

# ROSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## DRAFT

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ROSSINGTON MEMORIAL HALL AT 6.30 pm on TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016

Present: Councillors: G Dutton, J Gibson, N Smithard, J Parkin, G Sheldon, W Reynolds, M Volante, R Greaves, D Harper, C Beaumont and J Cooke  
Vice Chair: Councillor A Harper  
Clerks: A M Hammond and Z Attridge  
Ward Cllrs: R Blake and C Stone  
Public: There were no members of the public present

#### 4552. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Cllr A Harper opened the meeting and welcomed Cllrs and Ward Cllrs.

#### 4553. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL REASONS FOR ABSENCE

**RESOLVED** to note apologies were received from J Rowland-Johnson, K Connolly and B Johnson and were approved by the Parish Council.

#### 4554. DECLARATIONS OF PERSON AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

**RESOLVED** to note there were none.

#### 4555. TO REFER TO THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 19 MAY 2015

**RESOLVED** to note the minutes had been passed as a true record at the Parish Meeting on 12 May 2015.

#### 4556. TO RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORTS

##### 4556.1 PARISH COUNCIL – Barry Johnson

Thank you to all the Parish Councillors for your hard work, commitment, enthusiasm and professionalism and to Anne & Zoe for helping, advising and guiding us, I really do appreciate it! You have all contributed to turning what was a failing Parish Council, nearly bankrupt, into what we have today a vibrant, forward thinking, financially sound Council with a healthy surplus that can bring more benefits to the people of Rossington.

##### **Summary of my year in Office as Chair:**

At the June 2015 meeting I chaired for the first time and said:

I believe that RPC should be a forward thinking organisation that is committed to respecting, protecting and improving the local environment and economy. Our policy should include 'creating a cleaner & better environment' as one of the guiding principles which informs all our work. We can directly manage our own activities to improve our environmental and

economic performance. In addition our community leadership role puts us in a unique position to influence our wider partners. I now believe we are well on the way to achieving this.

**April 2015** the Government responded to the petition Bill Reynolds signed – “Give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions.” Government responded: The Government places great importance on community involvement in the planning system. Parish councils have statutory rights to contribute their views in the planning process.

**Rossington Gardener’s Association** – decide if the Parish will run the shop and take over the lease from DMBC.

**Rossington Neighbourhood Plan** – Have your say! Pleased that since the link to the questionnaire has been put on the Rossington Parish Council 2016 Facebook, we’ve had over 120 questionnaires returned in the last couple of months. Also what is interesting is the responses are very different to the older questionnaires reflecting current issues. Zoe is going to list it again with an ‘extended’ deadline.

**Consultation Event** - Proposal for a European Tour Destination including Tournament Golf Course, Clubhouse and 500 Aspirational Fairway Homes

**Rossington Parish Council’s Easter Eggstravaganza** Sunday 27th March 2016 – good time had by all!

**Craig Kelly, Doncaster Culture and Leisure Trust (DCLT)** - In 2014/15 there was a significant decrease in funding from DMBC reducing the activities being able to be offered at Rossington Baths. The gym and training went to the Sports Section of Rossington All Saints Academy which DCLT manage. The Parish Council agreed to a grant of £20,000 for that financial year to subsidise children’s swimming sessions, a bit of marketing and a few improvements. However there are little reserves for further repairs. DMBC has agreed funding for a further year but DCLT is not sure what will happen after that.

**My Doncaster Mobile App** – Information on this smartphone app that can be downloaded for free and allows you to submit reports to DMBC.

**Hazel Sykes**, guest speaker at the December 2015 meeting gave an update on 106 monies for employment and training for the iPort development

**Parish Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk** Friday 15 January 2016 — great fun!

**Tour de Yorkshire**. Ros Jones, Mayor of Doncaster wrote to all Parish and Town Councils raising awareness of the Tour de Yorkshire.

**Firework Display** - a pretty miserable night weather wise with the constant drizzle! I particularly liked the children singing along to the song from the film Frozen. It was also pleasing to hear the round of applause at the end of the display.

**Rossington Hall Developments** - At the Rossington Parish Council meeting 10/11/15 Graham Raynor presented the latest vision for the PGA Golf Course.

**Open Day** at the Memorial Hall on Friday 16 Oct 15 to celebrate external grants for the Memorial Hall and Good Neighbours raised a fantastic £500 for Macmillan.

**Mega Fun Day** – There was a good turn out during the day mostly families with children enjoying face-painting, rock/wall climbing, Bungee jump, laser quest, slides, archery, fairground rides and many interesting stalls and exhibitions. In the evening we all enjoyed 3 very good bands and the hospitality of the Beer Tent!

**4556.2 PROJECT COMMITTEE – Carol Beaumont  
J Rowland-Johnson, W Reynolds, J Gibson, A Harper, D Harper, J Parkin and N  
Smithard**

The Projects Committee has had a very busy year with quite a heavy load at times. We began with a very successful Family Fun day in July 2015 followed by a very well attended Firework Display on 5 November 2015. Sadly there was not enough time to organise a Beer Festival but we did have time to book a Pantomime for the village children in January 2016 which

was a great success. The Easter Eggstravaganza proved popular in spite of the cold day but Easter was early this year.

As well as events the projects committee are also responsible for such issues as Rossington in Bloom and the Christmas Lights. We hope that these will be bigger and better for 2016. Allotments are also the responsibility of this committee and latterly we have been overseen the RecyCoal Fund.

As you can imagine this requires a lot of input by the members and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved for their continued help and support. With the village growing and more projects being brought forward, for example tree planting this looks to be an interesting year. Any councillors willing to be part of his very intense but rewarding committee would be most welcome to join.

**4556.3 GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE – Carol Beaumont  
J Rowland- Johnson, K Connolly, J Parkin, M Volante, W Reynolds, A Harper, N  
Smithard and J Cooke.**

We have only had a few meetings this year dealing with the resignation of the previous Clerk and the employment of a replacement deputy Clerk as Anne became our new Clerk. We also dealt with the funding of the Opportunities Centre. The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were updated and a system Internal Financial Control were put in place. The Strategy Committee met to set the budget and set out the plans for the year. A budget was allocated to each project or idea and adopted by the Committee and the Parish Council. It is proposed on the advice of YLCA to amalgamate most of the roles of these committees to make for a better system and also less meetings.

**4556.4 PLANNING COMMITTEE – John Gibson  
J. Gibson Chair, G. Dutton Vice Chair, C. Beaumont, K. Connelly, A. Harper,  
D. Harper, J. Parkinson, N. Smithard, M. Volante**

In giving the report for this period I don't intend to make reference to all submitted applications but to simply make reference to any that we have commented on and have raised issues with DMBC Planning department.

**Inland Port Development** - There have been a number of full applications relative to this development following the outline applications dealt with previously, construction has commenced with the road infrastructure and the first two units progressing.

**Site of the former Rossington Colliery** - There have been no further applications beyond Plots 1 and 2, the construction commenced on plot 1 with Harron Homes during 2015 and went on hold pending the opening of the new link road. The construction has since resumed and continues to progress.

The Rossington link through the site has been welcomed by the residents of the village with reduced journey times; on the down side we now have the massive increase in large lorry traffic travelling through the site that could potentially impact on the success of the project.

**Recycoal Colliery Tip Project** - During the period the company were given planning permission to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in an attempt to bring the project forward and to improve its viability due to a fall in world coal prices, unfortunately the project became unviable and unfortunately closed. This has left a larger section of tip than originally planned and it is understood a new plan will need to be submitted.

We have also lost the potential benefit of having a new allotment site and car parking area that would also support the cemetery.

Since the site has been handed back to Harworth Estates there have been no revised plans for the former colliery tip or a timescale for restoration.

**Site Visit Back Row cottages, Littleworth Lane** - Following the site visit it was recommended that the plan to construct a detached bungalow to the rear of the cottages be moved 3 metres to the East and this was duly accepted by both DMBC Planning and the applicant.

**Radburn Road Estate** - Demolition of garages this was clearly a step in the right direction but there are still a number of the rear car park areas that require total refurbishment.

#### **ISSUES RELATING TO BANKWOOD LANE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

The Parish Council has received many complaints as follows:

- The massive increase in the movement of Lorries going through our village onto Bankwood Lane Industrial Estate
- The safety of local children especially along West End Lane
- Vehicle movement through the village out of normal working hours
- The obnoxious smells, dust or mud on roads and paths from vehicles
- The risk to local road users due to the Lorries turning out of Bankwood Lane and the former factory site onto West End Lane, crossing over onto far side of the road
- Lorries parking overnight in former Fencing company rear yard and Bankwood lane
- Noise from the operation of machinery outside of normal working hours
- Debris escaping from the site
- Increase in vermin in the area, especially on the Bankwood allotments

Rossington Parish Councillors and Ward Councillors have been in almost daily contact with the Environment Agency and DMBC Planning Department to both raise and report the above issues with very little response.

There have been two meetings with Caroline Flint MP and most recently Mayor Ros Jones attended the last Parish Council Meeting, this followed a site visit after the opening of the Rossington Link Road section. The Mayor stated that there is no quick fix to this problem and it needs a long term solution with a possible link road direct from Bankwood Estate to the stub off the Rossington Link roundabout. The Mayor also stated that Enforcement notices had been served for breaches of planning conditions and multi agencies were in place to gather further evidence.

We have recently had a planning application by Attero to construct a two storey Office block off Bankwood Lane

#### **Planning Application Ref No 16/00741/Ful Re - Attero Main Head Office**

Rossington Parish Council have duly considered this application and wishes to point out that we are very supportive of quality redevelopment within the parish; however they strongly oppose this application on the following grounds.

1. There are currently many outstanding issues relating to the current Attero Site that are unresolved and see no reason to consider allowing at this time the construction of the Attero Main Head Office as a link to their existing site.
2. **Reasons**
  - a. Breaches in operational hours
  - b. Breaches in the movement of wagons outside current operational hours
  - c. Environmental impact of current site and wagons travelling through the village giving off Obnoxious Smells, dust and noise.
  - d. General pollution from the site
  - e. Damage to existing hedgerows and fencing
  - f. Access to other road users on Bankwood lane
3.
  - a. The current arrangements of vehicle movement through the village passing 3 schools are totally unacceptable and are both a hazard to pedestrians and other road users.
  - b. The planned opening of the Rossington link to the FARRS Link does not meet the needs of this type of traffic and will potentially put the whole redevelopment of residential housing on the former colliery site at risk.

- c. If the vehicles from this site are allowed to travel through the Rossington link all the above environmental issues will apply.

This application went to DMBC Planning Committee on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 all three ward councillors opposed it, the Planning Officer recommended that the application should be passed?

**Bankwood Industrial Estate, Site of former fencing company**

Erection of a 20m Tower for Smart Meter satellite installation.

This application was passed by a DMBC Planning Officer despite the parish council opposing the location of it.

**Future Planning**

1. Rossington Hall European Tour Golf Course Development
2. Colliery Tip Restoration Project
3. Future Housing plots on the former Rossington Colliery site
4. Link Road Bankwood Industrial Estate
5. Future iPort Development
6. Possible closure of Rossington Level crossing

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the Planning Committee, Parish Clerk and Deputy Parish Clerk for their contributions and efforts in attending meetings in this period.

I would also wish to thank them for their support and confidence in re-electing me to the position of Chair.