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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

At the meeting of 14th October chaired by Councillor K.G. Grant all councillors were present except for Councillor J.C. Priest, who had sent his apologies. The Minutes of the previous month's meeting were read and approved.

Roos School

The Parish Clerk, Mr. C. Woodhouse, had written on behalf of the Parish Council to protest to the church authorities about the reduction from two to one of Councillors on the governing body. A reply had been received from Mr. R.A. Hewitt, Diocesan Director of Education. Mr. Hewitt pointed out that there could be only one Council representative according to the new constitution. He urged prompt submission of a single name to the Local Education Authority. Councillors were not happy at the situation and agreed that the Clerk should write to the LEA to protest.

Tree-Felling

In a letter from the Development Officer of Holderness Borough Council it was announced that four trees at The Chestnuts had been felled after inspection by the authority's Tree Officer, Mr. Hemingway. Three poplars had been felled at the east side near the beck and another at the south-west corner near the junction of Dove Lane and Rectory Road.

Highways and Footpaths

A letter from a resident, Mr. John Leeman, supplied information given by the Humberside Director of Technical Services, Mr. Moore, to County Councillor J.W. Bryant. It was the feeling of Parish Councillors that they knew already what was intended as far as the main road through Roos was concerned. However, Councillor J.R. Beal reminded colleagues yet again of the dangerous state of some of the footpaths at South End. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Area Surveyor at Hedon to remind him that work promised had not been done and to stress the urgent need for footpath repairs from the Old School to Lamb Lane corner.

Disposal of Radioactive Waste

Copies had been received of Humberside County Council's proposed new policy on radioactive waste. It is intended that the new policy should be included in the Structure Plan that has already been submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment. County Councillor R.S. Croft, who had joined the meeting by this stage, urged the Parish Council to support the Humberside document. He said that if nuclear waste had been deposited at the time of the Romans it would still be a health hazard now. The area already suffered environmentally from the bombing range at Cowden and the gas storage at Atwick. Nearby radioactive waste would be a far greater

and potentially more dangerous threat to the environment. Councillors agreed wholeheartedly and voted to write in support of the Humberside stand on this matter.

"LIVEWIRE - A Chance to Work for Yourself"

A letter from the Director of Development recommended the "LIVEWIRE" scheme organised by SHELL. The scheme offered support for people aged 18-25. Grants were available totalling £50,000 nationally to provide equipment and support for new initiatives. Those eligible might be developing a product or be giving new services. Further information was available from the Borough Council. It was agreed to put an accompanying notice on the Parish Notice Board.

British Legion Standard

A letter had been received from Mrs. Nancy Kirkwood, Clerk to the Parochial Church Council, inviting members to a ceremony on Saturday, 2nd November at All Saints', Roos. The old standard of the Roos and District Branch of the Royal British Legion was to be lodged again in the church. It was recommended that those attending be seated by 7.15 p.m.

Schools : Information for Parents

The Education Act of 1980 required local authorities to publish details of their policies and schools for the information of parents and others. The Parish Council received from the Director of Education two booklets - held by the Parish Clerk - giving both general information and also details of provision for special educational needs. The Director of Education stressed that he hoped that wider distribution of copies would enable more people to consult the booklets.

Planning Matters

News had been received of Borough Council decisions on applications previously discussed by the Parish Council: consent had been given to the adaptation of the old school as a dwelling; consent had been refused for extensions to Roos House and Corner House.

Two new applications were discussed. The Council had no objection to either. The applications were for an extension to Forge House and for the demolition of a garage and woodstore at North End Cottage and their replacement by a new garage.

Accounts

The Council authorised payment for the Audit of Accounts, 1984-85, and for the Secretary's expenses.

Councillor J.D. Quarmby asked about press reports that a new refuse tip might be sited at Rimswell Carrs. Councillor G.E. Winter explained that land there was being discussed as a possible site. Councillor Grant thought the site was in some ways a favourable one since it was very low-lying and would benefit from in-filling but it was really too small, only about 20 acres; experience of the rapid filling of the Burstwick tip suggested that a tip at Rimswell Carrs would have too short a life to justify development costs. Members discussed other means of waste disposal and the question of transport costs if refuse had to be taken out of the area. Councillor Quarmby thought the Parish Council should act positively against the use of the site in case a decision elsewhere settled the matter very quickly. The Council did not agree on immediate action.

Other Business

It was agreed that there should be a village sign placed on the Burton Pidsea approach to Roos and that a letter be sent to Holderness Borough stressing the urgent need to clear the beck through the village, not least at a point near the Roos Arms car park where a fallen tree and other rubbish were clogging the flow of water. It was agreed to discuss the matter of village seats at the next meeting.

ROOS PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting : 11th November, 7.30 p.m.

Roos Memorial Institute

ROOS SCHOOL

Reference was made in the Parish Council report to the new constitution of the governing body of the school. The new structure is laid down by the Department of Education and Science - it was not decided by the local education authority.

The new Governors had a meeting on 24th October and the Rector, who continues as Chairman, had kindly supplied details of Governors' names and the capacity in which they serve.

Foundation Governors (Church representatives)	: The Rector (ex officio) Mr. Barrie Broom Mrs. Ann Fisher
Local Education Authority (Humberside)	: Mr. G. Ginnever Mr. K.G. Grant
'Minor Authority' (Parish Council)	: Mr. J.R. Clark
Teacher Governor	: Mrs. W. Bower
Head Teacher (ex officio)	: Mr. K.I. Thorogood
Parents	: Mr. N. Brocklesby Mrs. J. Towe
Non-teaching Staff	: Mrs. J. Ainley

The Rector feels that the new Governors will, like the outgoing Governors, be faced with problems of falling numbers in the school. He points out that the school, which is intended to accommodate 92 pupils, is almost a third empty and that projected numbers on roll next year - 1986-7 - will be 62. He fears that if numbers continue to decline there is real danger that the school may have to close. Even in 1986-7 there seems likely to be a cut in teaching staff and a probable cut in ancillary staff since staffing depends on the number of pupils in the school. Such cuts in themselves would seriously restrict the range of educational provision for local children.

The Rector admits that not everyone shares his fears for the future of the school but feels that circumstances are now beginning to demonstrate how well-founded was the concern that he expressed in the past.

In the Parish Council report reference was made to two booklets published by the Education Committee. They are intended to inform parents and others of the Committee's policies. A copy of each booklet is available for reference in the hands of the Parish Clerk, Mr. Cyril Woodhouse, 1 Pinfold Cottages. (70716)

Because much of each booklet is taken up with lists of schools, their addresses and telephone numbers, both are lengthy: "General Information for Parents" runs to 37 pages of A4 size; "Special Education Provision" has 13 pages. Both are full of useful information and give details of further information available on request. In our own area any request for information should be addressed initially to: The Divisional Education Officer, Humberside County Council, East Riding Division, Manor Road, Beverley HU17 7BH (Phone: 93-861251)

The main booklet, "General Information", has the following sections:

1. **Introduction:** Availability of information - policy, procedures, administration.
2. **Divisional Education Offices:** East Riding, Grimsby, Hull, Scunthorpe.
3. **School Admissions:** types of school, admission and transfer of pupils, etc.
4. **Decisions about Admissions:** parental preferences, parents' rights, etc.
5. **Appeals:** i.e. where parental preferences have been overruled.
6. **Transport:** criteria for free provision of transport.
7. **School Meals and Milk**
8. **Clothing Allowances**
9. **Maintenance Allowances**
10. **Entry for Public Examinations**
11. **Special Educational Needs** (more details in second booklet)
12. **Schedule of Maintained Schools:** listed with details of type, size, address, etc.

ADULT LITERACY



The following information has been provided by Mrs. Betsy Kerr-Delworth of 43 Brevere Road, Hedon. She is the co-ordinator of the Adult Literacy scheme in Holderness.

The Adult Literacy Service celebrated its tenth anniversary in September. The scheme is one of the most successful achievements of the Education Service.

Large numbers of people have been helped over the years. People come forward for a variety of reasons. They may wish to improve their job prospects or be able to help their own children. They may simply require help with letter-writing or everyday maths. Whatever the reason, help is available either in small groups or on a one-to-one basis.

Help is FREE, confidential, and friendly. The scheme relies heavily on the use of volunteer tutors. Patient, understanding people are needed to give one or two hours a week of their time.

One in ten adults will need help with reading, writing, or spelling. Do YOU need help? Do you know of anyone who does? Please come forward. You won't be alone. Or perhaps you could help by becoming a voluntary tutor.

If you need help or can offer help, please ring Betsy Kerr-Delworth at any time - Hull 897646.

ROOS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Bonfire Night. Mr. Prest, landlord of the Black Horse, has kindly given permission for the use of the car park for the bonfire and fireworks on 5th November. The bonfire will be lit at 6.30 p.m. Refreshments and sparklers will be on sale.

Any items for burning should be delivered to the site. Contact members of the Committee if assistance is needed. To cover the cost of fireworks there will be the usual house-to-house collection of cash contributions in advance. Please give generously. Please also note that the collection will be made only by Committee Members: Malcolm Cowell, Suzanne Keating, Philip Maltas, Christine Mitchell and Beatrice Quinn.

Disco, Sand-le-Mere. A disco has been arranged in aid of Institute funds. It will be held at Sand-le-Mere on 15th November, 8.30-12.30, and will feature Black Light International providing the music. Donations of raffle prizes will be most welcome. Tickets will cost £1.00 in advance, £1.50 at the door.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 12th November, 8.00 p.m.

C.M.

SPONSORED RIDE

A sponsored ride on Sunday, 13th October was very successful in raising funds for Driving for the Disabled. The ride was organised by Kerry Jumps and Beverley Wilson. It covered twenty miles and was very much enjoyed by the eight riders who took part.

On completion of the ride each participant received a rosette, kindly provided by Sandsfield Gravel Company. Thanks are also due to the parents of the organisers who provided refreshments, the fee for the use of the school playground, and support during the ride.

It is expected that the ride will have raised something over £80.

HUMBERSIDE CONCESSIONARY FARE SCHEME

Elderly and handicapped people in Holderness are able to obtain half-fare passes at Hedon, Withernsea and Hornsea. In Withernsea, they may be obtained from the Grand Pavilion on 13th November and 11th December. The Grand Pavilion will be open for the issue of passes from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Applicants must apply in person and bring £1.00 for the pass and also one of the following: retirement pension book, birth certificate, medical card, war pension book, a Certificate of Registration from Humberside Social Services. Passes are not available for anyone who receives a Mobility or Motability Allowance.

OPEN MEETING : DEVELOPING YOUR COMMUNITY

26th November : Roos School : 8.00 p.m.

This meeting, organised by the Humberside Adult Education Service, is intended to stimulate discussion of village communities and their amenities. Invitations to attend have been sent to all Holderness Parish Councils and it is hoped that people will come from many villages in the area.

A film - "Village Ventures" - will be shown and representatives will be present from the Humberside Community Council, Adult Education, and the Roos Village Appraisal (with a report on progress so far). Also present will be Humberside's Development Officer for the Unemployed.

Changes in the pattern of rural life have led to the decline of many small communities with a loss of activities and amenities. Resources and practical help may be available to help villagers to help themselves but needs must be identified and general agreement must be reached if assistance is to be forthcoming and effective.

Residents of Roos, the host village, are especially invited to attend the meeting.

Liz Ballington
Adult Education Organiser

ROOS GUIDES

The following information has been supplied by Mrs. Jean Jackson, Roos House.

The new company of Roos Guides will meet on Monday evenings in the old school hall, from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m. It is hoped that the first meeting will be held on 2nd December. Further details will be sent out to all the girls who have already asked to join. Other girls between the ages of ten and fourteen will be welcome. Information from: Jean Jackson (70808) and Diane Kennils (70074).

ROOS VILLAGE APPRAISAL

On 30th September about a dozen people accepted the invitation to attend a meeting about the Village Appraisal. The purpose was to discuss a draft questionnaire prepared by Jean Jackson, Gordon Green, John Knighton and John Leeman. After a whole evening of detailed consideration, a final version was eventually agreed.

The questionnaire is now in the hands of the printer and it is hoped that it will be available for distribution by late November or early December. Each resident of Roos aged 16 and over will be invited to express opinions about the village and its future by responding to the questions. Help with the distribution and collection of copies will be needed. Some offers of help have already been received. Further offers will be most welcome. Contact any member of the Appraisal Group or, if in doubt: Liz Ballington, 21 Elm Garth; Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane.

It may be important to stress again that the Village Appraisal and the Village Plan are two different things, though each is to involve a questionnaire.

The Village Plan is to be an official assessment carried out by Holderness Borough Council, the local government planning authority. Its features, decided after consultation with local people, will provide a framework for future decisions about building and other developments in Roos.

The Village Appraisal is **not** an official exercise. It is an attempt by local residents to find out what people in the village feel about Roos as a community. The Village Appraisal is not in opposition to the official Village Plan but supplementary to it. Since each starts with a questionnaire, it is important to complete **both** questionnaires.

Roos and District Horticultural Society

WHIST TOURNAMENT

Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall

Saturday, 16th November : 7.30 p.m.

Anyone needing transport contact Mrs. Jennifer Grant, Cranleigh, South End, Roos (70576)

SOCIAL SERVICES TOPICS : CHILD ABUSE

Child abuse has been much in the news recently. Watching television or reading the paper we have been made aware of some of the dangers that children experience at the hands of parents or other adults. No doubt most of us readily and sincerely condemn the extreme cases given wide publicity in the media.

But child abuse is not something new. Dickens described it in the last century. What is new is the fact that we live in a much more visible society with rules for adults more clearly drawn. Newspapers and television bring vividly before us extreme cases in which children are seriously hurt and even killed. In the light of such cases we can easily forget that child abuse is not something that happens in newspapers and on television. Children can be hurt in our own community, though perhaps in less dramatic ways.

We put children at risk if we:

- leave those under twelve alone in the home, exposing them to the danger of accidental injury or of interference by another adult;
- allow them to watch horror or 'adult' videos;
- condone under-age drinking of alcohol;
- permit them to be out after dark without direct supervision.

While we are rightly shocked by reports of extreme cases, we should do well to look at our own village and the responsibilities we ourselves bear for the safety of our own children.

Noel Towe

(Noel Towe is District Manager, Humberside Social Services Department. It is hoped that he will contribute further items on community concerns)

Epidemic Pyromania

Within the space of less than a week, three fires at South End have reminded us how vulnerable we all are to accident and oversight. Luckily, all three were contained in time and in retrospect may seem relatively trivial. If unchecked, each could have caused serious damage and possibly real danger.

On the evening of 17th October South End had the happily rare experience of fire engines sirening their way to two separate fires. A chimney fire at Outlands, home of Will and Jo Ainley, was dealt with by the fire brigade from Withernsea. Only a little later, the Patrington fire engine sped past to treat a kitchen fire at the home of Beatrice Quinn at Dent's Garth.

Once the danger is over and in spite of distressing damage to one's home, it is often possible to see the comical side of such experiences. Beatrice Quinn's fire started when a chip pan was knocked over. Her dog chased the cat, the cat jumped up and caught the pan, the simmering cooking oil spilled and caught alight. The flames set the ceiling tiles shrinking and smouldering; they did not burst into flame but gave out clouds of choking fumes. For some days the family had to live with friends until the atmosphere was fit to breathe again.

While the Patrington brigade was dealing with this second fire, the Withernsea brigade, having dealt with their own fire, drove down to take a friendly professional interest in the equipment and techniques of their colleagues. When all was safe, cups of tea all round and general chit-chat must have made Dent's Garth seem like the venue for a firemen's convention.

Not to be outdone by the Ainleys and the Quinns, Noel and Jean Towe staged their own little conflagration down Lamb Lane a few days later. They rather selfishly chose a time when nobody was about to enjoy the excitement and even when the neighbour whose fence they combusted was away from home. No fire engine was called. Such a low-profile incident is scarcely in the same league as the first two. Nevertheless, the Towses deserve full marks for comedy. Their antics would have been hilarious on film.

The ingredients for a Towe fire are: an unsociable time (preferably the middle of the night); one plastic dustbin; one wooden fence (preferably a neighbour's); a good supply of petrol, best achieved by parking a car with its nose close to the intended blaze; night clothes and panic. Here is Jean Towe's account of events.

Wednesday, 23rd October. 1.30 a.m. The telephone rang.

"Ivan again!" I thought. Why does my brother-in-law have to ring so late?"

"It's Dave Simpkins," said Noel. "There's some sort of fire in our drive."

I lay there with sleepy pictures of vandal children playing with sticks and matches. Then I remembered - it was the middle of the night and the kids were presumably in bed. I got up. Maybe there wasn't even time to put on dressing-gown and slippers. Shamelessly underclad, I hurried towards the action.

Using all his training in crisis management, Noel was already playing the garden hose on a premature bonfire-night blaze. I felt inclined to pass out in a ladylike Victorian swoon. Instead, I went inside to fetch the car keys. The car was about a yard from the blaze. In the nearest front wing, plastic bits of the light fittings were already disintegrating. Barefoot, I reversed the car down the drive, praying that the petrol would ignite only from the spark plugs.

Eventually, my pyjama-striped fireman was left, dripping but triumphant, surveying the charred remains of a fence panel. We had the customary cup of tea. Our two dogs seemed to expect an extra meal themselves. They were disappointed. No fame for them in banner headlines; no admiring nation to praise their trusty service in alerting the sleeping family.

The sober thought is that the ashes in the bin had seemed to pose no threat. They had been put there at teatime after lying 'cold' in the grate all day since the night before. Some hours later, at 9.30, I noticed no signs of danger from the bin. At Holderness Hardware next day, no metal bins were available. Plastic ones, the man said, were much more satisfactory - "But don't put hot ashes in. There's a warning on top." I didn't tell him that we'd had our warning.

Leslie, our neighbour, had told us that 'The Rooster' needed news items. He didn't expect us to provide one by burning his fence down at dead of night.

COMING EVENTS

November

- 1 "Blind Sale". Memorial Institute. From 2.00 p.m.
- 2 Royal British Legion: Installation of old standard of Roos Branch in All Saints', Roos. 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
- 3 Roos F.C. 'A' v Leven Members Club (away) (Cup quarter-finals)
- 5 Bonfire organised by Memorial Institute Committee. Black Horse car park. 6.30 p.m. Refreshments.
- 6 Roos Women's Institute. Annual Meeting. Memorial Institute. 7.15 p.m.
- 10 Roos F.C. 'B' v Pecan Restaurant.
- 11 Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30 p.m. Playing Field Association. Committee Meeting. Roos Arms. 8.30 p.m.
- 12 Roos Memorial Institute. Committee Meeting.
- 15 Disco at Sand-le-Mere: Black Light International (Memorial Institute Committee)
- 16 Whist Tournament. Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall. 7.30 p.m. (Roos and District Horticultural Society).
- 17 Roos F.C. 'A' v Norland (home)
- 24 Roos F.C. 'B' v Inglemire Albion (home)
- 26 Open Meeting: 'Developing Your Community'. Film and speakers. Roos School. 8.00 p.m. (Adult Education Service).

December

- 1 Roos F.C. 'A' v Lambwath Rangers (home)
- 2 Roos Girl Guides. First Meeting. Roos School Hall. 7.30 p.m.
- 4 Roos Women's Institute. Memorial Institute. 7.15 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. K. Handley - 'Oriental Heritage'.
- 9 Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30 p.m.

MISSING PERSONS

Where are the Secretaries and other Organisers who failed to provide details of their future activities for the 'Coming Events' column? Advance publicity could help you.

Such information and news items generally will be most welcome. And photographs.

Deadline for December issue : Monday 18th November

PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

At the recent Annual General Meeting, Stuart Wilson, Chairman, surveyed the work of the last year. In terms of fund-raising, it had been a year of mixed fortunes. Some plans had not come to fruition. A dance at Teddy's Club did take place but had disappointing support. The Christmas draw was a success financially and so was the Family Sponsored Walk, as well as socially, though it did not attract the level of support that had been anticipated.

There had, however, been increased interest in the Association. The Model Aero Club joined and the Rugby Club was formed, which brought another enthusiastic group of supporters: their laying of the entrance road gave an additional boost to launch the Fun Day. The Fun Day had been the most successful event to date, both financially and in terms of community exposure. The support received and the interest aroused marked a breakthrough that the Association had worked for over previous years.

"I believe," said Mr. Wilson, "that we now have a firm base on which to build 'facilities' for recreation and leisure for the inhabitants of the parish of Roos." We have started but there is a long way to go."

It was announced at the meeting that the Fun Day had made a net profit of £1013.72. The Chairman and Committee wish to thank residents of Roos, Hilston and Tunstall whose generous support made the occasion such a success.

The next Committee Meeting will be held in the Roos Arms at 8.30 p.m. on 11th November.

ROOS FOOTBALL CLUB

In a truly memorable match played on 20th October on Orchard Park Estate in Hull, Roos 'A' won through to the quarter-finals of the Sunday League's Hostick Cup. They defeated pre-tournament favourites Rampant Horse with a performance of true character and grit.

After going 2-0 down within twenty minutes Roos fought back so strongly that they were the only team in it for the remainder of the match. Dave Hampton scored two well-taken goals to level things and with a little steadier finishing Roos could easily have settled matters within normal time.

It was not to be, however, and fifteen minutes each way of extra time were played with neither side scoring again. So the match went into a penalty shoot-out - five penalties each side and the one scoring most times being the winner.

With the aid of two good saves by Pete Dearing denying the Rampant Horse team and their keeper being totally unable to get anywhere near well-struck penalties from Andy Bailey, Mark Battye, Dave Hampton and Nick Derbyshire, Roos ran out worthy winners with a final score of 6-3.

Maintenance of this excellent all-round team performance should ensure that we reach the final to be played at Boothferry Park, home of Hull City, sometime in May 1986.

By the time you read this, we shall know if we are in the semi-finals as we play Leven Members Club at Leven on Sunday, 3rd November. We hope that the 'B' team can register their first win before we report again.

Forthcoming home fixtures are listed in 'Coming Events'. All kick off at 11.00 a.m.

R.D.