

Minutes of the meeting of Riccall Parish Council
held on 17th February 2014
from 7.30 p.m.
at the Regen Centre

Attending: Cllr Keen (Chairman), Cllrs Duggan, Dawson, Kilmartin, Nuttall, Owens, Sharp and Wilkinson.

County & District Cllr Casling and District Cllr Reynolds

Youth advisors: Callum Finn and Finn Northrop

Mrs Lindsey Ryan- Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

Mrs Sandra Botham – Administrative Assistant

1 Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Adamson and Rookes.
Cllr Somers-Joce was not in attendance.

Cllr Wilkinson declared an interest in Item 5a.

**2 Minutes of the Riccall Parish Council meeting held on 20th January 2014
(circulated)**

The minutes were accepted and adopted as a true record.

3 Report on progress and updates since the last meeting

Cllr Reynolds had nothing to report.

The Clerk reported that North Yorkshire PCSO's have visited the office since the last meeting and were assisting with traffic issues for Riccall and reported on being involved in Selby Area initiatives such as poaching.

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

- YLCA has sent thanks for supporting action on the Parish Precept Grant.
- The Clerk thanked Cllrs for delivering the Beacon.
- An environmental issue was reported at a property in Riccall. The Clerk has involved an Environmental Health Officer at Selby DC and it has now been investigated.
- Dog fouling on the public footpath from Ash Grove to Landing Lane has also been reported to SDC and this has now been cleared and a new sign provided is to be erected on the corner of Ash Grove. The Lengthsman will do this and do some work to re-instate the footpath.
- A new litterbin has been ordered to be placed by the Outdoor Gym at Riccall Park.

- An application has been made for road closure of Silver Street, as usual, during this year's Riccall Carnival.
- A resident has requested an additional grit bin for Holmes Drive - this was considered and Cllr Owens had visited the potential site but it was decided that the bin on the footpath serves the area.
- AK Lighting are now ordering the street light columns for Phase 2 of the streetlight replacement programme, which is planned to begin in April/May.
- The timing loop at the traffic lights has now been repaired.
- A resident on Main Street has complained about vibration from the highway. This has been assessed by NYCC Highways who have decided it is not enough of an issue to warrant any action. The resident has asked the Parish Council for help in resolving this.
- A complaint has been received regarding a property which displays pot plants on the public footpath in front of the property, making the path narrower than it should be. The Clerk will pass this to the Highways for advice.
- A new poster has been made to advertise the Community Library.
- Northern Power-grid has been contacted again, regarding the electricity connection to the streetlight at the corner of Northfield Lane and York Road.

The Chairman gave Cllr Casling, who had now joined the meeting, the opportunity to give any updates as County and District Cllr:

The County Council precept will be discussed at a Full Council meeting on 19th Feb, where it is expected that there will be an increase of 1.9%. There has been £70 million worth of cuts in recent years.

There is no update about when the footpath at York Road bus stop will be installed.

4 Matters from Public Participation

The streetlight at Northfield lane/York Road was reported again (see item 3).

Residents of Viking Drive and Chestnut Terrace have complained about a motorhome parking on land at the garages as it is obstructing access. *The Clerk has contacted the Community Officer to pass this on.*

A number of residents have commented about the misuse and fly tipping at the recycling bins area at the Regen Centre. *CCTV was suggested.*

Parking issues were raised again. The PCSO's are aware and patrolling when possible and the Chairman noted that the new Inspector for Selby should be invited to a meeting to meet the Council and discuss any issues.

5 Correspondence

5a) General correspondence - requiring decisions:

A resident has requested support for a scouting event to attend a jamboree in Japan. Cllr Dawson declared an interest. It was noted that individuals cannot be given financial support. *Cllrs voted against providing a raffle prize or funding.*

Request for funding support from the Regen Centre had been circulated. *Cllrs decided to reconsider the request at the end of the financial year.*

A request for funding for the Chairman's charity was considered. *It was agreed not to support this request with any funding at this time.*

5b) General correspondence - for information:

An update to review the Local Government Boundary Commission to reduce the number of Cllrs from 41 to 31 was discussed – *Riccall will have its own District Cllr, rather than sharing a Cllr with Escrick.*

Riccall Primary School informed us of a new woodland of about 20 trees which is to be planted in the school grounds by the allotments. *This was noted.*

A resident has thanked the Parish Council for the way it has developed Riccall Park.

5c) Late correspondence – to note only:

YLCA has contacted the Parish Council regarding Government legislation in relation to referendum.

A resident has again complained about the parking of a cherry picker vehicle on Church Street. *The Police and the Highways department have already been involved and the Clerk has passed this on to the PCSO'S again.*

Tom Davies has requested a meeting with the Clerk to discuss ideas to develop an extended BMX area at the park. *The Clerk has set up a further meeting with him.*

A WW1 Remembrance medal is available to commemorate the event. *Cllrs can decide if they wish to present school children with one at the next meeting. The Clerk will get some details.*

Cllr Casling left the meeting at this point - 8pm.

6 Accounts for February 2014 and Budget 2014/15

A total expenditure of £4709.00 was agreed

The Clerk gave an update on the budget position and bank reconciliation and these were noted.

A five minute break followed to allow the cheques to be signed.

The Clerk gave a report on the localisation of council tax benefit support grant, noting that Selby DC has now agreed to pass on the section of the government grant meant for Town and Parish Councils.

In light of this information the final precept request will remain as £86,000 with the £3909.11 going into making up the difference between the precept and the final budget figure. *The Clerk will advise Selby DC.*

7 Planning

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

None received

7b) The following planning applications will be considered:

Proposed erection of 3 new dwellings and conversion of barn and outbuildings at York End, 15 York Rd, Riccall (Lead Cllrs – Cllrs Wilkinson and Owens)

Cllrs objected to the application:

Overdevelopment of the site.

Although it is a welcome addition to the application that the barn is now retained, it also makes the access more difficult.

There are access constraints onto York Rd and visibility is poor.

The application does not support the principles of the Riccall Village Design Statement, particularly two and a half storey buildings.

This application seems an unnecessary development for Riccall, based on SP5 and SP6 as it is within the conservation area and there are larger developments allocated for Riccall as part of the SDC site allocations development plan.

The following application had been considered under delegated authority:

Change of Use of 14a and 14b from commercial to private at Dairyman's Cottage, 14 Kelfield Road.

Riccall Parish Council had no objections

7c) Other planning matters

Cllrs considered the conversion of a domestic garage to a showroom. *Cllr Reynolds will follow this up and report back at the next meeting.*

8 Reports and Consultation

The Clerk reported back from a meeting with the new traffic enforcement team based in Harrogate to clarify the roles of the team and the police when dealing with traffic issues. The traffic enforcement team will deal with parking on double yellow lines and also driveway blocking (reported by residents). They can also be called on to deal with individual issues if requested. The police will deal with obstructions caused by parking – these can be reported by photo evidence via the Clerk, where possible. *It was suggested that this detail be put in the Beacon.*

The Clerk reported back from a meeting with NYCC about taking part in a pilot scheme for a parish portal to report and track potholes and highway defects. *It was suggested that the Clerk reports the complaint noted in item 3.*

Cllr Keen reported that he didn't get to the YLCA Selby meeting, due to extreme weather conditions.

Cllr Owens gave a progress report on behalf of Riccall Snow Patrol, noting that there has only been one callout from NYCC Highways since January which didn't go ahead due to the conflicting weather forecast.

Cllr Nuttall noted that the recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting was also cancelled due to the bad weather and subsequent power cut.

9 Recreational / H&S update

Cllr Dawson gave an update on health and safety checks completed on Riccall Park play equipment for January noting only minor issues.

The Clerk reported that the football posts are being re-set, the weeding, tripping hazards, moss and the re-filling the ditch are all being dealt with this week. A bracket replacement, grass matting and see-saw fitting and junior play area gate stopper are also being replaced.

The launch of the outdoor gym is set for 22nd March and the two youth advisors will be present with the Clerk and Streetscape. Any Cllrs wishing to come along and take part should just do so. *It was noted that the condition of the safety surface will be checked by Streetscape.*

The Clerk reported that progress on installing the cricket wicket has been held up due to ground conditions and will be progressed when the weather improves.

Cllrs considered whether DBS checks are necessary for the Cllrs that are currently operating the H&S check system. *These will not be carried out at present.*

Cllrs considered information about Pest Control for recreational areas. It was noted that Tru-Green are aware of the condition as they carry out their contract work and that they can, as part of the contract take on the pest control at a reduced cost to that of the current contractor. *Cllrs voted in favour of changing to Tru-Green.*

The use of remaining S106 funding for Riccall Park was considered. The Clerk provided quotes for cycle racks and suggested the possibility of using the funds for development of BMX facilities. *Council members agreed that once the cricket wicket is paid for, the remaining £6942 can be used to improve BMX facilities at Riccall Skate Park.*

A request from Riccall Lands Charity to solve issues with the stile / fence at Riccall Park was discussed. *It was decided that from a Council perspective, the stile is adequate and does not need replacing at this time.*

The Clerk noted that a recent storm had brought down a small tree into the road and damaged the fence of Riccall Park. *The Clerk had been on site to evaluate the situation. Highways had removed the branches from the road and the Land Charities had removed the rest of the tree and repaired the fence.*

Following a telephone conversation with the new Chairman, Riccall Utd JFC would like to move the sports field container at their cost. *The Council will await a formal request to do so and evaluate whether it is necessary to cause that upheaval and apply for planning permission again.*

A community group has requested use of the Jubilee sports field on Monday evenings, commencing in April. It is aimed at 14 and over and is a minimal contact Touch Rugby, with participants wearing trainers. *Cllrs had no objections to this.*

10 Riccall Round Walk

The Clerk gave an update on her walk around the route with the footpaths officer to address signage issues and re-instate two footpaths. She noted that the distance of walk one is 4 miles and will be corrected when the leaflets get re-printed.

The Clerk has arranged for an extension to the Heritage Lottery 'end of project' timescale until the end of March. The part of the project to create information boards is well underway with the collation of photographs and text coming together for submission to the designer/printers. The footpaths officer will help the Clerk to try and get permission where necessary to place the boards.

The Clerk is seeking alternative quotes for the lecterns which will free up some extra money needed for the graphic designer.

11 Energy Co-operative

Cllr Duggan presented his ideas for a possible energy co-operative to bulk buy from a supplier for the village to reduce costs to residents. He suggested contacting residents via the Beacon to assess interest in a scheme. *Further research needs to be carried out to find out how practical such a scheme might be.*

12 Minor items and items for the next agenda

Cllr Dawson noted the recent power cuts and would like to agenda the item as there is rarely any feedback available from the Electricity provider. It was suggested that a contact number for the company is put into the next Beacon for residents to get any updates during cuts and also that Nigel Adams might be contacted to see if he could make any progress on getting feedback.

13 Staff matters

None.

The Chairman thanked those present and closed the meeting at 9.25p.m.