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Roos Parish Council

The meeting of 8th August was chaired by Councillor G.E. Winter. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Grant, Quaraby and Clark.

Minutes

After approval of the Minutes, the Clerk reported that Dove Lane and other thoroughfares could be discussed at a meeting arranged for 10th August with Mr R. Ferguson of the county's footpaths and rights-of-way division.

Correspondence

Surplus Office Equipment. Holderness Borough Council had surplus equipment available. However, it appeared that items that the Parish Council might have found useful had already been spoken for.

Copies Received : The Humberside Structure Plan 1987 and the 1987-8 Report of the Holderness Borough Council Development Department.

Parish and Town Councils. Resolutions were invited for the Humberside Association's AGM on 1st October.

Planning

Between The Roost & Ivy House, North End.

A detailed application for the erection of two houses, outline consent already having been granted. It was known that a neighbour objected that the dwellings would overlook the rear of the adjacent property. Further, councillors felt that the site sketch submitted was inadequate. It was agreed to ask for more details.

East of The Chestnuts. The detailed application was for three four-bedroomed houses. Councillors did not oppose the application but stressed that conditions imposed on the original applicant when outline consent was given should be enforced on any subsequent owner/developer : including a landscaping scheme and reinstatement of the Dove Lane hedge.

The following were supported :

Elm Tree Farm (Mr K. Crouch), Extension.

Cherry Hill, South End Road (Dr M.G. Pearson), Double garage to the south of the house.

Borough Council decisions about applications previously reported :

North End Garage. Permission to use the site for the storage of scrapped vehicles was refused, on the grounds that it would be harmful to the landscape and amenities and was contrary to the Structure Plan. Councillors were aware that notice of a further application had appeared in "The Holderness Gazette".

Consent was granted in respect of : Carr Farm; The Anchorage, South End; temporary caravan at The Elms.

Outstanding Items

Parish Notice Board. The Chairman had discussed with Mr George Bilton a new site at the Roos Supermarket. Mr Bilton did not want another board on his wall but offered to make available for Parish Notices half the space on his existing board. The Clerk was asked to write to thank him for his generous co-operation.

Chestnut Garth. The Chairman had drawn the poor state of the road to the attention of Mr Holden, the Highways Department Area Surveyor at Hedon.

Any Other Business

Eastfield Estate. Councillor Helliwell reported two matters raised by a resident whose garden adjoined the undeveloped land at the top of South Park. A pond there was said to be a haven for wildlife and worthy of preservation when the land was developed. In dry weather it had begun to smell offensively and an Environmental Health Officer had been called to deal with rats. It was also alleged that elderly residents had often been disturbed by the howling of dogs on properties recently built to the north of Elm Garth. Councillors noted the comments but advised that residents should refer all such offences to the Environmental Health Department.

Public Session

Elms Farm. A resident hoped that the recently-cleared pond near Rectory Road would soon be fenced. There would otherwise be a danger to any children tempted to play near its steep banks.

North End. Mrs Alison Everard identified herself as

the neighbour concerned about the proposed new houses at North End. Her own property would be unacceptably overlooked at the rear. Apparently, the houses would be set directly over the drain. There had been recent complaints about blockages and effluent from the abattoir. In view of this, the siting of the houses should be revised.

Mrs Everard took the opportunity to argue the case for a speed limit. Within only a few months, a number of motor cyclists had approached the bend near her house too fast and taken a tumble. Concealed access to the proposed new houses would increase the risk of a serious accident. The Chairman explained that several requests for a speed limit had been turned down after investigation on the ground that traffic density did not warrant a restriction. Mrs Everard said that the Parish Council should show more initiative: they should take the lead in campaigning both for a speed limit and for a warning sign: "Dangerous Bend / Concealed Access".

Parish Council Meeting

7.30 p.m. : Monday 12th September

in the Memorial Institute

Members of the public cordially invited to attend.

Cri de Coeur

There's a concrete mixer to the side of me,
Pneumatic hammers to the front,
A bulldozer at the bottom of my garden,
What more could anyone want?

There's a lorry straddling the front of my house,
It's blocking out all of the light;
There's noise and muck and mess and filth -
Now really, is that right?

Oh dear, I can't get out of my drive,
The Water Board's blocking my way;
And there's builder's cars on the pavement and road,
They're going to be there all day.

So take heed fellow Villagers,
If they plan to build near you;
You'll be miserable as sin if the Developers win,
And they, once again, get their plans through.

Alison Everard.

Darby & Joan Club

We wish to thank members for their work at the Jumble Sale on 20th August and also other helpers and those who gave jumble, cakes, and prizes for the raffle. We also thank those who attended and made the occasion such a success in raising the grand sum of £76. 30. We are grateful to every one of you.

Frank Maddison, Treasurer.

Cricket Club

With just two matches to go, Roos are runners-up in the League. Details of the last two games and individual averages for the season will be published in the October edition of "The Rooster".

July

30 v Aldbrough. Roos won by 5 wickets.
Aldbrough 103 all out. F.Lewis 18, R.O'Brien 18,
J.Dearing 4 for 32, S.Cowell 2 for 19, R.Richardson 2
for 19.
Roos 107 for 5. P.Dearing 44, J.Dearing 38 n.o.,
T.Grant 11 n.o. P.Swain 3 for 14.

31 v Hessele Curtis Cup semi-final. Hessele won by 6 wks.
Roos 90 all out. P.Dearing 29, G.McKinley 23, S.Jumps
16, S.Kelly 6 for 37, A.Grantham 3 for 43.
Hessele 91 for 4. M.Craft 22, S.Perryman 15, G.Dent 36 n.o.

August

6 v Fish Trades. Roos won by 5 wickets.
Fish Trades 98 all out. L.Evans 32, S.Hewitt 18,
G.McKinley 3 for 24, R.Richardson 5 for 43.
Roos 103 for 5. P.Dearing 44, A.Bailey 38 n.o. N.Pepper
3 for 30.

13 v Everthorpe. Roos won by 9 wickets.
Everthorpe 56 all out. P.Hewson 24, S.Cowell 5 for 18,
G.McKinley 4 for 18.
Roos 57 for 1. P.Dearing 36, A.Bailey 18 n.o.

14 v Y.P.I. McKinley Cup s.-final. Y.P.I. w. by 128 runs.
Y.P.I. 176 for 5. G.Gibbins 43, R.Dickinson 49, A.Ward
21 n.o. G.McKinley 2 for 53.
Roos 48 all out. P.Dearing 35, S.Weatherstone 6 for 23,
T.Chapman 3 for 24.

20 v Cottingham Memorial. Roos 5 points; Cottingham 1.
(Winning Draw).
Roos 157 all out. P.Dearing 41, T.Grant 46 n.o.,
S.Jumps 14, D.Hulme 15, M.Stroud 5 for 32.
Cottingham 80 for 5. R.Whitlock 32, A.Holmes 15,
D.Hulme 2 for 9.

27 v Reckitts. Reckitts won by 7 runs.
Reckitts 111 all out. P.O'Berg 23, J.Curtis 20, S.
Cowell 3 for 28, J.Dearing 4 for 34, G.McKinley 3 for 25.
Roos 104 all out. T.Grant 27, J.Dearing 15, G.McKinley
14, R.Richardson 13, K.Tyson 7 for 31.

Roos Methodists cordially invite you to their
Harvest Thanksgiving Service
conducted by Miss M.Reid
25th September at 10.30 a.m.
Roos Memorial Institute

Roos W.I.

At the August meeting the President greeted guests and a new member, Mrs Entwistle from Tunstall. She thanked Mrs Payne and Mrs Cheeseman, and their helpers Mrs J.Grant and Mrs S.Kettle, for organising and running the tombola at the B.P. Gala. £84 had been raised for W.I. funds.

Mrs Bowden volunteered to take over from Mrs Tyson the role of calendar organiser for 1989.

Four members acted as models for the artists from "Dunedin": Joan and Jennifer for the trimming and restyling of hair; Margaret and Sandra for the cosmetics demonstration. Lots of advice was given and many questions were answered as the young ladies from

the Salon showed their impressive skills.

There were many entries in the competition - "A Handkerchief for the Bride" - Mrs S. Tyson's being the 1st and Mrs E. Conley's 2nd and 3rd.

At the next meeting on Wednesday 7th September there is to be "A Harvest Night of Entertainment" and both members and non-members will be welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Note that we shall meet not in the school but in the pleasantly refurbished Memorial Institute.

Rehearsals are under way for the Drama Group's presentation on 9th November of "None the Wiser", which should provide much laughter.

Bank Holiday Fun Day

The Playing Field Committee's annual Fun Day on 29th August was badly hit by rain. Most parts of "The Alternative Olympics" had to be abandoned and some of the side-stalls did not operate. A surprising number of people braved the weather to support the occasion but it was disappointing that the Committee's main fund-raising event, a day that has given a great deal of pleasure in previous years, was staged on one of the wettest days of the summer. For a fuller account, including a financial statement, see the next issue.

Coming Events

September

- 7 Roos VI, Memorial Institute, 7.15. Harvest Night of Entertainment, Open to non-members.
- 12 Roos Parish Council, Memorial Institute, 7.30.
- 25 Methodist Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Memorial Institute, 10.30.

October

- 5 Roos VI, Mem. Institute, 7.15. Citizens' Advice Bureau.
- 10 Roos Parish Council, Memorial Institute, 7.30.

November

- 9 VI Drama Group, "None the Wiser", Mem. Institute, 7.30.

Roos Evening Classes

A last-minute update from Withernsea F.E. Centre. The following classes will be held in Roos School :
Keep Fit, from 20th September, 7.45 - 9.15.
German, from Thursday 22nd September, 7.30 - 9.30.

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Further contributions are gratefully acknowledged : £5.00 given anonymously via Mr H. Hinch and a second donation from Mr R. Wingham.

I regret that, like this one, the October issue may be published rather later than usual. Reports and articles will be welcome if supplied by :

Thursday 29th September.

There has been less material than usual submitted this month. The bonus is that there is space to continue the articles based on the "History of Roos" by the late Mr G.W. Wilbraham.

L.H.

G.W. Wilbraham

A History of Roos : 3

The last extract appeared in January. The following article, continuing the story of the Anglo-Saxon period, consists mainly of summary. Direct quotation from Mr Wilbraham is indicated by inverted commas.

Farming

There were no farmers in our modern sense employing paid labourers. Only the lord of the manor used the labour of others as peasants fulfilled their obligations to him by working on his demesne. Like other communities in our part of the country, Roos operated a two-field system as far as arable land was concerned. Animals were grazed in Furze Pasture to the north. Between that and the lord's demesne in the south lay West Field and East Field, with the peasants' crofts running north-south between them.

The fields were cultivated in alternate years : while one was worked, the other lay fallow. In return for dues to their lord, peasants were allocated half-acre strips in each field to grow produce for their own use : corn for bread and barley for beer. An unploughed balk divided one man's strip from those of his neighbours.

"The parish plough was used just when you could get it and then you would need the help of your neighbour's oxen for it took eight animals to drag it. This system lasted for a thousand years. Doubtless there was a deal of quarrelling. The manor court was often at cross-purposes with the peasants."

Coming of the Danes

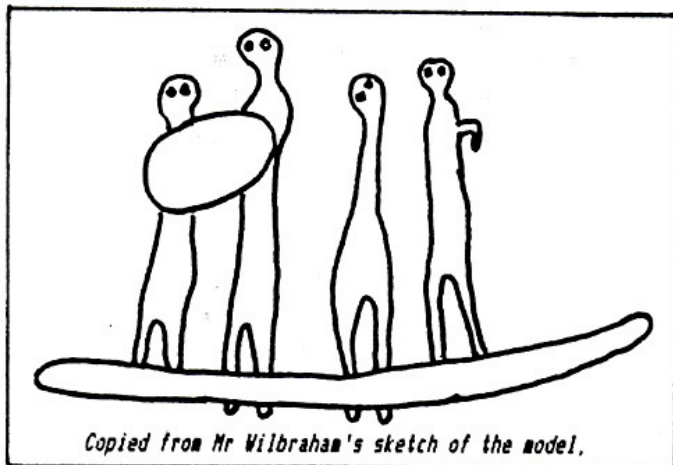
From the middle of the eighth century Viking raids destroyed local Anglo-Saxon culture. "Not a church was left standing; monasteries were destroyed; houses were burnt. Their longboats came up the Humber, some going on to York, some down the Trent, and others up the creeks of Holderness... For a time civilisation was thrown back and much misery caused..." Gradually the invaders settled down on land from which the Saxons had fled and accepted Christianity."

Place-names ending -by or -thorp indicate their settlements, though some of them (e.g. just inside the Humber) have disappeared through erosion. They brought their own monetary system and units of measurement - caracutes and oxgangs. When churches were rebuilt, wattle and mud were replaced by cobblestones, mud and thatch - the only building materials in Holderness.

The last Danish king was Hardicanute, who died in 1042. The English royal line was restored by his successor, Edward the Confessor.

Local Viking Relic

In 1845 a worker was extending a drain in West Carr in the south-west corner of Roos Parish. Drainage had brought new land into cultivation. Six feet down the



workman's spade hit a wooden box. Inside was a carved model ship, presumably lost a thousand years earlier in the bed of a stream ("Keyingham Creek") that flowed into the Humber. In the ship were four standing figures, each about a foot high. One carried a club and a round shield; another's arm was crooked, as if also intended to hold a shield. One

head still had pieces of quartz to represent eyes.

There has been speculation that the model may have been an emblem from a Viking ship or that it may have been carved by a Viking father for his child back home. A single figure of similar kind was found "a few years ago" further down the creek near Keyingham.

The Norman Conquest

During the 200 years before the Conquest in 1066 - one of the most decisive events in our history - the Danes established control of Northumbria, i.e. England from the Humber to the Tees. Though news did not travel fast, Ros folk would soon be aware of the following:

- 860 A.D. Beverley Priory is destroyed by the Danes.
- 867. Henguar and Hubba sail up the Humber, laying waste nearby villages, then go on by land to Beverley and York.
- 993. King Sweyn of Denmark enters the Humber and plunders Holderness. Similar raids in 1013 and 1066.
- 1066. After a period of Danish rule from 1016 to 1042, Edward the Confessor's accession restored the English monarchy. He was succeeded by Harold early in 1066. Harfagar King of

Norway, came up the Humber with 600 ships. Some landed warriors at the mouth of the River Hull; others sailed up the Ouse to York. Their army defeated the Northumbrians at Gate Fulford before being defeated themselves by Harold at Stamford Bridge.

The Real Conqueror

Having defeated one invader, Harold had to hurry south to meet another, William of Normandy. William's victory at Senlac Hill near Hastings permitted his hasty coronation but almost the whole of his 21-year reign was needed to subdue the actual people. Yorkshire gave him much trouble. William's ferocity in suppressing rebellions left the county weak for many generations. No doubt many Ros men, to whom there could be no memorial, were lost in these desperate years.

The Domesday Book

"William appointed commissioners to visit every manor in the kingdom to find out how much land each man held, how much he ought to pay, how much was paid under the Saxon King, Edward, whether there was a church, etc. It took a long time but was completed just before he died."

"In Halsham there are six oxgangs of land to be taxed, and there may be one plough. Gumar has there now of Drogo four villains and one bordar, with one plough, and four acres of meadow. Four quarentans long and the same broad." "In Ottringham Tor and Torchil had four caracutes of land and there may be four ploughs. Henrich has now there from Drogo one plough and six villanes, and six bordars with one plough and a half. There is a priest and a church and one hill and twenty acres of meadow. Two miles long and a half broad."

"In Rosse Murdoc and Suuager had three caracutes of land and five oxgangs to be taxed. There is land to four ploughs. Fulk, a vassal to Drogo, has now there one plough, and one Villane with one plough. There

is a priest and a church and thirty acres of meadow. Half a mile long and half broad. Value in King Edward's time sixty shillings, now twenty."

Mr Wilbraham adds notes: Drogo, a Flemish knight granted the Seignory of Holderness, had married his King's niece and renovated his castle at Skipsea, whose earthworks can still be seen. He seized other men's lands, his own being almost barren. After murdering his wife, he fled to France and Holderness was granted to Odo, Earl of Abenarle.

Fulk, who came from Lisseurs in France, succeeded as Lord of Roos and adopted "de Ros" as his family title.

Before 1066, Murdoc and Suuager were joint lords of the Manor of Roos; and Ior and Torchil of Ottringham. Murdoc also held the manors of Hilston and Burstwick. Caracute - 120 acres;

oxgang - 80; land for one plough - 160. Villane - servant or slave; bordar - free-cottager holding land in return for work on the lord's demesne.

Roos Castle

Fulk either improved the manor house or built another, "which would be termed a castle." His son continued the building and contours of the earthworks are still visible in the field south of the church. The moat

on the north side (later a fish pond) still exists as a pool. Poulson's suggestion that the moat encircled all four sides is a sound one as the depressions still hold water in wet periods.

