



# THE ROOSTER

## Roos Village Newsletter

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### PUBLIC MEETING

On 4th August the annual Parish Meeting, chaired by Councillor K.G. Grant, was poorly attended. Other members of the Parish Council were present except for Councillors Benson and Quarmby who sent apologies for their absence.

The Minutes of the previous meeting (8th July 1985) were approved. In answer to a question on the Minutes, the Chairman said that County Councillor Croft had undertaken to look into the unsatisfactory road system in South Park but said that he had no knowledge of the outcome.

Two letters had been received requesting that items be put on the Agenda. Mr. John Knighton had written about roads and footpaths and Mr. Leslie Helliwell had written about the village newsletter and about topics highlighted in the Village Appraisal. Mr. Helliwell's points were dealt with first.

#### The Rooster

Mr. Helliwell said that 'The Rooster' in its printed form was now exactly a year old. Its attractive format was entirely due to the ongoing generosity of Mr. Martin Lunn, who printed it free of charge. Mr. Lunn had never required that his substantial monthly expense should be offset by making a charge for each copy. Nor had he suggested that advertising revenue should be sought. However, Mr. Helliwell has had a recent enquiry from a tradesman keen to advertise in the newsletter and willing to pay a significant amount to do so.

Mr. Helliwell asked leave to put a question to the public meeting. He asked whether it would not be fair to explore the possibility of limited advertising to reduce Mr. Lunn's monthly outlay while retaining the principle that the newsletter should be available free to every household in the village.

There were expressions of appreciation of Mr. Lunn's generosity and of the newsletter in its present form. Fears were expressed that advertisements might crowd out local news items and deprive 'The Rooster' of its identity. If advertising were to be introduced, there was guarded preference for a sheet of advertisements that could be inserted in each copy without intruding on the columns of the newsletter itself.

#### The Village Appraisal

Every Parish Councillor had received a copy of the Village Appraisal Report. Mr. Helliwell recalled that the Parish Council had been suspicious of the Village Appraisal from the outset and had at one time publicly dissociated themselves from it. He asked whether councillors did not feel that the Appraisal had been worthwhile and that their councillors did not now feel that the Appraisal had been worthwhile and that their misgivings had been unjustified.

Councillor Grant said that the findings of the Report were "only commonsense", implying perhaps that the Appraisal had been a waste of time. He did add, however, that the Report was "very unbiased, balanced, and fair" in that all views in the village were represented. Councillor Winter congratulated the Appraisal Group on a well-produced Report, though he thought it unfortunate that some residents had confused the Village Appraisal with the Village Plan. Councillor Priest agreed, arguing that the Parish Council had been bound to reserve their official support for the Village Plan, though he thought that in itself the Appraisal Report was "good". No councillor seemed anxious to refer to any particular parts of the Report or noted that the Appraisal had covered a far wider field than the Village Plan.

Mr. John Waldron referred to the poor state of the highway at the entrance to Eastfield Estate and the condition and siting of

the bus shelter. Councillor Priest said that the mess in the bus shelter had been cleared up and it was also pointed out that the glass windows had been so often vandalised that the shelter was best left unglazed. Mr. Waldron said that, in view of the present bus routes, the shelter would be much more use if sited in Main Street. The Chairman commented that the public might prefer the shelter in Main Street but that no resident there would want a shelter directly outside his door. He added that the Parish Council had itself provided the Pilmar Lane shelter just two months before the main bus routes were changed.

Mr. Helliwell had supplied in advance four points on which people in the village had shown their concern in the Village Appraisal. These points were proper topics for Parish Council consideration; i.e. the appearance of the village; roads and footpaths; a possible speed restriction; and the relation between Parish Council and the public.

#### The Appearance of Roos

Councillors confined themselves mainly to the problem of litter. The two grocery shops had each provided a litter bin, though there was a problem when they were overturned. Councillors Grant, Winter and Priest praised the Guides who had cut and tidied the grassed area at Old School Corner and noted that the Guides had themselves asked for provision of a litter bin there. It was suggested that the Cleansing Department might be asked to empty such a bin. Councillor Priest said that if one were provided he would empty it himself. Councillor Cheeseman said that the newsletter should urge people to take their litter home since bins would not be used. Mr. Helliwell argued that bins would not be used if none were provided and that they should be provided throughout the village.

#### Speed Restriction

According to the Appraisal, four out of every five residents wanted a speed restriction. The Chairman said that a restriction had been sought before. On that occasion the authorities had stated that traffic density did not warrant a restriction. It was suggested that - on Sundays - there was now a high density of traffic and that near the village centre vehicles were driven too fast on every day of the week. On the other hand, a restriction might simply be ignored - although, one person argued, a number of prosecutions had made the restriction in Burton Pidsea very effective. Councillor Winter thought it might be more practical not to have a legal restriction but to have a courtesy sign requesting motorists to drive carefully to protect the lives of children.

#### Roads and Footpaths

The Chairman said that provision for the upgrading of the road from the old school to the new school had been included in this year's financial estimates. Mr. Knighton's letter was read out. He referred to the Village Plan meeting on 16th June when Mr. Robin Fell, on behalf of the Humberside Department of Technical Services, had offered a survey of all village roads and footpaths. On Mr. Knighton's suggestion it was agreed that Mr. Fell should be reminded of his undertaking and be asked to fulfil it; footpaths should certainly be surveyed as well as roads. It was also agreed that the Clerk should request a 'ROOS' sign on the road from Burton Pidsea.

Councillors touched briefly on only a few of the issues in the Appraisal Report. The Chairman claimed that Parish Council meetings were well publicised. Mrs. Margaret Payne asked if notices of meetings were displayed in Tunstall, Hilston and Owstwick. She was told that these communities were not individually informed. Councillor Winter claimed that Roos Parish Council met more frequently than most and said that it was up to local people to contact their councillors rather than vice-versa. Mr. Waldron said that the public could often not hear what was being discussed at meetings since councillors sat in a huddle round a table instead of facing the public. It was agreed that in future the public would be allowed a full-frontal view of their Parish Council.

## ROOS PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met for their normal monthly meeting on 11th August with Councillor K.G. Grant in the Chair. An apology for absence was received from Councillor J.D. Quarmby. All others were present.

The Minutes of the meeting of 14th July were approved. Referring to an item concerning The Elms, Rectory Road, the Chairman observed that councillors had paid a site visit and that a notice about the planning application had just appeared in the Hull Daily Mail.

### Correspondence

**Waste Disposal.** The waste disposal site at Hull Road, Withernsea, was to be opened on 22nd August. It was intended for domestic and garden refuse and would be available to the public from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. for five days each week excluding Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**Caravan and Camping Sites.** (At their meeting in November 1985 the Parish Council had the opportunity to submit opinions on this subject). The county's Coastal Caravan and Camping Plan had been adopted in 1981. A review initiated in 1985 showed that it had proved mainly satisfactory. It was now envisaged that, after further consultations, the Plan might be extended to cover the whole country - i.e. with regard to inland sites as well as those on the coast. Clearer guidance was needed over 'the domination issue' - i.e. where a new site would tend to dominate an existing settlement.

**Housing Development north of Pilmar Lane.** Three letters had been received concerning the outline planning application by Mr. John Kirkwood. On behalf of Mr. Kirkwood, Messrs Frank Hill and Sons had written on 15th July to say that the area of the land in question was 3.5 acres and that, "there is no intention to use the Main Street access"; access would be from Pilmar Lane - "as agreed at the Village Plan meeting". Councillors disputed this assumption. There had been no "agreement" as to access if the land were developed. Two points of possible access had been referred to but no one at the Village Plan meeting had had the authority to "agree" access in respect of a particular future application.

On 24th July, in reply to an enquiry by the Parish Clerk, it had been established that the Holderness Technical and Development Committee would make no decision on Mr. Kirkwood's application until after the Village Plan was completed, "probably by the end of this year." On 1st August Messrs Frank Hill & Sons wrote confirming that the application was being deferred pending finalisation of the Village Plan.

**Community Resource Centre.** According to a phone call from Charlotte Hursey of the Community Council of Humberside, the proposal to start a Community Resource Centre in Withernsea had been shelved.

### Planning

**Previous Applications.** (See August newsletter). The Borough Technical and Development Committee had refused the application to erect a dwelling at Hela, North End, Roos, but had granted permission for changes at Roos Furze and Glebe Farm, Hilston.

**North End Garage, Furze Road.** Two applications had been received concerning changes at the garage. One was for new vehicular access and the resiting of a petrol pump. The other was for the erection of an illuminated sign (5' x 3' and 12' high). Both were supported by the Parish Council.

**Parish Meeting.** The Chairman referred to matters raised at the Parish Meeting and the action being taken: letters from the Parish Clerk concerning (i) repairs to roads and footpaths; (ii) a 'ROOS' sign on the approach road from Burton Pidsea. Councillor Winter was to investigate the need for repairs to the road surface in Pilmar Lane. Councillors were agreed about 'The Rooster': they could see the sense of not rejecting possible revenue from advertisements but they thought that advertising should be relatively restricted and if possible be confined to an insert sheet.

**Old School Clock.** Councillor Priest asked when the clock was to be replaced. Councillor Cheeseman reported that a housing for the clock had been left in the facade and it would be replaced in due course.

**Village Seats.** Councillor Priest enquired if there had been any development in the provision of seats offered to the village. The Chairman said that the Clerk had been in touch with one of the donors, The Roos Young Farmers, and had supplied documentation of the original offer to their new Secretary who had been unaware of the position. The Clerk was also to write to the other donor, the family of the late Mr. Clerk was also to write to the other donor, the family of the late Mr. Brigham Reid, pointing out that a site had now been agreed. The Chairman suggested that meanwhile the Clerk could ask for a quotation for metal seats from Mr. C.H. Burn.

**Burton Pidsea Road.** Councillor Cook pointed out that the road from Roos to Burton Pidsea was in a dangerous state of disrepair. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Highways Department stressing that this road - as well as roads and footpaths within the village - was in urgent need of repair.

**Litter Bin.** Councillor Priest reminded colleagues that the Roos Guides, having cut the grass on 'the village green', had asked for provision of a litter bin. It was agreed that the Borough Cleansing Department should be asked by the Parish Clerk to provide a bin.

**Corner House, Main Street.** Councillor Beal asked if the planning difficulties faced by the owner of this property had been resolved or were likely to be. It seemed that no solution had yet been found.

### Public Session

The Chairman observed that members were now sitting facing their public, as requested at the Parish Meeting. Nevertheless, Mr. John Waldron had been unable to hear all that was said and asked for an item of correspondence to be read out again. Now that we can actually see the faces of our councillors it would be doubly gratifying to hear their voices clearly as well.

### Humberside County Council

#### Radioactive Waste

The Information Caravan will be parked outside  
The Memorial Institute, Roos, on the morning of  
**MONDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER**

*Some of the following items were to have been printed last month but had to be omitted owing to lack of space)*

### EARLY ADMISSIONS TO ROOS SCHOOL

The Headteacher, Mr. Keith Thorogood, is pleased to announce that children aged four years but not yet five will be able - if their parents wish - to attend school earlier than has hitherto been possible. The scheme was discussed and agreed with the Nursery/Infant Adviser on 26th June and has been approved by the Education Authority and the School Governors. Of course, attendance is optional: there is no legal requirement for children to attend school until the term in which their fifth birthday falls.

The effect is as follows:

1) All pupils with a birthday between 1st September and 31st December will begin full-time education from 1st September of each academic year. This is the normal compulsory requirement.

2) The optional scheme concerns children whose fifth birthday falls between 1st January and 31st August. These children may now attend school - mornings only - from 1st September up to the Autumn half-term. After the half-term the children may attend full-time.

3) Pupils who are not yet five in a particular term will be encouraged to go home for lunch until the term in which the birthday falls. For example, a pupil whose birthday falls in February will not take lunch until the term beginning on 1st January; a pupil whose birthday falls in May will not take lunch until after Easter.



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There was no meeting in August. In July, there was a smaller attendance than usual but the evening proved a very pleasant one. In the unavoidable absence of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, their deputies - Mrs. Helliwell, Mrs. Godfrey and Mrs. Alexander - dealt very smoothly with a large amount of business.

Mrs. Quinn was congratulated and thanked for her organisation of yet another unforgettable Mystery Trip. This was a visit to the New Theatre for 'The Sound of Music' beautifully sung and staged - with supper afterwards at the Nostalga Restaurant in Hedon.

As delegate representing Aldbrough and Roos Institutes at the A.G.M. in London, Mrs. Dickinson had provided a descriptive and humorous report that was presented in her absence by Mrs. Dunn, the Aldbrough President.

Demonstrator for the evening was Mrs. Hunn from Preston, who had her first lessons in Floral Art here in Roos from the late but well-remembered Mrs. Cardy. Mrs. Hunn created some very attractive arrangements and recounted some of her amusing experiences while working for her City and Guilds certificate. She then judged the competition - an arrangement of wild grasses. Winners were: 1. Mrs. Alexander; 2. Mrs. J. Maltas; 3. Mrs. Godfrey.

### COPY DEADLINE

Material for the October issue of 'The Rooster' should be supplied, please, to Leslie Helliwell, Lamb Lane (70291) by **Monday, 15th September**

### ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The recent Village Appraisal questionnaire revealed interest in a wide range of subjects. A copy of the relevant section of the Report was given to Mr. Alan Scott, Organising Tutor at the Withernsea Further Education Centre. As a result of the information provided, Mr. Scott intends to advertise classes in some of the subjects most in demand, in addition to some already requested and agreed. The Prospectus now available includes the following classes to be held in Roos School.

Tuesday	A Good Read	Mr. L. Helliwell	
	Mixed Crafts (8 weeks)	Mrs. K. Blashill	
Wednesday	French Conversation	Mrs. S. Littlefair	
	Embroidery/Needlework	Mrs. J. Kirkwood	
Thursday	Flower Arranging	Mrs. J.	Wallis
	(5 weeks)		
	German	Mrs. I. Haycock	
	Aerobics/Keep Fit	Mrs. C. Mitchell	
	(1½ hours)		

Except where otherwise stated, the classes will be held from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. for a session of ten weeks. They will start in the week beginning Monday, 22nd September.

Details of fees are given in the Prospectus but Mr. Scott advises intending students to note that some categories of person are eligible either for free classes or for a reduction of fees. These concessions are mainly for those who are unemployed or retired or in receipt of certain DHSS benefits.

Mr. Scott also stresses that, in order to remain viable, classes have to attract and maintain a minimum number of members. If the scheduled classes are well supported, it may be possible to extend the range of subjects from January onwards.

### ROOS GIRL GUIDES

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre. Although the actual numbers of those who came were few, they were so generous that in fact we raised the sum of £153. Thanks also to the Guides for their hard work during the last months and to the mums who gave time to help on the day. The money will be used to buy camping equipment and materials for use by the unit. J.J.

### SUPERMARKET PARTNERS

On the departure of Ken and Margaret Wilson from the Spar Shop in Main Street, another family have moved into the premises. The village supermarket has been taken over by George and Chris Bilton who, with their two boys, have been living most recently in Beverley.



G. & C. Bilton

Though they have not had their own business before, Chris has a financial background and George has managerial experience. They are both looking forward to making a success of their new venture. Their plans for the shop are ambitious but long-term - not everything can be done at once. They hope to establish roots in the village and become part of the community.

George spent 18 years in the fishing industry until - like many others - he was made redundant. He then took the opportunity to study at the University of Hull for a B.Sc. degree and Diploma in Occupational Psychology. He is currently supervisor/manager of the Hull Architecture Workshop, a registered charity established in 1982 by the Humberside Society of Architects. It operates as an educational bureau and undertakes projects with various sectors of the community and the general public, producing its own monthly newsletter.

Meanwhile, the Wilson family are settling into their new life with its focus on Stonegate China, their business in Stonegate, York. In a phone call Ken Wilson reported that in early August they were due to move into their new house at Farlington, about 6 miles east of Easingwold and 10 miles north of York. He was pleased at the prospect at last of a stable family base after a long period during which he was commuting daily to York and a later temporary stay in a rented holiday cottage. Ken was brought up in the York area and is happy to be working in the city itself. Life, he says, is busy but exciting.

Roos people will want to wish Ken and Margaret continued success in their new life and to give a warm though belated welcome to George and Chris in taking over our local supermarket, which is a valued village amenity.

### ROOS & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The 44th Annual Show held on 26th July had an improved attendance and number of entries: 648 adult entries; 215 in children's classes. Mrs. Ken Cook of Owstwick presented the cups and trophies and drew the raffle. Once again the children's sports were very popular and there was a great deal of interest in the display of Old Farm Engines and the Model Aircraft Flying Display.



Mrs. Cook attended by the Society's President, Mr. Reginald Green of Hilston

Cups and trophies were awarded as follows:

The Banksian Medal: F.S. Sanderson, Halsham  
The Green Rose Bowl: J.G. Green, Rimswell  
The William Burn Memorial Cup: Mrs. S. Long, Grimston  
The Growers' Cup: G.W. Fussey, Hollym  
The Strangers' Cup: Mrs. S. Long, Grimston  
The William Grant Cup: J.R. Bell, Hull  
The Whitehead Cup: Mrs. Bantin, Grimston & Mrs. M. Barker, Lelley  
The Bessie & Leslie Raisbeck Trophy: C. Farrington, Roos  
The W.F. Lane Memorial Trophy: Mrs. F. Clifford, Burton Pidsea  
The Sheila Grotirian Challenge Trophy: F.S. Sanderson, Halsham  
The Morton-Stewart Vase: E. Kirkwood, Rimswell & H. Peck, B. Pidsea  
The Mrs. H.M. Carrick Memorial Cup: Miss D. Crawforth, Garton  
The Mackman Cup: J.G. Baker, Roos  
The Virginia Reckitt Memorial Cup: D.A. Somers, Camerton  
The 25th Anniversary Cup: J.G. Baker, Roos  
The H.S. Barker Trophy: Mrs. S. Winter, Hedon  
The John Drotleff Memorial Trophy: G.S.A. James, S. Frodingham  
The Alice Gardner Memorial Trophy: Mrs. J. Maltas, Roos  
The Bert Parsons Memorial Trophy: F.S. Sanderson, Halsham  
The R. Black Trophy: Victoria Kemp, Roos & Sally Atkinson, B. Pidsea  
The Special Award (Miniature Cup): Katie Tuplin, Weeton  
The Amateur Gardening Red Ribbon Award: K. Treharne, Skidby  
The Tyson Shield: Mrs. F. Maynard, Withernsea  
The Burton Pidsea W.I. Cup: Mrs. M. Hodgson, S. Frodingham  
The T. & M. Kellock Cup: F. Burn, Roos  
The Mrs. D. Monkman Cup: Mrs. W. Thornton, Fitling

#### ROOS CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD

According to Sergeant Tunstall of Withernsea Police, the Office of the Humberside Coroner has no news yet about the bones found in the lower churchyard. Forensic experts at Wetherby quickly ascertained that they were some hundreds of years old and not a matter for police investigation. The relics will be examined further in an attempt to establish their age more precisely and Sergeant Tunstall has undertaken to pass on whatever information is eventually received.

#### Restoration Scheme in Jeopardy?

Meanwhile, last month's article about the Restoration Appeal has produced some comments. Mr. Barrie Broom, former Churchwarden, and Mr. Brian Brophy, Field Officer for Community Rural Aid, have both pointed out that there has been no secret about the restoration scheme for Roos Church. A notice was posted in the church porch in March giving details of the scheme and Mr. Brophy has now produced for scrutiny a copy of the legal agreement between the Parochial Church Council and Community Rural Aid. The agreement - along with the architect's specifications - gives a precise account of the responsibilities of both parties and of the work to be carried out.

Unfortunately, however, difficulties have arisen in recent weeks and there is now serious doubt whether the original scheme will be fulfilled.

#### Original Intentions

Community Rural Aid was recommended to Roos by Rev. P.I. Addison of Withernsea because of excellent church restoration work by CRA already completed at Skeffling and in progress at Easington. Some three years ago All Saints' Church had its routine five-yearly inspection. The architect's report on the building listed serious faults that needed urgent attention. The expense of necessary repairs was beyond what the Church could afford in the short term. Not surprisingly, a CRA scheme in which there would be no charge for labour seemed an attractive solution to a serious and worrying problem.

In November 1985 the Rector and Mr. Broom as Churchwarden met representatives of CRA, Mr. Brophy and his Area Manager Mr. Puckering, who inspected the church building in the light of the Architect's report and identified what aspects of the necessary work they could offer to tackle. At this stage it was envisaged that, on completion of the project at Roos, they might go on to do further restoration on other churches in the benefice. In fact, after visiting Garton Mr. Puckering felt that the church there should be the one to start on: though the work would be straightforward, the need was more urgent.

However, a scheme was requested for All Saints', Roos, including repairs to The Oratory. A detailed scheme was accordingly drawn up and Roos Parochial Church Council agreed unanimously to accept it on 20th March 1986. The scheme laid legal obligations on both Community Rural Aid and the PCC, spelling out what their respective responsibilities were to be. The resolution to accept it named Mr. Barrie Broom as the person authorised to sign the contract on behalf of the Church.

A second resolution on 20th March (also carried unanimously) formally recorded the intention of the PCC to raise the sum of £5,000 to cover the cost of materials and services that was part of their own contractual obligation. The assumed cost to be borne by Community Rural Aid - for labour and provision of hand tools - was at the time estimated as £60,000, though later a figure of £80,000 was being spoken of.

At this stage, although work in the lower churchyard was included, the main focus was on necessary repairs to the church itself. It was not until after the architect for the PCC officially accepted his appointment - in May - that his specifications were added to the agreement already signed. Work in the churchyard was now designated Phase 1 and it was stipulated that Phase 1 and it was stipulated that Phase 1 must be completed before any other tasks were started. This was at variance with the assumptions of CRA whose Field Officer had prepared detailed overlapping work schedules for the whole 52 weeks of the project. Nevertheless the architect's right to lay down a sequence of work was not disputed.

#### Consequences

It happened that, the very day after their meeting, the PCC's decision was conveyed in person not only to the Field Officer of CRA but also to two representatives of the Manpower Services Commission which has funding responsibility for the CRA project at Roos. The MSC Officers had come to inspect progress. It was sheer coincidence that their visit allowed them to learn so promptly of the PCC's decision.

The matter is now, therefore, in the hands of the Manpower Services Commission. It is idle to speculate what the outcome will be, though one can imagine some of the options that will be considered and the powers that MSC can invoke since it is a national agency accountable for the proper deployment of public funds under legal contract.

### ROOS PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meeting. Memorial Institute. 7.30

Members of the Public always welcome

#### COMING EVENTS

##### September

- 3 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15. Sgt. Steadman - Crime Prevention
- 4 Memorial Institute AGM. Public please attend. 7.30.
- 8 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 10 Sherry Morning. The Elms. 10.30-12.30. In aid of RNLI.
- 14 Roos F.C. v Astro Centre. Home (Piper Cup, 1st Round).
- 19 Safari Supper (Institute Committee).
- 21 Roos F.C. v N.D.L.B. Home.
- 23 Start of Adult Education classes. Roos School.
- 28 Roos F.C. v Lambwath Rangers. Home.
- 29 Radioactive Waste. Information Van at Memorial Institute, a.m.

##### October

- 1 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15. Mr. J. Johnson, Director of Environment.
- 19 Sponsored Walk (Institute Committee).

Royal National Lifeboat Institution

### A SHERRY MORNING

will be held at The Elms, Rectory Road,  
on Wednesday, 10th September between 10.30 and 12.30  
Cake Stall — Souvenirs — Bring-and-Buy — Raffle — Tombola  
Tickets - £1.50 (includes sherry and savouries)  
from Joan Bowden, 25 Elm Garth (70078)