

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

**Attending: Cllr Keen (Chairman), Cllrs Adamson, Dawson, Kilmartin, Lindsay, A. Tibbett, S. Tibbett, Wilkinson and Wilson.**

### **1 Apologies and declarations of interest**

Apologies were received and accepted from the following Councillors;  
Cllr Duggan – unwell.  
Cllr Baker – work commitments.

Cllrs Adamson, A. Tibbett and Wilkinson declared an interest in the cheque payment for the Regen Centre.

### **2 Minutes of the full Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Minutes of the Public Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

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### **3 Report on progress and updates since the last meeting**

The Clerk gave an update for information only;

Playdale have completed maintenance work on the Recreation Ground, including new hard standing for both of the red gates, repairs to the gates and repairs to the sportswall netting.

A new cradle swing has been installed on the old swing frame at the Recreation ground and a warning sign for the sportswall has been ordered.

Fly-tipping has been taking place on the Recreation Ground, particularly over the Christmas period. The offending rubbish has now been cleared. The Clerk will speak to Selby DC for advice about preventing this situation in the future and will look into the best ways of clearing it.

Dog bins have been ordered for the Recreation Ground and for Mount Path.

Crime statistics for Riccall have been put into the circulation folder. The Clerk will follow up on an incident in Checker Lane, by continuing to attempt to establish the

ownership of Checker Lane, so that considerations can be made about improvements to it.

The Clerk has been out on-site at Riccall Landing looking at the practicalities of installing a fence, along the riverbank. This will be placed onto the February agenda for discussion and the Clerk will make some enquiries about who needs access from the Landing to the river.

The Clerk has been working towards gaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration and is completing the portfolio of evidence. To date eleven sections have been completed out of twenty-five. A more detailed report will be made to the next Administration Committee.

Mr Graham Maxwell, the Chief Constable has agreed to attend the February meeting and will make a presentation about policing in North Yorkshire, followed by a question and answer session. It was agreed that suggested questions should be emailed to the Clerk who will compile a list for agreement before the meeting. The Chief Constable will be asked whether he is agreeable to others being invited, such as Neighbourhood Watch representatives.

The sign for Silver Street had been vandalised. The police were informed and Selby Council has been asked to order a new sign.

The Clerk reported that she is continuing to help with the student council at the local school and is hoping to get them involved in wider Riccall issues.

#### **4 Matters from Public Participation**

None.

#### **5 Correspondence**

##### **5a) Correspondence - requiring decisions:**

Paul Sheppard, NYCC – regarding a possible salt bin for the Kelfield Road School crossing point. *This was noted and the site report should provide further information.*

##### **5b) Correspondence - for information:**

Next Joint Action Group meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 – *noted.*

CE Electric UK – Preparing for Mother Nature - information about winter. *The Clerk has ordered posters and displayed them for public information.*

YLCA – results of the postal ballot to select a representative and deputy representative to The Selby District Council Standards Committee. *It was noted that Cllr Bryan Crossdale was elected as the main representative with Cllr Roderic Parker nominated as deputy representative.*

Selby DC – Selby District climate change strategy. *A copy of the strategy was put into circulation.*

Ian Strong – Chief Officer, YLCA – information about the Local Government Act 2007 and the changes brought to Parish Councils. *This was put into circulation.*

### **5c) Late correspondence – to note only.**

NYCC – Temporary closure of Hollicarrs (old A19 at Scorec bridge), Riccall from 17<sup>th</sup> January 08 until 6 February 08 for emergency bridge repairs – *noted.*

Consultation in respect of Orders & Regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authority members in England – *put into circulation.*

NYCC Minerals & Waste development framework core strategy submissions – *document and DVD put into circulation.*

## **6 Accounts and Budget Update**

*A total expenditure of £3283.36 was agreed.*

***It was resolved that the cheque payments should be made.***

The performance against budget was considered and the Clerk presented all Councillors with up to date bank reconciliation for January 2008.

The Internal Auditor for Riccall Parish Council, Ted Taylor, had completed a mid-year check on the Council's accounts and operations and had compiled a report, which was tabled. The item will be discussed at the February meeting. The Clerk will ask Mr Hodgkiss to clarify some points on the Westfield lease, in preparation for this agenda item, as requested by Mr Taylor.

## **7 Planning**

### **7a) Selby DC has granted planning permission for the following application:**

Erection of a two storey extension to the side and a single storey extension to the front at 16 Manor Garth, Riccall

**7b) The following planning applications were considered:**

With the exception of Cllr Baker, who had emailed his comments, each case officer presented their comments from visiting the site, before the full Council considered the application.

Erection of a single storey extension to the side and rear of 8A Manor Garth, Riccall  
(Case Officer – Cllr Baker)

*Riccall Parish Council has no objections to the above application, subject to the use of sympathetic building materials and the consultation of neighbours.*

Proposed two storey rear extension at 13 York Road, Riccall  
(Case Officer – Cllr Dawson)

*Riccall Parish Council had no objections to this application, subject the use of sympathetic building materials, the consultation of neighbours and comments being received from the Conservation Officer.*

Single storey rear extension at 5A York Road, Riccall  
(Case Officer – Cllr S. Tibbett)

*Riccall Parish Council had no objections, subject to the use of sympathetic building materials, the consultation of neighbours and comments being received from the conservation officer. The Council did feel that the residents who originally made comments on the building of this dwelling should be consulted by Selby District Council.*

Renewal of planning approval 8/15/309/PA for the erection of two dwellings with garages on land to the rear of 51 – 53 Main Street, Riccall.  
Alongside this application, a response from Paul Edwards, Acting head of development control was considered.  
(Case Officer – Cllr Keen)

*Riccall Parish Council considered the above application and has not changed its view from previous consultations. The access remains restricted and dangerous and the Council continues to strongly oppose this application.*

Proposed first floor link extension at 8 Church Street, Riccall  
(Case Officer – Cllr A. Tibbett)

*Riccall Parish Council had no objections to the application, subject to the use of sympathetic building materials, the consultation of neighbours and comments being received from the Conservation Officer.*

Proposed new access on land to the south of Maxwell House, King Rudding Lane,  
Riccall  
(Case Officer – Cllr Kilmartin)

*The Councils view remains unchanged on this application;*

*Riccall Parish Council has no objections to the proposed new access road, which seems a sensible solution. However, the Council continues to be concerned about the access arrangements onto the A19 and about the influence that extra traffic may have on the existing safety problem.*

Outline application for the erection of a single dwelling and garage including means of access on land adjacent to 2 York Road, Riccall  
(Case Officer – Cllr Wilkinson)

*Riccall Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds;*

*It is an overpowering development, adjacent to one of the oldest dwellings in Riccall. The Riccall Village Design Statement, adopted as supplementary planning guidance by Selby DC in 2001, states that, 'existing views in and out of the village should be maintained, when considering development.'*

*The access is onto a narrow lane, which already struggles to service the current properties.*

*It is an inappropriate development, in a central part of the village and within the Riccall Conservation Area.*

*The Council would wish to see comments from the Conservation Officer and from the Conservation Area Advisory Committee on this application and would be keen to be involved in any site visits that are arranged.*

*The Clerk agreed to get a new copy of the conservation area map produced for each Councillor.*

### **7c) Other Planning matters**

There were no planning applications dealt with under delegated authority.

The Clerk reported on progress with the outstanding commuted sum for the development adjacent to 1 Station Road, Riccall. Having accepted the offer of £3000 compensation from Selby District Council for the mistake made with the section 106 agreement when granting permission for this development, the Clerk had written to the developer, Edenvale Homes, to ascertain whether they would be willing to provide the other £3000. Edenvale Homes has refused to pay the £3000.

***It was resolved that once Selby DC has made the payment of £3000 to Riccall Parish Council, further correspondence will be entered into about the remaining £3000, which should have been provided for recreational use.***

The outcome of the public meeting held to consider the planning application for the erection of 56 residential dwellings and associated works, following demolition of existing industrial units at 9-11 Station Road and land at former haulage/warehousing premises at Station Road, Riccall was discussed.

Further correspondence from Mr Bridgewater, Mr Neal and Mr Lawson with regard to this planning application was considered and will also be circulated.

At the public meeting Mr Torrible had stated that his client was happy not to provide an on-site play area and instead to provide a commuted sum for recreational use in the village. Also, Caddick Living had agreed to fund a pedestrian crossing, over the traffic lights at Main Street and any traffic control measures necessary for Station Road. All of these offers are subject to the agreement of Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council. The Parish Council will continue to push for those agreements to be put in place.

Cllrs Adamson, Keen and Wilson were thanked for delivering the letters to local residents.

Council agreed that the general lack of Conservation Officer comments on planning applications, within Riccall conservation area is becoming increasingly concerning.

***It was resolved that Cllr Liz Casling will be asked to follow up this matter and report back to Council. Also, Paul Edwards will be chased up again as he had promised to give feedback about the Conservation Area Advisory Committee and how membership is decided.***

## **8 Recreational Areas**

The Clerk reported on the replacement value of recreational equipment on the Recreation Ground. The current insurable value for all of the play equipment, with the exception of the skate park is around £65,000. An annual premium for this will cost £866.77.

***It was resolved that the annual premium should be increased to accommodate this updated valuation.***

Reports from Boothferry Pest Services about the successful treatment of the mole problems on the Recreation Ground were considered. Twenty one moles had been removed from the site and the Council were pleased at the current lack of any molehills. ***Having circulated and discussed quotes from Boothferry Pest Services, it was resolved that the Recreation Ground would be inspected by them once per month and any new mole activity treated. The cost of this would be £115 per month and would be reviewed in six months time.***

After requests from local youths, it was considered whether humps could be created near to the skatepark for BMX bikers. It was agreed that this would be possible and can be looked at in the spring.

Cllr Adamson reported that the Recreation Development Group was due to meet on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

## **9 Paperwork Storage**

An example lease for a paperwork storage room at the Riccall Business Park was studied.

*It was resolved that an archive paperwork storage room should be leased at £520 per annum and that the Council papers should be moved from the current school storeroom as soon as is practical. The Clerk will contact Ian Rogers at UK Coal to progress to the next step with the lease. The length of the lease and review terms will be clarified.*

## **10 Reports and Consultation**

Cllr Keen and the Clerk had attended the Joint Action Group meeting in December. Cllr Keen reported back and intended to push for more detailed crime statistics.

Cllr A. Tibbett, Cllr Wilson and the Clerk met with parliamentary candidate, Nigel Adams and the shadow roads minister Robert Goodwill MP, at the southern A19 junction to discuss various traffic issues. The matrix sign requested for outside the Recreation Ground was considered and Nigel Adams pledged to help the Council persuade NYCC to allow this. Access problems onto the A19 were discussed, alongside speed of traffic and associated problems. Mr Goodwill agreed to look into the problems experienced at Riccall.

Cllr A. Tibbett reported back from the most recent, 'parish plan traffic and crime action group,' meeting. The group had considered whether, 'Watch your speed,' signs could be attached to existing traffic signs. The Clerk will make enquires about this and will also look for speed box tests done by NYCC in the past. A NYCC representative will be asked to come along to a future Council meeting, in order to discuss traffic calming measures and to give advice. Gary Limbert, Community link officer, can be asked to advise and may wish to attend future parish plan action group meetings.

## **11 Minor items and items for the next Agenda**

Cllr Lindsay suggested that the Council may wish to use its powers to consider changing the name of the Council. This can be put onto the March agenda for discussion.

Cllr Lindsay asked whether any Councillors would be willing to pick up excess food from Pret a manger at the Designer outlet on the A19 on a regular basis and distribute it to local charities. Cllr Lindsay will look into this and report back.

*Item 12 was taken in private session.*

**In Circulation:**

*Campaign to Protect Rural England – Fieldwork*

*YRCC – Parish Government Conference*

*The Clerk magazine*

*YLCA – Launch of consultation on historic pubs*

*Joint Action Group – Practitioners meeting notes*

***The Chairman thanked Councillors and closed the meeting at 10.05pm.***