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Roos Village Newsletter

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Apologies for absence were received from four members at the meeting of 8th September. Councillors present were: J.R. Beal, M. Cheeseman, K.G. Grant, J.C. Priest and G.E. Winter. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Winter.

The Minutes of the meeting of 11th August were read and approved.

Correspondence

Highways. A scheme was being prepared to improve the Roos-Burton Pidsea road. A village nameplate for the Burton Pidsea road was on order.

Village Seats. Mr. C.H. Burn had provided an estimate for the supply of two six-foot seats at a cost of £106 each. It was agreed to pass the estimate to the possible donors.

Local Boundary Commission. A letter and information had been received concerning boundary changes affecting Nottinghamshire and adjoining counties. The matter was not relevant to Roos and was not discussed.

Health Services in Holderness. An information leaflet was being produced for circulation to Libraries, doctors' surgeries and health centres. It was agreed to request a number of the leaflets.

Manpower Services Commission Community Programme. A letter had been received from Beverley Work Bridge Ltd. and Community Rural Aid Ltd. offering to undertake community projects. The letter had been passed on by the Holderness Chief Executive, Mr. D.B. Law. The Parish Council discussed such schemes in general and noted that they had sometimes been criticised for inadequate qualified supervision.

Humberside Education Committee. It was agreed that a letter from the Director of Education should be displayed on the Parish Council notice board. The letter advised that parents may apply to town and parish clerks for a booklet outlining the County Council's provision for special education needs. It was also noted that parents in general had rights as to the choice of school for their children: if they did not wish their children to attend the school to which they had been allocated, application could be made for them to go to a school of the parents' choice. A booklet, still available from the Parish Clerk, was issued in 1985 outlining the County's provision for children in general.

Information Caravan: Radioactive Waste. Posters had already been displayed advertising the visit by the caravan on 29th September.

Planning

Hela, North End, Roos. The Borough Council had refused outline permission for construction of a bungalow with vehicular access.

Hilston Road, Tunstall (Field OS 2018). Mr. R. Collinson had applied for planning permission to erect two bungalows (for himself and his son-in-law). After lengthy discussion of the projected agricultural tenancy of both dwellings, it was agreed to support the application.

Lamb Lane, Roos (Field OS 266). On behalf of Mrs. E.M. Parsons, Messrs Graham and Rosen had applied for permission to erect two dwellings in the existing rear garden. Councillors were concerned about the problem of vehicular access. They recommended that access should be decided by the County Highways Authority. They also felt that only one dwelling should be erected and that it could be a bungalow, not a house. With these qualifications, they supported the application.

Coastguard Cottages, Tunstall. Mr. C.H. Dixon of Acomb, York, had applied for permission to site a residential caravan for holiday purposes in Field OS 92 east of Coastguard Cottages. The Parish Council raised no objection.

Accounts

Payment was approved of the account for the Annual Audit (£17.25) and of the account for the hire of the Memorial Institute.

Any Other Business

Roos Memorial Institute. On behalf of the Parish Council, Councillor Priest had attended the AGM of the Memorial Institute and presented copies of the Institute's accounts. He had been impressed by the commitment of the Institute Committee who seemed to be working well. He had been asked if the Parish Council would provide the £250 they had promised to assist with the cost of the planned alterations. It was needed to add to money already raised since NACRO required evidence in advance that funds would be available for materials. Payment of the grant was agreed. In answer to a question, Councillor Priest said that he would report to the next meeting what success the Institute Committee had had in obtaining grants.

Elm Garth. Councillor Cheeseman reported the concern of a resident in Elm Garth. A board erected by James Roberts Developments implied that planning application was being sought to erect "five superior dwellings" on part of the undeveloped land to the east of South Park but with access through Elm Garth. Reference was made to the assumption that only three dwellings in such a development would have access through Elm Garth. There was felt to be some urgency in the matter but the Parish Council had had no notification of an actual application. Councillor Winter pointed out that plans must be submitted to the Parish Council for comment before going Borough Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

(Following the meeting both the Parish Clerk, Mr. Cyril Woodhouse, and Borough Councillor Winter were able to add a little further information about the possible planning application by James Roberts Developments at South Park. Mr. Woodhouse stressed that the Borough must give a Parish Council 21 days' notice before an application is discussed by the Planning Committee and Councillor Winter has confirmed that the item was not on the Agenda for the Planning Meeting on 23rd September.)

As to assumptions about the number of dwellings that might have vehicular access through Elm Garth, the Parish Clerk has pointed out that, though various numbers have been referred to at different times, no actual application relating to the land in question has ever included a detailed site plan or an indication of how many houses would have access through Elm Garth).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 13th October, Memorial Institute, 7.30 p.m.

Members of the public always welcome

PROVISION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

As stated in the Parish Council report, a booklet on this subject has been received and may be consulted on application to the Parish Clerk.

In a foreword to the booklet the Director of Education writes: "Most children will be able to do well at a local school but some may need extra help.

"Many of these children have problems that the local school can cope with if the school has extra help or the teacher is given special advice.

"Some children will need the sort of help which cannot be given in the local school. A special school or a special unit attached to an ordinary school may best be able to give the help needed.

"If any of the people who come into contact with the child - and this includes parents - think that any kind of extra help may be needed, they can ask for an assessment to find out just what the needs are. If you would like to know more about this, please ask. You can contact any of the following:

- your child's headteacher or class teacher
- an educational psychologist at your local Child Guidance Centre;
- the Schools Management (Special Needs) Section at County Hall, Beverley.

"Addresses and telephone numbers are given later on in this booklet.

"The person you contact will be able to give you separate detailed information about assessments. This booklet describes the services that can give help. It does not go into detail about assessments."

FUN DAY TRIUMPHS OVER COLD

On Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August, the Playing Field Association held its Fun Day. This second event of its type proved a success in spite of the weather, which was reminiscent of November.



The central activity was an "It's a Knockout" competition, with games requiring both skill and good fortune. After a tight contest a team representing Roos Football Club narrowly defeated teams representing Roos teenagers and the Rugby Club.



Between the various heats of "It's a Knockout" four teams from the two village pubs and the football and rugby clubs were persuaded to leave the relative warmth of the beer tent to take part in a Tug-of-War. The Roos Arms team were eventual winners.



For those not participating in these sporting activities the beer tent offered the additional attraction of warmth. However, a few really hardy members of the community volunteered to sit under a delicately-balanced bucket of water on the "Drench-a-Wench" stand. The most unexpected dreenchee was the Rector, Father Aquinas, who bravely entered into the spirit of things.



Drench-a-Wench: Ms K. Dunn of Tunstall has her beer watered.

The perimeter of the sports arena was well provided with a variety of stalls and competitions. These ranged from stalls selling such wares as books and home-made cakes to tests of skill at archery and skittles. The volunteers running these attractions needed arctic-type clothing. Failing this, they had to make frequent trips to the food stall as an excuse to warm their hands at the barbeque.



The tombola proved popular once more and all the tickets were sold to claim about 250 prizes, all of which had been donated by generous supporters.

The Playing Field Committee would like to thank all who attended and especially those who gave their time and energy to make the Fun Day a success. The combined efforts of a great many people raised about £750 for Playing Field funds.

Two raffle prizes remain unclaimed. They are: a packet of tea (lemon ticket 234); a packet of biscuits (fawn ticket 22). Claims should be made to Stewart Wilson, 19 Elm Garth, Roos (Phone 70570).

J.S.W.

ROOS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4th September. It was attended by very few other than Committee Members, most of whom remain unchanged for a further year. The Committee consists of persons representing the various regular users of the Institute plus other elected at the AGM. The Committee for 1986-7 is:

- Chairman : Christine Mitchell (W.I.)
- Secretary : Suzanne Keatings (Playgroup)
- Treasurer : Jean Jackson (elected member)
- Plus : Kathleen Billaney (Roos Tournament Whist Club)
- Malcolm Cowell (elected member)
- Marjorie Godfrey (Methodist Church)
- Mike Jackson (Youth Club)
- Philip Maltas (Young Farmers' Club)
- James Priest (Parish Council)
- Beatrice Quinn (elected member)
- (Vacancy) : Mums & Toddlers representative

After formal AGM business, time was devoted mainly to the planning of further fund-raising efforts to help meet the cost of the proposed alterations. See the Treasurer's note below about the urgency of funds required for immediate needs.

It was decided to change the date of the Safari Supper from 19th September to Friday, 24th October. It is hoped that a very large number of people will want to join in, taking the four-course meal (and drinks) at different venues within the village and ending with a late-night party in the Institute.

Another fund-raising venture is to be a Sponsored Slim by Mike Jackson. He hopes to lose at least a couple of stones during October and November. Sponsor forms are available from the Committee.

Note from Treasurer

As you are all aware, we are planning to extend and alter the Institute premises and for this purpose fund-raising events have been held during the year. So far we have raised £1,500.

NACRO (funded by the Manpower Services Commission) will provide the labour free of charge. They will be able to start work shortly if we can confirm that we are able to meet the total cost of materials for which £3,500 is needed. We still have to find the balance of £2,000.

There are several fund-raising events arranged for the rest of the year but the need for £2,000 is urgent NOW. In the short term therefore, we need a loan (or loans). It would be possible to arrange for a bank loan but the interest charges would be expensive.

Are YOU prepared to loan the Institute any sum between £100 and £2,000, interest free, for a period of six months or so until the money accumulates from our fund-raising?

If you can help in this way, please contact me (70808) or any of the Institute Committee.

Jean Jackson (Treasurer)

Roos Memorial Institute

SAFARI SUPPER

Friday, 24th October - from 1.30 p.m.

Sherry; Pate/Egg mayonnaise - Boeuf Bourguignon (with wine)

Sweet Trolley - Cheese, biscuits, coffee

Four courses - vegetarian obliged - at different venues, ending at the Institute. Bring own glass and cutlery. Late licence to 1.30 a.m.

£7.50 (inc. wine with meal). Tickets from Committee Members

CHURCH, CHURCHYARD AND C.R.A.

Apologies are due to readers for the confusion in the last newsletter. The article about the church and churchyard had to be cut owing to lack of space. An attempt to restore the cuts by supplying a duplicated conclusion still left essential parts missing from the middle of the article. Eventually, the whole feature was printed afresh and delivered as a supplement a day or so later. Martin Lunn's willingness to reprint the article in its entirety was characteristically generous. Thanks are also due to the band of distributors who tramped their rounds twice within a very short time.

At about the same time - early September - the church architect decided that parts of the rebuilt churchyard wall were unsatisfactory and would have to be knocked down and built afresh. Some parts of the wall had to be knocked down and rebuilt twice more before they were approved by the Area Manager of Community Rural Aid.

It is not clear whether this repeated re-building was necessary because of inexperience in the workforce or because they were not given clear specifications until after each earlier attempt had been judged unsatisfactory. Such successive rebuilding must have been expensive in time and labour costs.

A little farther to the east, parts of the wall not yet touched were at some time in the past repaired with shuttered concrete. Are these parts to be restored to match the parts already rebuilt three or four times over? Or is perfection to be confined to the stretch of wall nearest to Rectory Road?

Two members of CRA's supervisory staff have now been redeployed. Mr. Brophy (Field Officer) and Mr. Bryant (site supervisor) are to be given other responsibilities away from Roos. What is the reason for this redeployment? At first sight, one might assume that the reason had something to do with the persistent re-building of the churchyard wall - except that Mr. Brophy and Mr. Bryant were among those who supplied a good deal of information for last month's article.

No doubt the article was unwelcome to some eyes, both within the village and outside it. For example, to be successful in its projects, Community Rural Aid depends on good relationships and the article spelt out clearly the fact that problems had arisen. Not everyone regards a statement of the facts as an unalloyed blessing. It may be that Mr. Brophy and Mr. Bryant were moved from the Roos project as a consequence of the newsletter article - or rather, as a consequence of somebody's irritation at it. If so, it is a sad outcome, one that does nothing to deal with the basic questions and problems raised by the article.

As to the publicity, what happens to Roos Church is a matter of legitimate concern to many parishioners, all of whom have been asked to contribute to its restoration. As taxpayers, Roos residents have an equally legitimate interest in the public funds currently being expended in the village.

The citizen's right to know is now supported by legislation. Moreover, a statement of known facts is the best defence against misinformation since such a statement, offered in good faith, can be corrected if mistaken or incomplete. If there was any error of fact in last month's article, it will be corrected - with apologies. What cannot be corrected or challenged is the anonymous rumour, the confidential whisper, and the private smear.

The Area Manager of Community Rural Aid, Mr. Puckering, regrets that the offer to transport anyone interested to see work at sites other than Roos will have to be withdrawn. CRA vehicles are insured to convey for workforce but not members of the general public.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Roos 'A' have been involved in two pre-season competitions: the E.R.C.F.A. Blind Shield and the T.L. Nicholson (Champion of Champions) Cup of the Hull Sunday Football League.

In the former, Roos defeated Hornsea away 3-2, drew at home with Withernsea 2-2, but then lost heavily away to Keyingham 0-6.

In the Champion of Champions competition all nineteen Sunday League division winners and all four cup winners take part. Roos got through to the semi-final with home wins against Dale Y.C. 'B' (2-1) and Boothferry Tigers (1-0). However, in the semi-final - at the Hull Corporation Transport ground at Cottingham - Roos were beaten by an excellent Waterloo 'B' side, who I am sure, will surprise their Premier League opponents in the final as they are, in my opinion, the best team we have played over the last five years.

Forthcoming home matches are listed in 'Coming Events'. Note that kick-off is always at 11.00 a.m.

R. Derbyshire

ROOS VILLAGE APPRIASAL

Those concerned with the Roos Village Appraisal were invited to submit the Appraisal for Village Ventures 1986. This is the fourth competition run by the Community Council of Humberside and Rural Voice in Humberside. It is supported by Shell UK Ltd., Hull and Grimsby Newspapers and the Development Competition. The aim is to support self-help projects among parish and community groups in rural Humberside.

As already reported in 'The Holderness Gazette', there were forty-eight entries this year and the Roos Village Appraisal was included in the shortlist of eleven finalists. Judges representing Rural Voice and the sponsors spent two days visiting the eleven communities involved. They came to Roos on 27th August and met five members of the Appraisal Group.



The judges with Appraisal Group members after their meeting at The Roos Arms: Keith Miller (Shell UK), Gordon Green, Derek Hilton (Hull and Grimsby Newspapers), John Knighton, Beatrice Quinn, Viveca Dutt (The Development Commission), Leslie Helliwell, Yvonne Prescott (Rural Voice in Humberside), Jean Jackson and Clare Jackson.

The brief report in 'The Holderness Gazette' suggested that the judges were interested mainly in the opposition of Roos residents to large-scale housing development in the village. This topic was certainly discussed, since evidence of local opinion on the matter was given in the Appraisal Report, but the judges' questions covered the whole range of issues presented in the Report as well as the methods employed in designing the questionnaire and analysing its results. The occasion was friendly and informal but the questions were searching and well-considered.

The judges' decisions about the eleven finalists will not be made public until the evening of Friday, 17th October at Tickton Parish Hall. A ceremony is to be held there at which the County Trophy and other awards will be presented. The Lord Lieutenant of Humberside, Mr. Tony Bethell, will open the proceedings.

ROOS RUGBY CLUB

7th September: Roos 20, Dampshield 36

Tries: Giddings (2), Hoe, Wilson. Goals: Wilson (2)

Man of the match: Tony Rustill

With the influx of new players and non-stop training throughout the summer months, hopes are high for this season. The opening league match, however, was a very disappointing one for Roos. Dampshield simply made fewer mistakes and capitalised on Roos's appalling defensive errors. But it was not all gloom: the four tries put some credibility back on the scoresheet. Players to catch the eye on this occasion were Rony Rustill and Dennis Gale.

14th September: Roos 20, Arctic Ranger 40

Tries: Bailey, Giddings, Palframan, Thompson. Goals: Wilson (2)

Man of the match: Andy Dent.

If the match against Dampshield was bad, words can't describe the performance against Arctic Ranger. The defence was like a sieve and the attack completely ineffective. The four tries show that Roos can play rugby but basic errors continually hamper performance. Players must be committed on the park - and listen to the captain. Only Andy Dent and Glen Palframan can take any credit from this game.

D.E.W.

ROOS W.I.

After the summer break two new members were welcomed to the September meeting by the President, Mrs. N. Hornby.

Ideas for speakers, demonstrations and competitions are required for the compilation of next year's programme, which is again in the capable hands of Mrs. M. Payne and Mrs. P. Cheeseman.

Mrs. P. Alexander thanked all who had contributed to and manned the stall generously allotted to us at the B.P. Gala. Despite the poor weather and reduced attendance, the sum of £70 gives our Institute funds a much-needed boost.

Crime prevention in the home was the topic of our speaker, Detective-Sergeant MacPherson. A range of locks, bolts and door-stoppers was shown and advice was given on the marking of valuables to assist recovery if one's possession are unfortunately stolen or lost.

When Sergeant MacPherson came to judge the monthly competition, there were - thanks to Hurricane Charlie - only four roses to compare, the winner was a rose entered by Mrs. J. Grant.

SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY OUT

On 10th September Roos Senior Citizens enjoyed a marvellous excursion to Lotherton Hall. The cost had been met by fund-raising matches played at the end of last season by the Football and Rugby Clubs. A three-course luncheon was provided at the Hall and on the way home local publican Geoff Prest entertained the party with his songs and banjo-playing. The two clubs would like to thank Carol and Maureen for their help on the trip and Geoff for the entertainment.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute 7.15. Mr. J. Johnson, Director of Environment.
- 5 Roos F.C. Possible cup match.
- 12 Roos F.C. 'B' v F.C. County.
- 13 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 17 Village Ventures Competition (Roos Village Appraisal). Awards at Tickton Parish Hall. 7.30.
19. Sponsored Walk (Memorial Institute Committee).
19. Roos F.C. 'A' v F.C. Norland.
24. Safari Supper (Memorial Institute Committee).
26. Roos F.C. 'B' v Durham Ox.

NOVEMBER

2. Roos F.C. 'A' v Kingstonians 'B'.
9. Roos F.C. 'B' v Springfield F.C.
12. Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15. Annual Meeting.

Roos Memorial Institute

Thursday, 30th October : 2.00 p.m.

BLIND SALE

Sale of goods made or packed by the blind
YOUR support will be much appreciated. By purchasing goods - however large or small - you will be helping people without the precious gift of sight to use their skills.

