



# THE ROOSTER

## Roos Village Newsletter

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### Parish Council Matters

#### June Meeting

The meeting of 13th June was chaired by Councillor G.E. Winter. All other councillors were present, except for Councillor Cook, who sent his apologies.

#### Minutes

The following topics from the Minutes were discussed.

Verges. The Clerk had written to the Highways Department about the need for kerbs to protect grass verges within the village. The Area Surveyor at Hedon (Mr Holden) had told Councillor Quarmby that the suggestion was to be acted upon.

Dove Lane. The Area Surveyor confirmed that Dove Lane was an unclassified public highway and could not be closed to horses. The Clerk was to invite Mr Fell (Highways Department) to meet councillors to establish who was responsible for maintaining this "highway".

Village Clock. Wording for the plaque was discussed but no exact text was agreed. The Clerk was to enquire about a suitable plate.

Litter Bins. Councillor Bowden reported that it was hoped to order one bin through County Supplies.

#### Correspondence

Path : Dent's Garth to Church. The Borough Council had replied that no records were available as to title to the land but the Borough did not own it. It was agreed to raise the matter with Mr Fell.

Rural Enterprise Fortnight (4th - 18th July). Meeting at Scawby on 25th June.

Ramblers' Association. The Area Secretary urged parish councils to survey local paths and support a petition for better access for prams on trains.

Audit Commission. It was proposed that new auditors appointed for Holderness Borough Council should also audit Parish Council accounts. The fact was noted.

Application for Public Entertainment Licence : Barn Dance & Barbecue, Kenby Farm, Owstwick, 17th June. No objection was made. In future, the Chairman and Clerk will respond on non-controversial cases and report their action at the next meeting.

Coast Protection Project. The Director, Mr David

Kilpatrick, stressed the need for financial support. He urged parish and town councils to budget for a contribution in 1990-91 and 1992-3.

Community Health Council Report. The recent report may be inspected on application to the Clerk.

#### Planning

Previous applications regarding Heathcote House and Mount Farm, Hilston, had been approved.

Of new applications discussed, the first three below were supported.

Parkfield, Seaside Road, Tunstall (Mr Les Harrison). Extension to provide a kitchen and bedroom.

Carr Farm, Hilston Road (Mr & Mrs W.J. Metheringham). Extension to living accommodation.

2 Elms Cottages, Roos (Mr Priest). One-storey kitchen extension. (Councillor Priest declared a family interest and withdrew during discussion.)

North End Garage. Application to store scrapped vehicles. Most councillors approved in principle, on certain conditions : car bodies to be removed promptly; storage space to be restricted to one part of the field; a time limit to be imposed on any consent given. Some North End residents objected. Two were present and were allowed to explain why. It was decided to request deferral of a decision pending a site meeting with the Environmental Health Officer. (At the meeting of the Borough Planning Committee on 28th June the above application was turned down.)

#### Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting was arranged for 29th June.

#### Outstanding Items

Charity Rents Overdue. Councillor Grant reported that the matter was being cleared up.

Roos-Hilston Road. It was recommended that potholes near North End Farm should be repaired when the promised roadworks were carried out.

Right of Way (Footpath to Tunstall). Following concern about access, the proprietor of Roos Supermarket had given an assurance that the small gate

providing access over his land was never locked.

#### Public Session

The Abattoir. It was alleged that blood had been observed in the drain; foul smells had been experienced; Public Health Officers seldom came promptly and when they did arrive, the evidence had disappeared. It was alleged that landscaping requirements had not been complied with.

Condition of Footpath. It was pointed out that the path outside the supermarket was in a bad condition and should be mended when other repairs were carried out.

#### Parish Council Meeting

7.30 p.m. : Monday 11th July  
in the Memorial Institute.

Members of the public cordially invited to attend.

#### Parish Meeting : 28th June

In the absence of the Chairman (through illness) and of the Vice-Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Councillor K.G. Grant. Councillors Bowden, Cheeseman, Helliwell and Priest were also present, as was County Councillor R.S. Croft.

#### Minutes

The Acting Chairman referred to some of the issues raised a year ago. The Dove Lane hedge would be reinstated when the land to the north was developed. There had been a meeting with the Borough's Tree Officer, Mr Hemingway, who had explained the difference between conservation areas and preservation orders; he did not at present recommend preservation orders for trees in Roos. Work was promised "this summer" to improve roads and footpaths throughout the village. County Councillor Croft said that, following complaints of flooding, the level of the road near the school had been raised.

#### The Village Green

Councillor Helliwell said that this topic was on the Agenda because of frequent complaints. It had been said that the "village green" was an eyesore because of litter and uncut grass; it should be landscaped; it was a meeting-place for rowdy teenagers (sometimes for motor cyclists) who were a wilful nuisance to nearby householders.

Landscaping the area had been considered some years ago. Mr A.A. Allott had drafted a sketch to show what might be done. More recently, the County Council had offered environmental grants and the Parish Council had asked for a meeting with Technical Services to seek advice and explore possibilities but the meeting had not yet materialised.

The Parish Council were themselves divided over the

landscaping proposal. Even with a grant and even if a Manpower Services scheme removed the expense of labour, there would be a cost to local ratepayers. Some councillors thought the cost would be justified; others felt that many residents would resent a parish rate increase for this purpose.

Several persons at the meeting spoke of the nuisance (and often the abuse) suffered from youngsters using the seat. There was some support for the proposal to landscape the green, though those with houses nearby thought the only solution was to remove the seat.

The Acting Chairman said that the land did not belong to the Parish Council. It had been taken over by the Highways Department when the houses were built on the corner of Main Street and Pilmar Lane.

Councillor Croft said that the County's Rural Environment Committee had power to make grants. Its funding had recently been increased. It would be wise to make an application within the next month or two while cash was available. He offered to raise the matter with the appropriate officer and ask him to contact the Parish Council.

The Acting Chairman welcomed the offer and said that the Parish Council would consider the matter in July.

#### Other Environmental Matters

Verges. Residents objected that verges were being damaged by parked cars. One resident alleged that the daffodils on Pilmar Lane, planted only this season, had been spoilt by the parking of cars and a tractor.

As to grass-cutting, Councillor Croft said that workmen used to cut to a width of two swathes. Owing to pressure from Friends of the Earth, who urged the need to preserve a natural habitat for plants and animals, it had become policy to cut only one swathe. However, the cutting of only one swathe was sometimes insufficient to keep sightlines clear for road users.

Speed Limit. Some residents wanted a speed limit in the village. The Acting Chairman explained that several requests had been made for a limit but the official attitude was that traffic density did not warrant a restriction.

#### The Rooster

Donations. A contribution from Mrs J. Howden is gratefully acknowledged.

It has been possible to produce recent issues for the very start of each month. I apologise that, for personal reasons, this July issue will be about a week late and that publication dates for the August and September issues may be affected by holidays.

#### Calling All Clubs!

I should like to be able to print an up-to-date list of all clubs and societies in Roos. Chairmen or Secretaries please let me have a list of your Officers (name, address, phone) and brief details of

your groups : purposes, membership, date and time of meetings, etc.

L.H.

## Rooster Deadline

Monday 18th July

Please provide items for the August issue by or before the above date to :

Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos. (670291)

Further contributions invited to the cost of "The Rooster".

## To the Editor

Dear Editor of The Rooster,  
You've cut me to the quick.  
You criticised my verses, sir -  
A most dastardly trick.

But being the person that I am,  
I'll let you off this time,  
For, now I come to look at it,  
Your last line didn't rhyme.

### Goosey Goosey Gander

A bitch is a dog  
And a mare is a horse -  
Everyone knows this in Roos.  
So if a mare is a horse,  
Surely, of course  
A gander must be a goose.  
Is this right? - No messing!  
As to my identity,  
Methinks I'll keep you guessing.

Jacko.

*If a bull is a cow, is a cow a bull?  
Is Jacko a Jilly - a colt or a filly?*

Dear Sir,

A few weeks ago a public-spirited gentleman took action and cleared the footpath of overgrown grass from Dent's Garth to the church. The sides were cut clean with a spade and an extremely tidy job was made of it.

The first week there was a succession of cars and trailers leading timber from the plantation near the church. The drivers said they had authority from the parson.

I would like to know where the parson got his authority from, since both he and the diocese have disclaimed any responsibility for the said footpath.

If neither he nor the diocese claims responsibility, why did the parson attempt to charge residents of Dent's Garth a parking fee for standing their cars outside their homes?

As I write this, a car and trailer on their way to

load timber have just gone past, ignoring the quite prominent notice board and with no authority.

K.Lawson,  
Dent's Garth, Roos.

## Roos Cricket Club

Weekly reports appear in "The Holderness Gazette". David Winter has provided the following summary of games played since the June issue of "The Rooster".

May

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v Hessele Roos won by 60 runs

Roos 132 all out : G.McKinley 30, S.Jumps 21, A.Bailey 18, S.Cowell 15 n.o.; A.Grantham 6 for 46, S.Kelly 3 for 34, Hessele 72 all out : J.Pickering 23; J.Dearing 7 for 23, S.Cowell 2 for 26.

June

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v South Cave (Curtis Cup). Roos won by 20 runs.

Roos 84 all out : P.Kitchen 29, P.Dearing 12; R.Berry 6 for 32, I.White 4 for 43, South Cave 64 all out : R.Tate 28; G.McKinley 2 for 3, J.Dearing 2 for 20, S.Cowell 2 for 26.

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v Leven (Humbleton Cup). Leven won by 5 runs.

Leven 101 for 4 : D.Watton 54 n.o., J.Dearing 3 for 53, Roos 96 for 7 : G.McKinley 35, P.Kitchen 25, R.Young 12 n.o.; N.Girling 4 for 49.

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v Fish Trades. Roos won by 5 wickets.

Fish Trades 53 all out : M.Pepper 23 n.o.; S.Cowell 5 for 15, G.McKinley 2 for 12, J.Dearing 2 for 14, Roos 54 for 5 : P.Kitchen 16, S.Jumps 13 n.o.; R.Waudby 3 for 19.

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v Everthorpe. Roos won by 3 wickets.

Everthorpe 125 all out : P.Dickinson 58 n.o., S.Tranmer 22; J.Dearing 3 for 18, S.Cowell 3 for 37, G.McKinley 2 for 26, Roos 129 for 7 : J.Dearing 41, P.Dearing 32, G.McKinley 15; J.Chase 3 for 47, P.Dickinson 3 for 51.

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v North Cave (Curtis Cup). Roos won by 51 runs.

Roos 116 for 8 : P.Dearing 47, G.McKinley 25 n.o.; J.Hewson 6 for 52, North Cave 65 all out : G.Beardow 11; S.Cowell 2 for 8, J.Dearing 4 for 20, G.McKinley 3 for 17.

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v Patrington (McKinley Cup). Roos won by 84 runs.

Roos 157 for 8 : P.Dearing 49, P.Kitchen 25, J.Dearing 22, D.Winter 12, S.Cowell 12; R.Blythe 3 for 18, J.Dixon 3 for 26, D.Barr 2 for 47, Patrington 73 all out : J.Dixon 21, R.Blythe 19; R.Richardson 6 for 16 (including hat trick), S.Cowell 2 for 14, J.Dearing 2 for 39.

### League Table (to 19th June)

	P	W	L	D (pts)	Total
Walkington	6	5	1	0 (0)	30
Roos	6	5	1	1 (3)	27
Riston	6	4	2	0	24
Fish Trades	6	3	2	1 (4)	22
Aldbrough	6	3	2	1 (3)	21
Reckitts	6	3	2	1 (2)	20
Cottingham	6	2	4	0 (0)	12
Everthorpe	6	2	4	0 (0)	12
Leven	6	2	4	0 (0)	12
Hessele	6	0	6	0 (0)	0

### Batting (to 26th June)

	Runs	H.Score	Average
G.McKinley	136	35	27.2
P.Dearing	204	49	22.6
S.Cowell	40	15 n.o.	20.0
P.Kitchen	157	29	17.5

### Bowling (to 26th June)

	Wickets	Average
G.McKinley	22	4.95
J.Dearing	29	9.31
S.Cowell	21	10.57



Roos & District Horticultural Society  
46th Annual Show

23rd July : Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall : Open 2.30

Presentations by Liz Meech, Radio Humberside, at 4.00 p.m.

Bygone Bykes & Model Aircraft Flying Display (3.00)

Admission : 30p. Children : 10p

Prospectuses & Entries (by 21st July): Mrs Jennifer Grant

17th July : Clay Pigeon Shoot, Eastfield Farm, Roos, 1.30.

### The Holderness Dragon

Each year chunks of Holderness disappear into the sea. The fact is so well known that we regard it as more of a bore than a calamity. Familiar tales and statistics provide a kind of folk lore : a mile-wide strip eaten away since the Norman Conquest and more than two miles since the Roman Occupation; ancient villages drowned offshore; the old church of St Mary's, Withernsea, and the town it served, under water about a mile due east of the Commercial Inn.

On its letterhead, the Holderness Coast Protection Project shows a gaudy dragon ripping cliffs away with tooth and claw. A desirable residence is about to be demolished by a reptilian foot twice its size. Rather melodramatic - though Mappleton people may feel that the danger is not exaggerated.

Who will slay the dragon? Who will free us puny creatures from habitual apathy and occasional terror?

The general wisdom is that nothing can be done - "You can't tame nature." Our particular dragon, we feel, will go on marauding until there is no Holderness left. Meanwhile, what can't be cured must be endured. Sooner or later Spurn Point will be cut off for good; a breach at Sand-le-Mere will allow the sea to pour past Thirtle Bridge and flood Keyingham Drain until it pours out at Stone Creek; a score of villages and that jewel of resorts, Withernsea itself, will be cut off on a dwindling island. But in Roos we shall - just - be on slightly higher ground. The dragon won't go for us first. It may still be possible to get through to Hull without paddling. And it's not going to happen just yet (is it?).

David Kilpatrick, Manager of the Holderness Coast Protection Project, must be used to the fatalism of local people. Or perhaps not. Either way, he must find it irritating. This latter-day St George has to find ways of taming the dragon. He must sometimes feel that the sea is the least of his problems. His most urgent problem is cash. Hence his appeal to local parish and town councils as well as to the two Borough Councils and the County Council.

"Ah, yes," we say knowingly. "I wondered how long it would be before they wanted more money. Local people can't afford the cost of coast protection. And why should we? This is a national matter. Why doesn't the government pay?"

Mr Kilpatrick's letter to local councils says that it may be possible to apply for a 40% E.E.C. grant to build a demonstration bank. The balance - £600,000 - must be found from within the United Kingdom. John Townend M.P. is being asked to persuade the Government to contribute £100,000, leaving a target of £500,000 to be raised within the area.

Current research will be complete by April. Before then it will be possible to assess whether building of the demonstration bank is justified. If so, application for an E.E.C. grant will require a guarantee of the £600,000 by February 1989.

Will the Government and local councils promise this amount? If they do, will the E.E.C. grant the other 40%? And if so, will the demonstration bank eventually prove that something can be done to tame the dragon? Perhaps it will; perhaps it won't. But if the scheme is abandoned, we shall never know.

With all these "ifs", the Parish Council are asked to commit the ratepayers' cash to the experiment. Mr Kilpatrick's request for a contribution was both serious and urgent. But is there any point in throwing rates into the sea? What should the Parish Council do?

Why not have a word with one of the councillors - or write to "The Rooster"?

### Coming Events

#### July

- 2 Cricket v Walkington, Home, 2.00.
- 6 Roos WI, Memorial Institute, 7.15, Flying Doctor Service.
- 9 Cricket v Cottingham Memorial, Away, 2.00.
- 10 Cricket v Leven, Away, 2.00.
- 11 Roos Parish Council, Memorial Institute, 7.30.
- 16 Cricket v Hessle, Home, 2.00.
- 23 Roos Show, Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall, 2.30.
- 23 Cricket v Riston, Away, 2.00.
- 30 Cricket v Aldbrough, Home, 2.00.
- 31 Methodist Family Service, Eastfield Centre, 10.30.

#### August

- 3 Roos WI, Memorial Institute, 7.15, Beauty Demonstration.
- 6 Cricket v Fish Trades, Away, 2.00.

All Saints', Roos  
Dédication Day  
Wednesday 6th July

2.15 : Service & Presentations in the Church  
3.00 : Garden Party : Elas Farm (Mr & Mrs K.G. Grant)