

ROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the parish council

Held on Monday 4th November 2013 @ Roughton Village Hall

28/01/2014 15:03

Present: Mr Richard Seaward (Chair), Mr Paddy Bennett,
Mrs Chloe Bennett and Tim Hunt

Apologies: Mr Roy MacDonald

Others: 10 members of the public

ACTION

1. **To receive declaration of interest in items on the Agenda and Pecuniary Interest Forms and approvals**
There were none declared - the payment to Crazee Kidz Club for £300 had previously been approved by the Council at the September meeting.
2. **To consider apologies for absence**
Roy MacDonald - accepted by the Council.
3. **Approve outstanding Minutes - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 2nd September 2013**
Resolved that these be approved.
4. **Co-option of New Councillor(s)**
The Clerk had circulated details of Mrs Ann Arrow who had applied to become a member of the Council. It was resolved that Ann Arrow be co-opted to Roughton Parish Council. Clerk would inform NNDC and organise the necessary paperwork. EP
5. **To consider objection to Parish Council Accounts 2012-2013 from the Unreasonably Persistent Complainer**
The Clerk outlined that a lengthy letter had been sent to the Auditor for his consideration from the Unreasonably Persistent Complainer. The Auditor had in turn responded to the UPC in order to clarify certain points. The Clerk was waiting for further communication from the Auditor.
6. **Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation, Norfolk Police, Norfolk District and County Councillor Reports - 10 minutes maximum**
Resolved to open.
There were 8 members of the public who demanded information regarding item 5. The Clerk outlined several points but informed that it was an extremely long and detailed letter and this could not be accommodated during the open session.

The 8 members of the public asked the Council to inform them who the Unreasonably Persistent Complainer was. The Council responded by stating that they could not identify that person.

The 8 members of the public then had a robust discussion with the Council and asked direct questions to one other member of the public present.

As the open session exceeded its 10 minute allocation the Council resolved to allow a further 5 minutes.

Further questions were asked of a member of the public in connection with the possibility of their Precept being increased due to their constant complaining and objections to the Auditor and other authorities.

The members of the public were outraged that one person could spend their money without the authority of the Parish Council and it was a total waste of money which could be better spent on initiatives within the parish.

The members of the public outlined and strongly informed the Council that the Unreasonably Persistent Complainer does not work for the majority but purely for themselves.

At this point the Unreasonably Persistent Complainer started shouting and the Chair needed to raise his voice in order to calm the open session down. It was further resolved to extend the open session for a further 5 minutes in order to allow everyone their opportunity to speak.

The members of the public informed that they pay their taxes to the Parish Council and do not want their money wasted by the Unreasonably Persistent Complainer on unnecessary administration; that the costs involved far outweigh the amounts spent by the Parish Council.

The consensus of opinion was that this situation had been ongoing for many years and needed to be stopped. The Clerk outlined that the Parish Council's hands were tied to some extent as they had to abide by the law and co-operate with the Auditor and other authorities and meet their legal responsibilities.

The majority of the public present thanked the Council for their continued work through a very difficult time and the Clerk for her commitment to their Parish.

It was resolved at this point to terminate the open session.

7. Planning Applications

13/1081/1082	Cart Lodge Barn, Back Lane	Alterations to facilitate erection of rear extension and erection of single storey rear extension	With NNDC - no comment from Parish Council
13/0946	Sunny Brook, Thorpe Market Rd	Erection of single storey rear ext	PERMITTED
13/0947	Heath View, Thorpe Market Rd	Erection of single-storey rear ext	PERMITTED
13/0496	Six Acre Caravan Site	Erection of 2 storey replacement dwelling with attached reception office	Permitted
13/0684	6 Brownsfield, Roughton	Erection of detached 2 storey dwelling and garage	Permitted
13/0675	Hill Farm House, Thorpe Market Rd	Demolition of outbuildings and erection of 2 storey side ext, single storey side/ear ext and garage with link extension	PERMITTED
13/0712	Roughton Motor Co, Chapel Rd	Demolition of motor vehicle service station and erection of 8 dwellings	PERMITTED

- 8. To report on Matters Arising (updates and for information)**
- 8.1 Police Report if not in attendance - Clerk**
No report was forthcoming from the Police.
- 8.2 Repair of bus shelter wall - completed**
- 8.3 Friends of Roughton School - Numicon system purchased and due to be presented by the Council.**
- 8.4 Purchase of new notice board - waiting decision by business owner**
The Clerk would chase again. EP
- 8.5 Bin at toddler area - purchased waiting installation**
- 8.6 Bench for common - purchased waiting installation**
- 8.7 No parking sign for Roughton Common - Highways installed**
an "H" sign by the dropped down kerb
- 8.8 Sanding/varnishing of village benches - instructed new caretaker**
- 9. Finance**
- 9.1 To consider donation to the Royal British Legion**
It was resolved that £50 be donated.
- 9.2 To consider, review and set Precept for 2014-2015**
It was resolved that the Precept be set at £8,000 which included the NNDC grant of £899. (Precept £7,101 + grant £899 = £8,000).
The Council were mindful that the reserves held were high and needed to be maintained due to the risk of the Unreasonably Persistent Complainer and future external audit costs and any other expenses.
- 9.3 To approve payments**
- | Payee | Amount | Cheque |
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| Secret Gardens - Oct grass cutting | £100.00 } | |
| Secret Gardens Sept grass cutting/caretaking | £144.00 } | |
| Secret Gardens - bench and bus stop | £105.00 } | 130 |
| Glasdon - bin | £169.94 | 131 |
| Friends of Roughton School donation | £126.36 | 132 |
| Elaine Pugh - Clerk | £628.80 | 133 |
| Blyth&Wright | £250.00 | 134 |
| Mr Caton | £196.12 | 135 |
| Craze Kids Club Roughton Youth Club (agreed Sept 13) | £300.00 | 136 |
| Royal British Legion | £50.00 | 137 |
- Resolved to pay enbloc.**
- Funds received**
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| Mr A Musker re DPA request | £10.00 |
| UK Power Networks | £65.07 |
| NNDC - 2nd tranche precept | £4,250 |
- 10. Correspondence**
NNDC - Coastal News - response to the Marine Plan Consultation
NCC - re delivering local highway improvements
Victory Housing re garages at Roughton which they own to be knocked down
- the Clerk was requested to write to oppose this
Clerks and Councillors Direct
NALC information
Various correspondence with Unreasonably Persistent Complainer (circulated)
R Mortimer re Wispire and Broadband
- 11. To agree dates for 2014 meetings**

These were discussed and agreed.

12. To Receive Reports from Councillors

Tim Hunt - issue with footpath - Clerk to follow up.

EP

Paddy Bennett - thanked the Council for their donation to the Youth Club and informed that it would be used wisely. There were various options being looked into with regard to the provision of bottle bank sites in the future.

In December a meal would be held for the older generation of Roughton.

**13. To Confirm the Date of the next meeting -
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Monday 6th January 2014**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10pm

Richard Seaward - Chair

6th January 2014

