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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor K.G. Grant took the Chair at the meeting of 13th January. Also present were Councillors Beal, Cheeseman, Clark, Cook, Quarmby and Winter. Councillor Benson sent an apology for absence.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 9th December were approved. Some points in the Minutes were further discussed. The Chairman clarified details about the rate precept. The Borough Council had not yet replied to the query about responsibility for clearing Roos Beck. The planning application concerning Roos House was to be the subject of a site visit in an attempt to resolve the difficulties.

Correspondence

Details had been received about concessionary bus fares. The Borough Council had requested information to be included in a Register of the Arts in Holderness. The Community Health Authority had sent a document giving details of health services provision, including names of officers and members of committees, the population of communities, and the names and addresses of doctors and dentists.

Radioactive Waste

Further information had been received concerning the disposal of radioactive waste. Some months ago NIREX (the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive) identified Killingholme, South Humberside, as a possible repository for waste of 'short-lived' or 'medium-term' radioactivity. The County Council, supported by Parish and District Councils, had strongly opposed any such site in Humberside. In particular, the County had prepared a special supplement on the subject to be read in conjunction with its Structure Plan, already submitted to the Department of the Environment. Public Examination of the Structure Plan was imminent - starting in Hull on 20th January. The County Council had objected strongly to the omission from the agenda of its policy of excluding radioactive waste disposal from Humberside. Local councils were urged to support this objection. The Parish Council agreed to write once again in support of the Humberside policy.

Further correspondence on the topic concerned the county-wide petition being organised through local councils. Holderness Borough had written urging Roos Parish Council to ensure a minimum number (109) of signatures from Roos. It was agreed to support and publicise the petition.

Planning Applications

Approval was given to two new applications passed to the Parish Council for comment. One concerned the topping and lopping of an oak tree at Schiehallion, Rectory Road, which was blocking off light from a neighbouring property. The other sought permission for a change of use to allow the village post office to be moved to a private house at 20 Pilmar Lane.

Traffic Hazards

Councillor Winter reported a resident's concern about dangerous traffic speeds down Rectory Road. In view of bends in the road, it was agreed to request erection of a 'SLOW' or 'BEND' sign.

Councillor Cheeseman referred to dangerous parking on Sundays when local teams were using the playing field for home games. Cars were being parked on the main road and its verges. Often a long line of parked cars were a hazard to the considerable number of Sunday motorists driving through the village. Because the school gates were locked, parking space in the playground could not be used. Councillor Clark, who is a School Governor, explained that the playground had at one time been available for parking. However, following a break-in at the school, the police had advised that the school gates be locked outside school hours. In spite of some discussion, the Parish Council saw no immediate solution to the problem.

Icy Bus Routes

A Tunstall resident had complained to Councillor Winter that during recent icy conditions there had been no salting of the road from North End to Tunstall - and this road was part of a bus route. Councillor Grant observed that there had been a similar lack of treatment on the bus route south towards Halsham. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Highways Department about the matter.

Village Plan

The Chairman noted that on 3rd January there had been a report in 'The Holderness Gazette' concerning the Village Plan. Results had been printed of questionnaires completed in both Roos and Patrington. In Roos 36% of households had responded. As yet, however, the Parish Council had been given no date for the Open Meeting to discuss the Village Plan. In the public session after the close of the meeting the Chairman was asked if the Parish Council had been provided by Borough with its own version of the questionnaire results. He said that there had been no information provided directly to the Parish Council, though it would have been proper for the Borough to provide such a report.

ROOS PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting

Monday, 10th February at 7.30

Roos Memorial Institute

Members of the Public always welcome

ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

During the Parish Council meeting reported above, members not surprisingly supported the Humberside view on radioactive waste, in particular the suggestion that the best place for such highly dangerous material was near the nuclear power station that was producing it - it was there that facilities existed for safe storage. On the other hand, councillors were aware, as one of them said, that "The stuff has to be put somewhere," and that no local authority in the country would positively volunteer to provide a disposal site. It is national policy to continue with the development of nuclear power stations. Long after coal and oil reserves have run out, nuclear power will almost certainly be the

principal means of generating electricity. How to dispose of the radioactive waste will be an even greater problem in the future.

Meanwhile, on 21st January, at The Royal Station Hotel in Hull, Humberside's new Structure Plan started its 'E.I.P.' - planners' jargon for 'Examination in Public'.

Before opening discussion of the Agenda items, the Chairman, Professor A.D.G. Smart of London University, took note of Humberside's objection to the disposal of radioactive waste within the county. He explained why, for procedural reasons, the topic could not be included on the Agenda. However, in view of the strong public interest demonstrated, he said that he would allow the County Council and the Borough/District Councils each to make a statement before passing on to the Structure Plan itself.

He also tried to reassure those present that there could be no immediate development at Killingholme, even if NIREX were to recommend a site there to the Department of the Environment. He explained the procedures necessary before such a site could be approved. It would take at least until 1988 for a Public Enquiry to be set up and - even if that went smoothly - a further two years for construction to be completed.

In the meantime, said Professor Smart, a statement from each local authority in Humberside represented at the meeting could be forwarded to the Secretary of State as an argument for a special public enquiry into Humberside's objection to radioactive waste disposal within the county.

In the statements that followed both the spokesman for the County Council and the spokesmen for the Boroughs and Districts were of one mind. They stressed the economic blight - on the south bank in particular - if it was decided to set up a disposal site at Killingholme. Already attempts to encourage industrial and commercial developments were being thwarted - potential developers were backing off and property values were at risk. It was argued that some aspects of the Structure Plan could not be discussed seriously while the threat of radioactive disposal existed. There was also a serious disadvantage placed in the way of measures to develop the tourist industry.

For Holderness Borough, Mr. R. Taylor, Planning Officer, said that the Killingholme site was very close. It was no matter of thinking of the distance by the old road link via Goole. In a direct line, Holderness at its closest point was only 1½ miles from Killingholme. Like other representatives, he urged the need for an early public examination of the issue.

No doubt the argument will go on - and not only within Roos Parish Council.

Roos Parent-Teachers Association VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE at the Northfield Country Club 14th February 8.00 p.m.-1.00 a.m.

Disco. Organist. Bar. Meals available

Tickets - £1.25 - from the school,
committee members and local pubs

POST OFFICE ON THE MOVE AGAIN

In the October issue of 'The Rooster' there was an account, going back to earliest days, of post office services in Roos. It described the various migrations of the post office back and forth across Main Street. Now it's going to slip round the corner into Pilmar Lane.

Your last chance to use the post office at Spar will be on St. Valentine's Day, 14th February. On the following day, Saturday, 15th February, the post office will be in its new premises at 20 Pilmar Lane, the home of Jean and David Young.

At the time of writing (26th January) necessary alterations are already being carried out in the Youngs' former dining room. Besides a good deal of joinery work, a safe must be installed along with an alarm system and fireproof doors. David Young says that he is hoping to have the 'Roos Post Office' sign ready for display over the window on take-over day.

Jean Young will be in charge. She is no stranger to post office work, having served at the post office counter in the Spar Shop for sixteen years, first for the Houlbrooks and later for Ken and Margaret Wilson.

Jean is conscious of carrying on a family tradition. Her maternal grandfather, John Elbeck, worked at the main post office in Hull from 1906 to 1949, first as a sorting clerk and telegraphist and later as an overseer. During the war he often slept on the premises on firewatching duty and old hands in Hull still remember his keenness and reliability. He was awarded the Imperial Service Medal for his 46 years' service.



And that isn't all. John Elbeck's father and mother themselves ran a post office at Brandesburton for a great many years in the nineteenth century. As a lad, John delivered mail for them on horseback before starting work in Hull in 1906.

With her own experience and such ancestry, Jean's role as postmistress will seem like the continuation of a family vocation. Certainly, rural villages depend on their local post offices and owe a debt of gratitude to those who take on responsibility for what is a vital community service. Our thanks go to Ken and Margaret Wilson for their own service hitherto. We should also be glad that Jean and her husband are willing to let part of their home be carved up to maintain an invaluable local amenity.

Many sub-post offices in rural areas are under threat. To stay in being in our cost-effective age they need to demonstrate public need - need measured by the volume of business transacted. As someone once said about another (but more personal) facility: "If you don't want to lose it, use it." Let's make sure we do.

ROOS PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

17th February	Committee Meeting. Roos Arms. 8.30 p.m.
2nd March	Spring Draw. Roos Arms. Donation of prizes appreciated. Please contact any Committee Member.
6th April	Family Walk. Please come and support this event.

Joyce Woodhouse, Sec. (70716)

MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Last month I wrote that the Committee hoped to have help from NACRO - The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. I have since heard that work on the Institute has been accepted by NACRO's management committee as one of their projects for this summer. Now all we have to do is to raise money to pay for the cost of materials.

Our next event will be a home-made wine-tasting on Saturday 1st March in the Institute. Tickets - available soon at £1.50 - will include the cost of a substantial hot supper. I should be grateful for liquid contributions from wine-makers and beer-makers. Prizes will be awarded for the best - and worst! offerings. Contact any of: Jean Jackson, Suzanne Keatings, Christine Mitchell.

Mrs. Jean Jackson, Roos House, has taken over as Treasurer. In future, please make Institute bookings through her.

Is there a woodwork enthusiast in the village with time to spare? The Institute has a number of broken chairs and card tables awaiting restoration. Please let me know if you can help.

I should also like to hear from anyone who would be prepared to do some cleaning in the Institute. The hours would be few and irregular, following private functions.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 18th February at 8.00 p.m. in Roos House.

C.M.

ROOS ARMS R.L.F.C.

12th January. Roos 50, Wold Raiders 6. Tries: S. Rooks 3, T. Bailey 2, S. Karsera, D. Staniforth, D. Suddaby, R. Symes, G. Marshall. Goals: G. Marshall 5.

19th January. Roos 0, Northern Dairies 50. Man of the match: S. Karsera.

In these two games Roos had contrasting fortunes. Against Wold Raiders, Roos had the ideal opportunity to display their improved ball-handling skills. Some telling moves soon produced points. Steve Rooks scored a first-half hat trick of tries with Graham Marshall adding one conversion. It could quite easily have been many more if Roos had shown better ball-handling and quicker passing. After a converted try for Wold on half time, Roos were leading 16 points to 3. The second half was one-way traffic. Roos scored seven well-taken tries and Graham Marshall added four conversions. Wold never looked like scoring and Roos's points could have been many more.

In complete contrast, the match against Northern Dairies was a disaster. Roos fielded a weak team in the absence of key players owing to illness, injury and work commitments. Despite the heavy defeat, Roos gained valuable experience in the need for basic skills. Steven Karsera played well throughout. He won the scrums by a two-to-one advantage and was very prominent in the loose.

The club is constantly looking to the future and many improvements have been seen throughout the season. Shower facilities are virtually complete in the changing rooms and floodlit training on Wednesday evenings has improved the team performances. With the continued backing of the public of Roos it will not be long before the team is a force to be reckoned with in amateur Rugby League.

The club would like to apologise for the cancellation of the disco on 31st January. Most recent result:

26th January. Roos 14, Orchard Park 42. Tries: T. Bailey, G. Marshall, N. Salton. Goal: G. Marshall. Man of the match: G. Marshall.

**ROOS ARMS R.L.F.C.
VALENTINE'S DANCE :
THE MERMAID, TUNSTALL**

14th February - 8.00 p.m.
Local Group & Disco. Refreshments. Late Bar
Ticket in advance: £2.00, At door £2.50

DISCO : ROOS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

28th February. Food. Late Bar
Adults (from 10.00 p.m.) : £1.00 Children (7.00-10.00) : 50p

ROOS VILLAGE APPRAISAL

On 21st January a meeting was held of the local people concerned with the Village Appraisal. The main topic of discussion was the progress of the recent questionnaire.

With one or two individual exceptions, it appeared that the people of Roos had received the questionnaire very favourably and a high proportion had completed it already. Procedures were agreed for processing the information supplied and methods were considered of publicising the results. A summary of the results will be printed in 'The Rooster' and a more detailed analysis will be available on request. Copies of the questionnaire will eventually be destroyed but they will be kept for a short time to enable members of the Parish Council and representatives of the Borough to scrutinise them if they wish. Members of the public will be invited to attend, if they wish, an open meeting in the Memorial Institute so that questions may be answered about the methods employed in handling the questionnaires and the information they supplied.

Meanwhile, it is known that some completed questionnaires have still not been returned. There may also be some residents who were away from home when questionnaires were distributed. Please contact any of the following if you have not yet submitted a completed questionnaire and wish to do so: Jean Jackson, Roos House (70808); Leslie Helliwell, Lamb Lane (70291); John Leeman, 54 Pilmar Lane (70075).

COMING EVENTS

February

- 2 Roos F.C. 'B' v Needlers. Home.
- Roos R.L.F.C. v Grange. Home.
- 5 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7-15. Tony Ellis: The Work of H.M. Coastguards
- 9 Roos F.C. 'A' v Portcullis. Home
- Roos F.C. 'B' v Inglemire Albion. Away
- 9 Roos R.L.F.C. v Orchard Park. Home
- 10 Parish Council Meeting. Memorial Institute. 7.30
- 14 Roos P.T.A. Valentine's Day Dance. Northfield Country Club
- Roos Arms R.L.F.C. Valentine's Day Dance. The Mermaid, Tunstall
- 15 Post Office in new premises: 20 Pilmar Lane
- 16 Roos F.C. 'B' v Saints. Home

- 16 Roos R.L.F.C. v Wold Raiders. Market Weighton
- 17 Roos Playing Field Committee Meeting. Roos Arms. 8.30
- 18 Memorial Institute Committee Meeting. Roos House. 8.00
- 27 Roos Guides Jumble Sale. School Hall. 4.00
- 28 Roos R.L.F.C. Disco. Memorial Institute
- March**
- 2 Roos F.C. 'B' v Croda. Home
- 2 Playing Field Committee. Spring Draw. Roos Arms
- 5 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15 Mr. R. Bray. All about Fish
- April**
- 6 Playing Field Committee. Family Walk

ROOS GUIDES

We are pleased to be able to say that we now have twelve Guides and are now meeting each Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the School Hall.

We hope to raise money to buy camping equipment and with this aim in mind we shall be holding a Jumble Sale in the School Hall at 4.00 p.m. on Thursday, 27th February. All Jumble, toys or books can be left at 52 Pilmar Lane or Roos House, Main Street. Any help on the day from 3.30 p.m. will be appreciated. J.J.

COPY DEADLINE

Monday, 17th February

All contributors are asked to observe the deadline. Late material causes problems for both Editor and Printer and may be impossible to accommodate.

ROOS F.C.

'A' Team make it to Hostick Cup Final

On 12th January, after two previous postponements and an eleventh-hour switch of venue to the Reckitts' ground in Hull, Roos 'A' finally got their semi-final out of the way with a resounding victory over a devastated Cholmley Wolves side.

The match was switched to Reckitts' ground at 7.00 p.m. on the Saturday night after Hedon F.C. had again declared their pitch unfit for play. However, this proved to be a good move as the playing surface at the alternative ground proved to be perfect.

Roos lost the toss but Cholmley chose to play against the gale-force wind in the first half. This turned out to be a bad choice for them as Dave Hampton scored with a great header from an Andy Bailey corner after only two minutes and from this point on the result was never in doubt.

Aided by the strong wind, Roos constantly pressured the Cholmley defence and Mark Battye was very unlucky to be foiled by their keeper who twice produced brilliant saves - one from a header (which was reminiscent of Gordon Banks's celebrated save in the 1968 World Cup) and the other from a twenty-yard 'special' which he amazingly tipped over the bar. 'Leb' couldn't believe it!

Only once were Roos in any danger, when, from a mis-hit, goal-kick, a Cholmley forward hit his shot against the post but Stu Blenkin was in like lightning to clear the rebound for a corner.

This was the only time in the entire match when Cholmley looked as if they might trouble the Roos side and when they went 2-0 down on the stroke of half time when Andy Bailey turned in an excellent Chris Hodgson free kick, the writing was really on the wall for them. All the same, with a gale-force wind behind them in the second half and only two goals down, they must have fancied their chances of pulling the game round in their favour.

However, the Roos lads had other ideas, knowing that a Cup Final appearance at Boothferry Park was only 45 minutes away and they produced their best form of the season to totally out-play Cholmley.

Making light of the strong wind, Roos played some brilliant football and scored three further goals, two from Chris Hodgson and one from Dave Hampton, producing a 5-0 final scoreline, which was by no means flattering to them.

This was a superb win and a thoroughly professional performance by an excellent all-round Roos side, which is now looking forward with great anticipation to the final at Boothferry Park sometime in May. Everyone in the side performed with credit so I can't single out any individuals for special mention. I will therefore list the whole team: Pete Dearing, Stu Blenkin, Chris Hodgson, Clayton Atkins, Andy Bailey, Des Beeston, Dave

Hampton (Captain), Paul McKinley, Mark Battye, Nick Derbyshire, Dave Cowell, Dave Iley and Adrian Pollendine.

This win has created enormous interest in and around the village with lots of people expressing an interest in coming to support us in the final. As soon as we know the exact date and time when the match is to be played we will publish the information in 'The Rooster' with a view to arranging a coach for players and spectators. WATCH THIS SPACE.

The week after this euphoric match Roos were engaged in a league game against National F.C., current favourites for the league title, again away from home, and were defeated 4-3 in a very close game.

Conditions were atrocious after torrential rain for an hour before the kick-off left the pitch a quagmire with several large areas of standing water which proved too much for Roos, who couldn't play their normal cultured football because of it and the physically stronger National side held sway, although they were made to fight every inch of the way.

Roos scored first with a well-taken goal from Dave Iley but National equalised when the referee awarded them a very dubious penalty against Stu Blenkin, whose superb last-ditch tackles constantly bemuse referees.

The game see-sawed back and forth in the second half with first National scoring and Roos equalising (with two Andy Bailey penalties) until the score reached 3-3 and then in the last minute Roos conceded the winner after a bad error from a free kick.

Roos made too many mistakes in this game (most of which were directly attributable to the conditions) and paid the penalty. This defeat now means that we will have to win all our remaining fixtures to take the league title, a task which is not beyond us if we have the application.

The home fixture against Barham F.C., scheduled for 26th, was postponed owing to the pitch being frozen. This means that we now have a backlog of eight matches, six of which have to be played at home. Therefore in March Roos 'A' will be at home on at least four successive Sundays, when your support will be greatly appreciated.

At this point in the season everyone at Roos F.C. would like to express their thanks to Geoff and Lesley Prest, landlord and landlady at The Black Horse, for the sponsorship and encouragement they have given us throughout the season and also for supplying both teams with after-match sandwiches, which are much appreciated.

R. Derbyshire