

# ROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

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## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 @ Roughton Village Hall

23/12/2011 10:47

**Present:** Mr G Hunt (Chairman), Mr Richard Seaward, Mr Steve Howard,  
Mr Roy McDonald, Ms Hazel Rowlinson, Mr Paddy Bennett

**Apologies:** Ms Clare Wilson (Vice Chair)

**Others:** Elizabeth Smith - NNDC, PCSO Elaine Roberts and PCSO Alison Holmes,  
Members of the public 9

**ACTION**

Mr Gil Hunt opened the meeting at 7.30pm

The following Agenda items were discussed.

1. **To receive declaration of interest in items on the Agenda**
  - Roy MacDonald - Roughton Land Trust - personal
  - Gil Hunt and Hazel Rowlinson and Richard Seaward as Trustees to Roughton Village Hall - personal
2. **To consider apologies for absence**

Mr Jason Bumphrey - no apologies had been received  
Clare Wilson - personal - accepted by the Council.
3. **Approve outstanding Minutes - Ordinary Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009**

Resolved to approve.
4. **Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation and Norfolk Police, Norfolk District and County Councillor Reports - 10 minutes maximum**

Resolved to open the meeting to the public.

**Police report** - no crimes had been committed during the period October to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010. There were 34 calls to the police.  
In comparison in 2008 there had been 4 crimes.

The next mobile police station will be at 10-12pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 near to Roughton St Mary's primary school. Information on securing your house oil storage tanks will be available.

Local priorities are to deal with increased anti-social behaviour in Cromer and Northrepps and to monitor and deal with the abuse of parking restrictions in various locations around Cromer.

**Public comments** - A member of the public voiced his concern with regard to the Council Tax being increased and informed that many residents had written to Norman Lamb MP.

There were no other comments.

Resolved to close the meeting to the public

**5. Consideration and review of Roughton's Persistent Complainer status - Mr Anthony Musker**

The Clerk reported that there had been 60 contacts/complaints/comments from the Persistent Complainer. There had been 4 contacts from Mrs Musker.

In comparison there had been 2 contacts/complaints from one resident and 1 from another resident all of which had been dealt with.

Resolved to continue the Persistent Complainer's status on the register for a further year and that he is known as the Persistent Complainer and not by name. The PC does not want to be blamed for antagonising or inflaming the situation. Clerk to write to the Persistent Complainer to inform him of his continued status. EP

**6. To report on Matters Arising (updates and for information)**

**6.1 Update on Roughton Reporter**

Few delivery problems relating to Roughton Road and Holway Close - new delivery person is required. Clare would like to thank Elaine Gibbs previously a Councillor for her deliveries. Other solutions may include a pick-up point at the Garage or the RR only being available on the website or emailing the reporter to people; this however, disenfranchises those who do not have easy access to a computer. A delivery volunteer would be the best solution - any ideas would be welcome.

**6.2 Update on footpaths from footpath officer - Hazel Rowlinson**

A branch by the Church is down and being dealt with. There were no other comments at this time.

**6.3 Poppyland Partnership update - Hazel Rowlinson**

A piece of information is being written on Roughton by Hazel and others for inclusion in a Poppyland initiative.

**6.4 Village Hall Events - update Richard Seaward**

The Shortest Straw was a success and new events are being planned.

**6.5 Police Report if not in attendance**

Dealt with at item 4.

**6.6 Update on LDF - Richard Seaward**

Richard informed that the LDF is now being considered for Government approval.

**6.7 Update on Land Trust - Roy MacDonald**

Report is on the website regarding donations.

**6.8 Roughton Common Moles - still work in progress**

**6.9 Update on Parish Plan - Clare Wilson**

A number of interesting points were raised at the Open session held at The New Inn on 8th November. However, the turn-out was so low that it could not be deemed to be representative - once again the lack of 'connectedness' in the village has struck, A more detailed report was in the last issue of the Roughton Reporter. It seems that for the foreseeable future there is unlikely to be any new initiatives that might enhance our village or make our lives more enjoyable/satisfying in a local context. No more funding will be available for this kind of activity so Roughton has missed the boat.

**6.10 Update on Mediation between Parish Council and Mr and Mrs Musker**

The mediation process which the Parish Council initiated went ahead as planned between Mr and Mrs Musker the Council Members and the Police in attendance. After the meeting an article was published in the local newspaper from Mr Musker attacking the Parish Council. This action left the Council being disappointed in the process however members will attend the next meeting. Mr Musker continues to demand commitments from the Council but brings nothing to the table.

**6.11 Dog Bins at Brownsfield - being looked into by the Housing Trust**

Clerk to check the situation on this.

EP

## 7. Consideration of provision of hole in wall at bus shelter on the A140 North Bound by the New Inn

Clerk informed the Members as to the latest situation on this and that quotations had been obtained to undertake this work. Jason Bumphrey a member of the Parish Council and local builder has offered due to the current finances of the Council to undertake this project at no cost.

Resolved to accept Mr Bumphrey's generous offer on behalf of the Community.  
Clerk to inform accordingly. EP

## 8. Correspondence - schedule supplied to Members

1. NNDC - Code of conduct complaint reference number 87 - Councillor Clare Wilson - dismissed. The Persistent Complainer has objected the outcome and asked for it to be reviewed.
2. Norman Lamb - re costs of challenges to Parish Councils - Clerk
3. NCC - Invitation to third local transport plan - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2009
4. Poppyland - Walks and Trails in Poppyland - Hazel
5. NCC - CARS initiative - posters handed out
6. NCC - Planning Applications - local list of validation requirements
7. Boundary Committee - recommendation
8. NCC - 40mph Speed Limit Order for Thorpe Market B1436
9. Norfolk Link
10. Application for Funding for Roughton Youth Club to NALC  
Clerk informed through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.
11. Letter from Villager in connection with Audit/Mr Musker's complaint
12. NCC Norfolk Gritting routes
13. NNDC - LDF update

## 9. Finance

**9.1 To approve payments** Schedule provided to Members for consideration in advance of the meeting.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cheque</b>
Royal British Legion	£50.00	291
Elaine Pugh - Clerk	£667.11	292
Mr M Watts	£100.00	293
Mr Thurtle (Oct/November 2009)	£84.00	294
NNDC - Roughton Reporter (Dec 09)	£68.75	295
Roughton Village Hall	£72.00	296
<b>Income</b>		
Mr & Mrs Musker - payment for documents	£1.31	

Richard Seaward asked the Clerk how much additional time had been incurred in dealing with the Auditor and the Objection to the Accounts by the Persistent Complainer.

The Clerk informed that 12 hours had been charged, although the hours were far in excess of this.

Resolved to pay enbloc.

## 9.2 2008/2009 Audit update

1<sup>st</sup> stage of Objection to Audit from the Persistent Complainer Mr Anthony Musker received and responded to. The 2<sup>nd</sup> stage - Mr Musker objected with 174 further points of clarification. Clerk has responded as directed by the Council.

Mazars are to confirm their position in due course.

Resolved to open the meeting in order to allow the public to speak on this matter.

There was robust debate on this between members of the public. The Council at the public's request agreed to place the two letters to the Auditor from the Persistent Complainer onto the Council's website for their information.

EP

Resolved to close the meeting to the public.

## 10. Planning Applications

PLANNING APPLICATION LOG				
DATE	APPLICATION NUMBER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
18.12.09	PF/09/1248	Carr Lane	Erection of storage shed and paying shed	with NNDC
25.11.09	2009/1187	The Old Mill House	Conversion of 1st Floor of garage to holiday accommodation	with NNDC

## 11. To Receive Reports from Councillors

**Roy MacDonald** informed that he had updated the website and he was still working on it.

**Paddy Bennett** informed that over 5-6 months over 35 people had attended the Youth Club. There were fundraising ideas being developed by the members. The Club thanked the Clerk for writing to NALC for funding for the Youth Club and were pleased to be selected to go forward to the second stage.

## 12. To Confirm the Date of the next meeting - Monday 1st March 2010 - Roughton Village Hall at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

DATE: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010

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CHAIR