCC approved contractor regarding finding a solution to ponding on the Carr Lane footpath from the Linden development. The contractor suggested either installing french drains or raising the tarmac level and Linden Homes have verbally agreed to fund the work. It was agreed to take advice from the contractor for the best solution.
- A preliminary sketch for the proposed lay-by has been produced and Cllr Reynolds will report back when a ball park figure has been produced.
- The Precept Grant is expected to be the same level as last year but confirmation will be made at the end of December.

The Clerk gave an update for North Yorkshire Police noting that the PCO had recommended that any residents with concerns about reduced street lighting should contact NYCC. The Ringmaster reports have been circulated with the only incident relevant to Riccall being a report of 6 dead sheep and a badly injured deer on Skipwith Common believed to be caused by a dog.

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

- The PROW officer replaced gate post on Station Road footpath following contact re concern from neighbours who rang this morning to ask if thanks could pass on for the work completed
- More faulty street lights have been reported
- Letters have been sent to residents regarding overhanging hedges
- Snow Patrol volunteers have been contacted about availability and 5 new volunteers have come forward following a feature in the Beacon. Cllr Owens is co-ordinating signing of forms and new supplies of shovels and gloves have arrived
- A response has been sent to NYCC Transport Plan & residents with noise issues from A19 were made aware of the document so that they could respond
- A blog has been put on the website for results of the recent housing survey
- Cllr Adamson and the Clerk met with Elliott Chambers from Lambert Smith Hampton at the Archive room –he is producing a tenancy proposal as the tenancy agreement ends 14 Feb 2015
- NYCC roadwork alerts- re 547 days for works on Micklegate and Gowthorpe- NYCC clarified that the works will not last that period but works will be carried out within those dates- notifications have now been set up from the NYCC website for actual works timing and will be circulated as necessary

4 Matters from Public Participation

- It was noted that further street lights are faulty and need reporting
- The grit bin on Selby Road has been tipped over and the grit spilled
- A resident has advised that at 15 York Road the barn gable end may have been rebuilt. Cllr Reynolds was asked to follow this up.
- The road sign for Mount Park needs replacing

5 Correspondence

5a) General correspondence - requiring decisions:

NYCC Highways consultation on double yellow lines in part of Viking Drive; Members discussed the proposals noting potential parking issues for elderly /disabled residents in the bungalows and their family/carers. It was also noted that recently a white line has been placed in the area which is already causing issues with the police being involved. Cllr Reynolds noted that he has also been involved. It was queried who would 'police' the restrictions. It was agreed that Cllr Reynolds will follow up this issue and report back.

Service Charge Budget from Lambert Smith Hampton for archive room;
New service charges were noted.

5b) General correspondence - for information:

None

5c) Late correspondence – to note only.

Announcement of the 2016 Tour De Yorkshire route: the men's race will travel through Riccall to Kelfield. It was noted that this falls on a Friday and that the school are planning activities and Cllr Keen is in contact with Sustrans regarding the event.

Residents had sent a copy of a letter to Selby DC regarding the application at 31 York Road. It was noted that the new layout has removed the open space and included two additional dwellings with properties being re-positioned.

A letter of thanks has been received from St Marys Church for the Parish Councils financial support of the grass cutting. It was noted that many residents appreciate the improved appearance of the churchyard.

An email from a resident requesting a grit bin for Holmes Drive was noted.

A resident has emailed about continuing problems of parking and traffic issues caused by contractors working at 15 York Road.

6 Accounts for November 2015

Payments for December 2015 were approved.

Total Expenditure £3547.76

An update on the budget position and bank reconciliation was given and these were noted by members.

At 8.30pm at short break was taken to sign the cheques.

7 Planning

7a)

Selby DC has permitted planning permission for the following application:

None received.

7b) The following planning application were considered:

2015/1267/TPO: Application to reduce and shape 1no Beech tree by 33%, fell 1 no Conifer tree and cut back Cherry tree branches within group A2 of TPO 5/1980 at 1 Beckwith Gardens, Riccall - Cllr Dawson

It was noted that a tree survey was not included for the felling of the conifer which is covered by the TPO. Therefore it was agreed *not to support* the felling of the conifer but the pruning of the Cherry and Beech Tree were acceptable.

LOMI/2015/0317/OUT: 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 Road, Riccall. Cllr Keen

It was noted that previous comments made by the PC to remove the green space had been complied with. Two additional properties have been added and other dwelling re-positioned.

No Objections.

DIWI/2015/1222.HPA: Replacement of former garage (demolition) with a hobby room to be a standalone single storey detached building and rear single storey extension to main house, 6 The Crescent, Riccall. Cllr Nuttall

No objections.

DIWI/2015/11214/HPA; Proposed outbuilding conversion to domestic annex at The Coach House, 3 Beckwith Hall Drive, Riccall. Cllr Somers-Joce

No objections.

NIGO/2015/1091/FUL; Amended plans for proposed demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a detached dwelling and two supporting garages for the existing and proposed dwellings in the conservation area at Elston House, 25 Main Street,, Riccall. Cllr Rimmer

It was noted that the amendments relate to moving back the garages and providing a turning circle but the access remains unchanged.

Therefore the previous *objection* still stands.

7c) Other planning matters

None.

8 Reports and Consultation

The Clerk reported that she had attended training on Freedom of Information and Data Protection.

Cllr Rimmer reported from the Neighbourhood Watch meeting noting they are providing a new bin to be sited near the York road bus stop. He also reported that the removal of the traffic lights had been discussed.

Cllr Keen reported back from the Dickensian Fair noting it had been very successful despite the high winds with good support from residents and publicity on Radio York bringing in visitors too.

9 Recreational / H&S update

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

The report for November had been carried out by Cllr Nuttall noting general wear and tear and maintenance work for spring.

The report for December had been carried out by Steve Golton reporting in addition to the above that the bark at the Aerial slide is compacted. The reports will be passed to Gavin.

- Gavin has put 'no parking' sign on the park gate and is arranging to meet with Cllr Dawson about work on the slide embankment
- Following the revised RoSPA report foot grips have been ordered for gym equipment and also nut covers
- Hags SMS have been contacted a couple of times re gate post welding and asked if someone can speak with Cllr Dawson to discuss welding the sports wall.
- Aerial slide repairs to the frayed wire need deciding
- Steve Golton reported that the Mole man keeping on top of new molehills

10 Garage Site

Sally Rawlings cancelled her visit to update on the site due to lack of available information. She would like to visit the January meeting.

11 Administration & Finance Committee meeting

Councillors accepted the recommendations of the committee.

It was agreed to give £250 to Selby CAB.

12 Traffic signals

Proposed plans for removal of traffic signals control were discussed. It was agreed that without lights it would be particularly dangerous for pedestrians considering the amount of residents on the housing estates off Station Road. For drivers exiting Station Road it would be difficult to assess traffic approaching the junction. Cllr Reynolds agreed to follow up on the issues raised and will report back.

Cllr Owens left the meeting at 9.15pm as he had declared an interest in the next item.

13 Youth of the Year

Nominations for the award were assessed and it was agreed that an application for Hana Smith, in which she had taken the initiative to benefit the community and raise funds for the Dementia Friends, who work alongside Alzheimer's society, qualified her to receive the award.

Cllr Owens returned to the meeting at 9.25p.m.

14 Minor items and items for the next agenda

Cllr Adamson noted that the contents of the archive room at the Mine need sorting through early in the New Year so that a decision can be made whether to continue with the lease or find alternative storage for the contents.

Ideas for County Councillor Caslings locality budget were discussed. Cllr Keen noted that an application for a defibrillator has been made to the British Heart Foundation, the outcome yet unknown, however, funding will still be needed for maintenance of the defibrillators. He also noted that provision for funds for the defibrillators should be made in case the Carnival Committee ever folds and suggested that the PC considers being custodians of the funds if it happens. It was noted that this should form part of the constitution.

It was also noted that funding may be required for events associated with the Tour de Yorkshire 2016. This will be an agenda item on January's meeting.

The Clerk will notify Cllr Casling of the funding projects.

The Chairman called the meeting into private session and members of the public left the meeting at 9.30p.m.

15 Staff Matters

Private Session notes reference 18.

The meeting was taken out of private session and the Chairman thanked those present and wished them a Happy Christmas. The meeting was closed at 9.40p.m.