

ROSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ROSSINGTON MEMORIAL HALL AT 6.30 pm on TUESDAY 9 MAY 2017

Present: Councillors: G Dutton, J Gibson, N Smithard, G Sheldon, W Reynolds, J Rowland-Johnson, R Greaves, D Harper, C Beaumont and J Cooke (Ward Cllr)
Vice Chair: Councillor A Harper
Clerks: A M Hammond and Z Attridge
Ward Cllr: M Cooper
Public: There were 3 members of the public present

4811. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Cllr A Harper opened the meeting and welcomed Cllrs, Ward Cllrs and members of the Public.

4812. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL REASONS FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note apologies were received from B Johnson and J Parkin which were approved by the Parish Council.

4813. DECLARATIONS OF PERSON AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

RESOLVED to note there were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensation.

4814. TO REFER TO THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 10 MAY 2016

RESOLVED to note the minutes had been passed as a true record at the Parish Meeting on 8 June May 2016.

4815. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES ON 10 MAY 2016

Item 4556.4 The Clerk to invite Harworth Estates and PGA Golf Course to a Parish meeting.

4816. TO RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORTS

4816.1 PARISH COUNCIL – Barry Johnson

Thank you to all the Parish Councillors and to Anne & Zoe for your hard work, commitment, enthusiasm and professionalism throughout the year, it is very much appreciated, please continue working for Rossington and its residents.

As I have mentioned previously, I intend to stand down as Chair and wish the new Chair all the success and good wishes that I have received, and I would like to give a special thanks to Ali who has stood in for me on numerous occasions and in my opinion would make an excellent Chair. As you may recall when I took over as Chair the finances of the Parish Council were in a mess and a number of poor organisational practices were evident, but with your help we have managed to turn this around. I think you will agree we are in a far better

place than we were, but we mustn't be complacent, we are still accountable to the residents of Rossington and custodians of public money, all expenditures must still be scrutinised and accountable.

I have made several suggestions to be discussed at the full Parish Council to help improve our Village, they are:

1. That Rossington Parish Council would be pleased to grant two Community Awards each year, they are:
 - The Young Person of the Year Award - given to a Rossington resident aged 11 or under for personal commitment above and beyond that which is expected.
 - The Community Award - given to an adult living in Rossington who has made an outstanding contribution to the local community.
2. To work with local shops and businesses to help enhance the Village by providing them with brackets to encourage the display of Christmas Trees and flags (St. George's day? etc.).
3. To employ a part-time Village Handyperson for Rossington to work with DMBC to remove litter, graffiti, etc.

The Parish Council is still receiving complaints regarding Bankwood Lane, including: 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 the far side of the road; Lorries parking overnight in the 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.

Rossington Parish Council remain in contact with the Environment Agency and DMBC Planning Department to continue to report these issues with a mixed response. The Parish Council has had numerous meetings with DMBC, our MP Caroline Flint, and with Mayor Ros Jones and there appears to be no quick fix to this problem; in my opinion it needs a long-term solution with a much-needed link road direct from Bankwood Estate to the roundabout leading to the Great Yorkshire Way. Enforcement notices have been served, and we are told will continue to be served and possible further action taken, for breaches of planning conditions.

Ali will highlight more of the Parish Council's achievements this year, and would just like to thank you all once again, Thank You!

4816.2 VICE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – Alison Harper

The Parish Council has had a very productive year from smaller achievements like getting an extra bus stop on West End Lane and a seat in the terminus bus stop to the following:

Parish Events

Carol, the Chair of the Projects Committee will expand a little but the Easter Eggstravaganza, Summer Festival, Firework Display and Pantomime proved to be a great success that not only attracted large numbers of local residents but they showcased Rossington to the many visitors we had.

Parish Meetings

As well as the month Parish Council meetings, the 24 May 2016 saw the first of 4 public meetings with businesses on Bankwood Lane. These meetings were attended and supported by Ros Jones - the Elected Mayor, Ward Cllrs, Harworth Estates, Officers from the DMBC Highways, Major Projects, Development, Planning and Stronger Communities Teams as well as the Environment Agency and Caroline Flint's office.

On 28 March 2017, we met with local providers to finalise the 2017 RAP Summer Programme of Activities for young people which the Parish is funding with a grant of £10,000.

Guest Speakers

There has been a lot of interest in attending Parish Council meetings this year including:

- Dr Alan Billings the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Mark Payling, SY Police Inspector
- Kate Needham, Doncaster Frack Free
- Peter Norman, Doncaster Youth Alliance
- Donna Flicker, DMBC Stronger Communities Team (East)
- Julie Wells and Mandy Welbourne, Victim Support – the Parish Council gave them a grant of £500 to purchase safety for vulnerable residents in Rossington.
- Bobby Johnson from Flying Futures – providing sporting activities for local young people
- David Brighton - New College Doncaster
- Iain Thomson from Harworth Estates
- George Baker from the iPort Academy
- Michael Niles from B:Friend and
- Sarah Thacker, a newly qualified resident who has set up Pilates classes at the Memorial Hall that are already expanding.

Bankwood Lane Allotments

Are now being run independently from the Parish with the development of the Allotment Association. We wish the committee every success for the future.

The War Memorial at St Michael's

The Parish funded new paving to make it safer for the public.

Remembrance Day

Wreaths were laid at St Michael's Memorial and at the Memorial Hall.

Traffic Matrix

The Parish supported a local business man, Andrew Smith to purchase, maintain and set up the traffic Matrix in direct response to issues raised by residents on speeding traffic through the village.

RecyCoal Grants

The Parish awarded grants totaling £18,000 on behalf of RecyCoal to a wide variety of groups in Rossington including the Cricket Club, Bright Sparks Nursery, York Street Allotments, the Baptist Church, Grange Lane Gardening Club, Radburn TARA and many more.

Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights were a great success this year with the large tree at the Styrrup pub with 24 large spheres being the highlight of the village. We are aiming for an even better show this year.

Defibrillator

We have supported the installation of a Defibrillator at St Michael's School and the maintenance of the one at the Welfare.

Issues in the Community

Local people pop into the Parish Office on an almost daily basis asking for support with issues such as rats in a neighbour's garden, fly tipping in alleyways, burnt out bins in the road, mud on the road and many more. With the support of My Doncaster all the complaints have been dealt with in a positive manner. So, I suppose I should thank DMBC here.

4816.3 PROJECT COMMITTEE – Carol Beaumont

J Rowland-Johnson, W Reynolds, J Gibson, A Harper, D Harper, J Parkin and N Smithard

This year has been an exciting one for the village with several excellent events. The Easter Eggstravaganza held on Easter Sunday was well attended and is now becoming a firm favourite given that it is early in the year and the weather isn't always good to us. The Summer Festival proved a massive success with a footfall of over 7,000 over the 3 days, some attending every day. The weather played a big part as it was very warm and dry letting visitors make the most of the many free rides, activities and displays. It was lovely to see the children making good use of the attractions without it making too big a hole in the parents' pockets. We hope to build on our success in the coming years. The Parish supported the RAP Summer Programme of Activities this year and they were well received and it is hope to expand these for 2017. The Firework Display was once again of a good standard with a fantastic display by Fuse Fireworks and a great time was had by all, even the weather was kind to us. The Panto 'Beauty and the Beast' was performed at the Memorial Hall in December. It proved to be such a great success that Talegate Theatre Company have been booked to perform Dick Wittington for 2 performances on Saturday 2 December this year. I would like to thank all the people who worked hard to make all these events such a success especially Anne and Zoe and the Councillors who gave freely of their time to make these events happen. There is a great deal of planning needed for all these events and if anyone can give of their spare time they would be very welcome.

4816.4 GOVERNANCE – J Rowland- Johnson

Carol Beaumont, W Reynolds, A Harper, N Smithard and J Cooke.

No Governance meetings were held in this period.

4816.5 PLANNING COMMITTEE – John Gibson

G. Dutton B Johnson, A. Harper, J Rowland-Johnson, D. Harper, J. Parkin and N. Smithard

In giving the report for the period it isn't intend to make reference to all submitted applications but to simply make reference to any that we have commented or raised issues with DMBC Planning department.

Inland Port Development

The construction of the site continues with the latest planning application being Lidl UK to start construction later this year, the large Amazon Warehouse is nearing completion along with the rail infrastructure.

Units already open Ceva, Fellows & Amazon Prime.

The Rossington service bus will enter the site from around July 2017.

The iPort Academy opened in May 2016 at the Welfare with George Baker Job Coordinator assisting people into prospective employment positions.

Site of the former Rossington colliery & Spoil Heap

The site is now under the administration of Harworth Estates & Harworth Group, a revised planning application was submitted to supersede the original Recycoal plan. A site visit was currently Harworth Estates/Group are not on site but will be returning once the plans have been passed and the development of the country park can begin, with monthly progress visits to be arranged with the parish council.

The former spoil heap has been split into three phases,

1. Starting at the Grange Lane end.
2. The Middle section
3. The former colliery end

There has been some work done at the colliery end to make the area safe and improve the visual impact with grass seed sown and growing.

Harron Homes have continued to build throughout the period on plot 1, Taylor Wimpey have recently commenced building on plot 2. There have been no further planning applications at this time.

Bankwood Lane Industrial Estate

There have been a number of applications for this area that have taken up a lot of time by all concerned with still no resolution to the lorry park application.

1. Lorry Park (Status awaiting decision of DMBC Planning Committee)
2. Smart Meter tower (status Decided and built)
3. Attero Office block (status Decided and built)
4. Gas turbine backup power generators (Status Decided with resubmission of boundary fence)
5. Morris Metals site expansion (Status awaiting decision)
6. Proposed link road routes into Bankwood lane (not a planning application at this time) but discussion are being held with interested parties.

FARRS Link Phase 2 (Bawtry Road to Hurst lane)

Plans have been submitted with some compulsory purchase orders to resolve, a number of trees have been removed at the side of Bawtry road in preparation.

Carillion are the preferred bidders for the contract.

Rossington Hall Golf Course development

This application is still with DMBC Planning Dept with a number of proposed changes being submitted, we are still waiting to see the final plan.

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the planning committee for their efforts in attending meetings and their contributions, Anne and Zoe for their efforts in organising meetings, producing agendas and minutes.

4816.6 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE – J Rowland- Johnson

Carol Beaumont, G Dutton, J Gibson, J Parkin, G Sheldon, A Harper, N Smithard, J Cooke, D Harper and B Johnson

In November 2016, the Parish Budget and Parish Precept was set for the following year.

4816.7 TRIPLE A, NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – B Johnson

Carol Beaumont, G Dutton, J Gibson, J Parkin, G Sheldon, A Harper, D Harper, N Smithard, J Cooke, D Harper, W Reynolds, J Rowland-Johnson, and B Johnson

After many consultation events and online questionnaires we are now forging ahead with the draft plan that is almost ready to submit to DMBC. We are currently being supported by a consultant at no cost to the Parish Council.

4816.8 MEMORIAL HALL – Zoe Attridge-Chambers

As the Memorial Hall used to rely heavily on the Parish Council, Zoe handed out the Business Plan detailing how the Memorial Hall aims to build on the successes of the last 3 years, with the long-term plan of becoming self-sufficient.

4816.9 GOOD NEIGHBOURS – Zoe Attridge-Chambers

Good Neighbours also used to rely heavily on the Parish Council however the popularity is growing steadily with over 1,000 extra meals being serviced last year.

4817. TO RECEIVE ITEMS RAISED BY THE ELECTORS

RESOLVED to note there were not items raised by the electors

