

Minutes of Riccall Parish Council meeting
held on 21st July 2014
from 7.30 p.m. at the Regen Centre

Attending: Cllr Keen (Chairman), Cllrs Adamson, Dawson, Duggan, Kilmartin, Nuttall, Owens, Rookes, Sharp, Somers-Joce and Wilkinson.

District Councillor -Ian Reynolds

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 the Youth Advisors; Calum Finn and Finn Northrop.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of the meeting of Riccall Parish Council held on 16th June 2014 and minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee meeting held on 23rd June 2014.

Both sets of minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were accepted as a true record and adopted.

3 Report on progress since the last meeting

District Cllr Reynolds had nothing to report and had no further information for the timing of work on the new footpath at the York Road bus-stop.

County Cllr Casling was not in attendance.

There was no report from NY Police.

The Chairman read from the Clerk's report as she had lost her voice.

- Both of the Riccall Round Walks are now fully passable, landowners have been contacted where necessary and the official launch is scheduled for Sunday 28th September 2014. Cllr Adamson will help to organise this and local walking groups will be invited.
- Cllr Reynolds has secured funding of £250 through Stevenson's towards the new goal posts for Jubilee sports field. It was noted that nets will not be erected until enquiries have been made with both ROSPA and the insurers.

Cllr Dawson entered the meeting at 7.35pm

- Checks and snagging issues have now been completed for phase two of the streetlights replacement scheme and a letter of thanks has been sent to AK lighting.
- Flytipping on Checker Lane has been reported to Selby DC and Cllr Keen noted that changes to the local authority waste sites due on 3rd August may well result in more incidents.
- NYCC have fixed the barrier on Parsons Lane with plans to replace them next year.
- The Clerk has sent letters to residents of Ash Grove who back onto the Jubilee sports field regarding recent incidents of fly tipping.
- Letters have been sent to residents whose properties have streetlight columns on their boundaries asking them to keep hedge growth tidy so access is not restricted.

- Residents of Ash Grove have complained about dog fouling on the footpath by the tennis courts. A sign will be erected to discourage this (Cllr Rookes offered to erect sign).
- A nomination has been made for Youth of the Year and it was agreed to forward it to the Admin Committee.
- The Clerk is taking annual leave for 2 weeks from 24th July and Sandra Botham will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

4 Matters from Public Participation

- Residents have complained about the overgrowth onto Church Street from a plot of land. The Clerk has sent a letter to the owner and the ROW officer has also offered to contact them.
- Residents have reported garden rubbish being deposited on Parsons Lane at the Northfield end. *This will be investigated.*

5 Correspondence

5a) General correspondence

A resident has written concerned about Public Rights of Way within Riccall. The Clerk will contact the NYCC Rights of way officer to follow this up.

NYCC are no longer going to provide grass cutting of verges due to budget cuts. Although Riccall PC already completes this work on behalf of NYCC, this decision will impact on the funding usually received to cover this and will have to be considered when budgeting later in the year.

5b) General correspondence

Stevenson's have kindly contributed £250 towards the new goal posts and it was agreed that *a letter thanking them for the generous donation be sent.*

A resident has emailed regarding the overgrown bridleway from north Newlands Farm to the pumping station on Selby Rd. *The Clerk has contacted the ROW officer who has already cleared the path.*

5c) Late correspondence

The Parish of Selby Abbey has notified us of a series of 'Not about Heroes' events.

6 Accounts

A total expenditure of £3437.72 was approved for July.

The bank reconciliation and budget update had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted by members.

The Clerk asked if Cllrs would consider financing a roller banner for the community library at a cost of approx. £50. *This was agreed.*

A short break was taken at 8.45 for the signing of cheques and the Chairman noted that members of the Student Council were due to arrive to give a presentation. It was agreed that item 9 should be brought forwards.

9 Riccall Primary School Student Council

The five students gave a presentation on the projects they had been involved with, the visits they had made and the fundraising that they had carried out. There was then a time for questions before certificates were presented. The Head teacher thanked Mrs Ryan for the time and effort she gives to the Student Council.

The Student Council left the meeting at 8.05p.m.

7 Planning

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

None.

7b) The following planning applications were considered:

2014/0593/FUL Installation of Bio-Fuelled (STOR) Power Plant, Riccall Business Park, Selby Road (Cllr Sharp).

It was noted that this application will have less impact on neighbours than the previous similar application, due to fewer hours of operation and fewer deliveries.

No objections

2014/0378/COU Retrospective application for the change of use of garage to showroom for wedding flowers, Old School House, 54 Main Street, Riccall (Cllrs Wilkinson and Duggan).

The Council objected to this retrospective application due to the fact that parking and access would be difficult on the corner of Station Rd and Main Street.

2014/0585/HPA Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with a two storey extension 19 Selby Road, Riccall. (Cllr Dawson)

No objections

2014/0633/FUL Proposed construction of a garage/store building principally for the purposes of storing lorries at Cropwise Ltd, Riccall Airfield, Market Weighton Road. (Cllr Keen)
It was noted that this is a re-submission following surveys on an adjacent pond.

No objections

2014/0689/TPO Proposed felling of T3 (Norway Maple) covered by TPO 5/1980 in former garden of Garden House, Manor Garth, Riccall. (Cllr Owens)

No objections

7c) Other planning matters

None

8 Reports and Consultation

The Clerk had circulated reports from training courses prior to the meeting and these were noted.

Cllr Keen reported back from the meeting attended by himself and the Clerk, requested by Riccall Lands Charity. It was agreed that this will be taken forward as an agenda item for the meeting in September.

Cllr Wilkinson reported back on behalf of himself and the Clerk from the information stand at the carnival and noted interest shown in the new information boards, the Youth Councillors and concern regarding parking issues in the village.

Cllr Wilkinson reported back from the recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting which he was unable to attend but had sent in a written report.

Cllr Keen reported that the Carnival was a success despite the poor weather on the Saturday, with a better day being enjoyed on the Sunday for the picnic on the Village Green.

Cllr Keen reported that the annual walking of the paths had been carried out and no problems identified.

Cllr Dawson reported back from the CEF Board Meeting noting that it had been an effective meeting.

10 Recreational/H & S Update

Cllr Keen reported on behalf of the Clerk:

- Branches Out have been asked to remove branches overhanging the junior play area
- Park Lane have carried out maintenance work on the gate, nut covers and the bolt on the basket swing
- The cost of tarmac for area adjacent to the skate park will need additional funding of around £500 with just under £7000 being provided with Section 106 money. *It was agreed to provide funding using the maintenance budget.*
- Tru-Green are to weld the goal posts fixings to stabilise them
- The Kompan surface has been vandalised further and it was agreed to try and patch it and look for alternative surfaces and discuss at the September meeting.
- There is further erosion at the Sports wall and it was agreed to look at alternatives and get quotes
- Tru-Green has pegged down sections of the fence on the Jubilee Sportsfield, following it being lifted for access.

Cllrs considered the proposal to operate a mobile food stand in Riccall Park and decided that although the proposal was well presented, more information was needed. *The Clerk will check the lease with Riccall Land Charity and with the Council insurers.*

The Admin and Finance Committee had recommended that the Clerk only reports on H & S aspects for the recreational areas. *This was agreed.*

11 WWI Centenary

Cllr Keen, the Clerk, Ken Tomlinson and Roger White had met to discuss the possibility of adding a new inscription in commemoration of the centenary of WW1, to the war memorial in the church yard. Costs will be in the region of £300. Francis Loftus has sought a faculty from the Church and expects confirmation in August.

The Clerk is seeking rebuilding costs from an insurance perspective and noted that the monument is not listed in RPC assets.

It was proposed that the inscription should go ahead.

It was also proposed to have a memorial garden on the Village Green, extending and planting the existing area. Cllr Keen is to approach the village gardening club to see if they would like to be involved.

Cllrs were in favour of both proposals.

Cllrs considered a request for a grant of £100 towards providing a memorial bench in St Mary's churchyard. *This was agreed.*

12 Administration and Finance Committee

Cllrs agreed to a three month trial using the ROSPA health and safety check forms for the recreational areas.

Steve Golton has agreed to carry out basic safety checks weekly at the park and sports field. He has also agreed to work additional paid hours to allow time for housekeeping to include cleaning signage and planters etc.

The Clerk is to check the legal position of providing references for former employees.

13 Youth Advisors

Both advisors were on holiday but have offered to come back to an autumn meeting to meet the new advisors. Advertising for two new advisors is currently taking place.

14 Traffic matters

Recommendations of the traffic working group had been circulated prior to the meeting with suggestions for parking restrictions on Main Street outside Riccall Park and at the Church Street/Silver Street junction.

A resident who contacted us regarding speed and noise issues on the A19 has been put in direct contact with NYCC Highways.

15 Minor items and items for the next agenda

Defibrillator for Riccall

16 Staff matters

None

The Chairman thanked those present and closed the meeting at 9.20.p.m.