

Minutes of the meeting of Riccall Parish Council on 21st July 2008 from 7.30 p.m. at the Regen Centre

Attending: Cllr Keen (Chairman), Cllrs Adamson, Baker, Dawson, Duggan, Kilmartin, Lindsay, Wilson and Wilkinson.

Mrs Lindsey Ryan – Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

Inspector Dave Pegg – Selby Police – *item 3 only*

Robert Owens – Riccall Neighbourhood Watch – *item 3 only*

1 Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were accepted from;

Cllr Sue Tibbett – family bereavement.

Cllr Andrew Tibbett - family bereavement.

Cllrs Adamson and Wilkinson declared an interest in the cheque for the Regen Centre – item 7. Cllr Adamson also declared an interest in the cheque, reimbursing him for concert materials.

2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th June 2008

The minutes of the council meeting held on 16th June 2008 were accepted as a correct record and adopted.

3 Inspector Pegg

Inspector Pegg of Selby Police spoke to members about local crime and policing matters. He read through a report of the latest crime statistics for Riccall and spoke about a recent alleged assault in the village.

Action is currently being taken against anti-social cyclists in the district. Suspect males have been seen taking photographs of horses in the area and horse owners are encouraged to join 'Horsewatch.'

A press release from the Chief Constable, Mr Maxwell has been issued to confirm that recorded crime in North Yorkshire is at the joint lowest level in England & Wales with 64 crimes for every 1000 population. Every category of crime is decreasing year on year with the exception of drug offences and this is mostly because of an increase in undercover police work. Anti-social behaviour in the county is also at the 4th lowest level in England & Wales.

Media influences on public perception and the reporting of crime were discussed.

A19 issues and speeding problems were considered. Inspector Pegg stated that local police officers and PCSO's are going to be trained to use radar guns in an attempt to take some local control for speeding problems. NYCC Highways department has said that they will assist with speed checks, where problems persist. Members of the community may also be able to get involved with helping the police to decrease speeding by using equipment to track vehicle speeds.

Anyone witnessing anti-social driving, including using a mobile phone whilst driving, should report the registration number to the police, who will then write to the driver with a warning.

Parking on pavements is becoming de-criminalised. In a situation where parking is causing an unnecessary & dangerous obstruction, a written statement would have to be provided by a pedestrian, in order for the police to take the matter further.

A dispersal order has now been actioned for Barlby and will run until January 2009.

Cllr Keen questioned the poor response and release of information with regard to the alleged assault in the Hall Farm Close passageway. Inspector Pegg said that he would deal with the matter.

*The Chairman thanked Inspector Pegg and he left the meeting at 8.10pm.
Robert Owens also left the meeting at this point.*

4 Report on progress and updates since the last meeting

The District and County Cllr did not attend the meeting.

The Clerk updated members on action taken and developments since the last meeting – for information only;

The strip of grass verge from the A19 to Selby Road has been cut by Dean Landscapes and NYCC have also done some work to improve it. Deans will now continue to cut this as part of the Riccall PC grass cutting contract.

A tramp has taken to living on Selby Rd, causing complaints from some of the residents about discarded empty cans and bottles. The Clerk has contacted Environmental Health about the matter. Also, the tramp allegedly set fire to the barn that he has been sleeping in causing the fire service to have to attend. The Police are aware of the situation.

David Mc Sherry, a governor of Barlby High School would like to attend a future meeting to speak about funding needed for computers.

Selby DC has agreed that planning permission is necessary for the Westfield 'junior football facilities' project.

The Clerk has almost finished her CiLCA portfolio and will be posting it off during August.

Trees overhanging Mount Path have been cut back by NYCC.

The Open Spaces Society has been approached for advice about planning laws with regard to greenbelt land. An advisor will contact the clerk in due course.

5 Matters from Public Participation

None

6 Correspondence

6a) Correspondence - requiring decisions:

An email from Doreen Watson about funding for the Flower and Vegetable show was considered. Mrs Watson requested around £80 for engraving costs. *It was agreed that Mrs Watson should be asked to get definite costs for the August meeting and to consider raising the entry fee for future years of the competition.*

A letter from the Chairman of Selby DC asking for a donation to his nominated charities for 2008/9. *It was agreed that £100 would be donated.*

6b) Correspondence - for information:

NALC conference information – *noted.*

CE Electric UK – Parish Council liaison information – *noted and copy to Cllr Baker.*

Citizens Advice Bureau – local enquiry statistics – *noted.*

Resident's letter about building developers parking on footpaths – *the highways inspector has dealt with the matter.*

Patricia Woodcock – thank you email for work done on Mount Park – *noted.*

6c) Late correspondence – to note only.

YLCA are not easily able to provide full council training, due to demands on staff time – *noted.*

7 Accounts and Budget Update

It was agreed that the accounts should be paid with a total expenditure of £4967.62.

The performance against budget was considered.

The Clerk advised members about a letter received from Optima Legal regarding a payment made to Raysul Printing Ltd in March 2006. *This was noted.*

8 Planning

8a) Selby DC has granted planning permission for the following application:

Erection of a conservatory to the rear of Ingledane, 27A Station Rd, Riccall

8b) The following planning applications were considered:

Application for consent to crown lift two silver birch trees T1 and T2 within TPO8/1996, in the rear garden of 25 York Rd, Riccall (Case Officer – Cllr Lindsay)

The Council had no objections.

Application for works to trees within TPO 10/1997 (Silver Birch) to fell two and reduce height of others at The Birches, 3A Selby Road, Riccall (Case Officer – Cllr Keen)

The Council had no objections.

Erection of a two storey extension to the side and a single storey extension to create a sunroom to the rear at 38 Kelfield Rd, Riccall (Case Officer – Cllr Baker)

The Council had no objections subject to the use of sympathetic building materials and the consultation of neighbours.

The following two applications had been considered using delegated authority;

Erection of a single storey extension to the side of 69 The Hawthorns, Riccall

The Council had no objections subject to the use of sympathetic building materials and the consultation of neighbours. However, it was noted that building work had already started. The Council did not wish to see applicants assuming that planning permission was forthcoming. The application was not marked as retrospective.

Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension at 38 Coppergate, Riccall

The Council had no objections subject to the use of sympathetic building materials and the consultation of neighbours.

8c) Other planning matters

Letter from Terry Heselton, Principal Planner (Local Development Framework team) – Evidence Base Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. *Information was copied for all members and this was noted.*

Email from Cllr Liz Casling about the Station Road development of 56 dwellings. The application has been granted planning permission at the Selby DC Planning Committee. On the request of Riccall PC, Cllr Casling spoke against the LEAP recreational provision on-site and Selby DC members agreed that this should be removed.

Email from Caroline Samson Paver about section 106 funding connected to the Station Rd development. The Clerk will show details of recreational schemes at the appropriate time.

An appeal has been lodged with the Secretary of State by Stocksfield Group in respect of the application to build two dwellings with integral garages without complying with condition 6ib on land to the rear of 51–53 Main Street, Riccall. The appeal will be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements by both parties and a site visit by an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. *This was noted.*

9 Reports and Consultation

The Clerk reported back from a meeting that she, the Chairman, Cllr Adamson and Noel Shouksmith had attended with a research consultant working for Yorkshire Rural Community Council. The meeting had been about helping to design a questionnaire empowering local councils and communities to improve and develop.

Cllr Keen reported back from the J.A.G meeting. There were no priorities outlined for Riccall, with most of the meeting focusing on ASB in Barlby.

The Clerk reported back from the consultation that she had carried out on pre-school play area designs both at the Riccall Carnival and at Riccall Tot Stop. Designs were displayed for Councillors to view. The consultation has gone well and will be considered in detail by the Recreation Development Group in October.

Cllr Wilkinson reported back from the most recent Parish Plan Traffic and Crime action group. A new member, Ian Heywood had joined the group. Concerns about traffic, speeding and parking were evident within the group. The Clerk is planning to meet James Malcolm in September about various issues and will feedback to the group.

Cllr Keen reported back from the most recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting. Membership is up on last year and the next meeting will take place on 14th October 2008.

10 Village of the Year

The Clerk, Cllr Keen and Cllr Adamson reported on the presentation morning. The judges were given a tour of the village, followed by various presentations at the Regen Centre and a light buffet lunch. Forty representatives attended from Riccall community groups and the judges chatted to them over lunch. Displays from various groups were put together in the Regen Centre. The morning was a success.

Judges had asked about information packs for new residents. This had been considered in the past and it was agreed that it should be looked into again.

The results of the competition will be announced in October.

Thanks were given to Cllrs Keen, Adamson and the Clerk.

11 Mole treatment review

A six monthly review of the current arrangements for mole treatment on the Recreation Ground was carried out. *It was agreed that the monthly visits by Boothferry Pest Control should continue.*

The mounds near to the skate park will be discussed by the Recreation Development Group.

12 Riccall Lands Charity

A trustee for Riccall Lands Charity was considered, as George Anderson's term of office ends in August 2008. *It was agreed that George Anderson should continue for a further four years.*

13 Village Design Statement

Information supplied by Andy McMillan at the June meeting was considered. Cllr Lindsay offered some comments made by a resident of Hemingbrough, Mr Greig Markham and these were considered.

It was agreed that Mr McMillan's role should be clarified by his manager, before any further consideration was given to this subject.

14 Youth Council

The Clerk reported back from a meeting held with members of Selby Youth Service and from a Selby Youth Council meeting. *It was agreed that two members of the 'Selby District Youth Council' should be asked to do a brief presentation to Council in the autumn.*

The Clerk also gave information about summer workshops for young people, including a graffiti artist workshop at the Riccall skatepark on 18th and 19th of August.

15 A19 junction / traffic issues

The recent serious accident at the Riccall A19 junction was discussed and considered.

The Selby Service Centre Transportation Strategy, extracts from the 2007 A19 Route Corridor Study Final Report and the NYCC Selby Area Committee A19 Congestion & Safety Study were also considered and had been circulated to all members before the meeting.

It was agreed that the Congestion and Safety Study should be challenged as it does not appear to compare like with like when assessing junction safety along the A19, nor does it appear to be accurate or consistent. *The Clerk will write to NYCC with comments about the report.*

Mr Moody had written to NYCC with his comments about the Selby Service Centre Transportation Strategy and had mentioned his concerns about the recent accident at the southern A19 junction. He had received a reply to say that NYCC had information that the accident had happened at the northern A19 junction. *It was agreed that the Clerk will write to NYCC to correct this mistake.*

John Grogan will be asked to attend a future meeting to discuss A19 issues.

An electronic version of the reports will be passed on to Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Lindsay for use with the traffic group.

The Clerk gave feedback on Vehicle Activated Signs in other areas of Selby District. The signs in Towton and Burn had been given permission due to poor accident records. *This was noted.*

16 Riccall Village Green

Cllr Keen reported on the removal of a tree on the Village Green for health and safety reasons. The Clerk will need to send a retrospective planning application in to Selby DC as this tree was protected by a blanket TPO. It was agreed that this would be a good opportunity to allow the replacement tree to be in memory of David Southall. The Clerk will get advice about an appropriate tree for this site.

Cllr Keen asked Councillors to consider reviewing the power supply to the Village Green. It was agreed that he should arrange for the current arrangements to be assessed by a colleague at no cost, so that the Council can consider various options.

Cllr Wilkinson asked whether coloured bulbs might be considered for the large Village Green tree this Christmas, rather than just white ones. *The Clerk will look at the feasibility and cost of replacing the current ones.*

17 Walking the Paths

Cllr Keen reported back from the ‘walking the paths’ event organised by Riccall Scouting organisations. Various problems were brought to light with village footpaths and these were discussed. The Clerk will speak to the NYCC footpaths officer about complaints made about footpaths and signage.

The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to the village scouting organisations for organising the event and ask that they consider doing it every year, possibly on the Thursday after the Carnival.

18 Minor items and items for the next Agenda

Cllr Kilmartin will be attending a Village Institute Committee meeting later in the week.

Cllr Keen will not be at the next meeting due to holidays.

The Chairman thanked Councillors and closed the meeting at 10.30pm

Circulated:

Wicksteed – training pamphlet

CPRE – Countryside Voice

NYCC – Overview and Scrutiny – Annual Report April 2007 to March 2008

YRCC – Country Air / Responsibility of Charity Trustees / AGM details

Y & NYPFA - The Playing Field

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations – Annual report and accounts

Heritage at Risk information

NALC conference information

Yorkshire & Humber Assembly – Facing the challenges for Yorkshire and Humber

YLCA – mini essentials – Yorkshire & Humber Assembly's activities.