



THE ROOSTER

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Meeting of Roos Parish Council, 12th June

Councillors Cheeseman and Quarmby were unable to attend. All other members were present. During discussion of the Minutes it was noted that the bus-stop sign and timetable had been placed in Main Street.

Flooding - Lamb Lane

Members discussed the recent flooding of several roads after heavy rain.

In particular, on a number of occasions this year Lamb Lane had flooded because the culvert under the road had been blocked, causing Roos Beck to overflow. At times the water in Lamb Lane was almost three feet deep.

The Chairman reported that the culvert had eventually been cleared of debris - including two railway sleepers. He himself had spent some time on the site and praised the efforts of the workmen from the Highways Department.

Mr Michael Peak from the Highways Department had written thanking the Chairman for his assistance. He said that the northern end of the culvert would be fitted with a new head-wall and grille and would be cleaned regularly.

Councillor Grant commented that Mr Marriott, who was developing Becksides Villas, had built a lagoon to hold any temporary excess of surface water. He said that - before a new head-wall was built - it would be wise to pipe the whole section from Becksides Villas to Lamb Lane. Members agreed to make this recommendation.

Councillor Grant commented on two other open stretches of Roos Beck that were a problem :

- From Lamb Lane to the point north of Dove Lane where the Beck was potted again. (Mr Beal of Southfield, Dove Lane, had cleared blockages from time to time).
- The open stretch to the south before the potted section under the churchyard. (At different times Councillors Grant and Winter had cleared the grille of debris.)

It was agreed to write to Richard Lewis, Drainage Officer, recommending further potting and to seek a meeting to discuss the issue.

The Chairman said that Yorkshire Water and the riparian owners were responsible for keeping the Beck clear but when the Beck went under a road (e.g. via the culvert in Lamb Lane) the Highways Department were responsible.

Correspondence

Rural Development Award 2000. The East Riding makes annual awards for outstanding village amenities. Last year the Parish Council proposed Melbourne Butchers for consideration. Following a visit by the judges the proprietors were highly commended but did not receive an award. The Parish Council decided to propose both Melbourne Butchers and the Roos Supermarket for the 2000 award.

Traffic matters in Hilston. Following a request from a Hilston resident, the Highways Department had written proposing village nameplates (with a road safety message), bend signs and replacement marker posts. The request for a speed limit was referred to the police for comment.

Dog fouling. The East Riding offered "Clean-up kits" : a stencil and paint for marking suitable pavements. Members were sceptical whether pavement signs would be effective and the offer was not taken up.

Plans for the Hedon Road (A1033). Members were invited to a meeting at Hedon Town Hall.

Parish Clerks' Question Time. An invitation to an advice seminar was passed to Clerk.

Electoral Review : changes to ward boundaries. Members were invited to briefing meetings on the options.

PPG (Planning Policy Guidance). The East Riding's Planning, Environmental and Technical Services Committee had been discussing government guidelines on housing needs and the duty of local authorities to satisfy them. There would be consequences for the Hull & East Riding Joint Structure Plan and for the East Riding's Development Plan - and eventually for further development in selected settlements such as Roos.

James Cran Memorandum. Parish Councils were invited to take part in a consultation exercise on local matters by responding to a document "Listening to Parish Councils". A reply was needed by 17th July. Members decided not to respond.

Campaign against Rural Extinction. Cllr Parnaby, leader of the Conservative group on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, invited the Parish Council to subscribe to a petition to government to stress the plight of rural areas. Members agreed with the Chairman not to do so since the initiative appeared too party-political.

Planning

Approved : applications discussed at previous meetings in respect of sites at Beckside Manor and Hodgson Lane.

Sand-le-Mere. An appeal was being lodged against refusal of access via Kiln Lane to the extension of site applied for.

New applications

Old Rectory (Mr & Mrs Stone). Application for retention of existing fence, entrance wall and gates. No objection.

5 & 6 Manor Farm development (Mr W.Shaw). Application for the use of two plots to erect a detached dwelling and detached double garage. No objection.

Any other business

Litter bin north of the Roos Supermarket. Cllr Mrs Kirk reported a complaint that the bin was not emptied regularly and often smelt unpleasant. The Clerk was asked to request that it be emptied weekly.

Review of East Riding ward boundaries

The East Riding's proposals are being submitted to parish and town councils for comment. No doubt the Parish Council will consider the options at their next meeting.

Last week's Holderness Gazette reported that members of the public may also comment. Write (before 14th July) to :

Mr Neil Bravey, Head of Support and Customer Service Development, County Hall, Beverley. HU17 9BA.

The reason for the review is that the current ratio between councillors and electors differs widely from ward to ward : some councillors represent far more electors than others. The aim is to bring all wards closer to an average.

There are likely to be two proposals. One would tack rural parishes on to urban areas. The other (called "Minimum Adjustment") would tinker with the arithmetic by moving parishes at the edges of wards - Roos would move from Mid-Holderness ward and join South-East Holderness.

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Further donations

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Further financial support will be welcome at Canwick, Lamb Lane. Please supply your name, address and phone number and state the amount given. Going rate suggested : £2.00 per household (though more will not be refused!). Make cheques payable to L.Helliwell.

Data and news items - and help.

Please help by supplying contact names of clubs and societies + details for inclusion in "Coming events". The newsletter can advertise your functions. Please use it - for everybody's benefit. *Helpers are still needed to deliver the Newsletter.*

Neighbourhood Watch. No meeting had yet been arranged. It was agreed to invite PC Ainley to the next Council meeting for a report and discussion with members.

Roos Parish Council
Meeting on Monday 10th July
7.30 in the Memorial Institute
Members of the public always welcome

Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting - at which residents are invited to raise issues with the Parish Council - is likely to be held later this month, though the date is not yet decided.

Calendar

19th June - 14th July	Public consultation.
2nd August	Council approves submission to Local Government Commission.
(12 - 16) + 8 weeks	Draft recommendations published. Commission invites responses.
12 - 16 weeks	Commission considers responses and submits final recommendations to Secretary of State.
6 weeks	Secretary of State invites responses on the recommendations.
	(The policy is not to modify them).

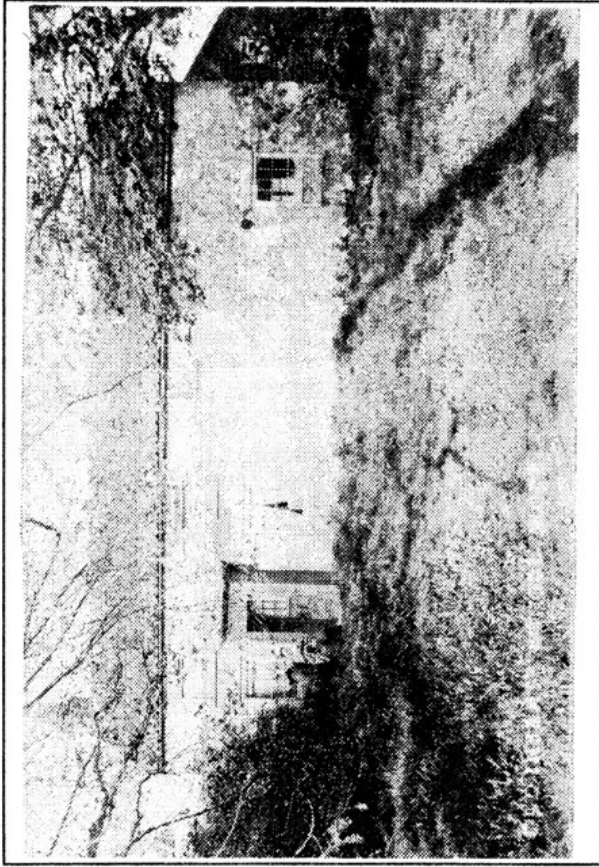
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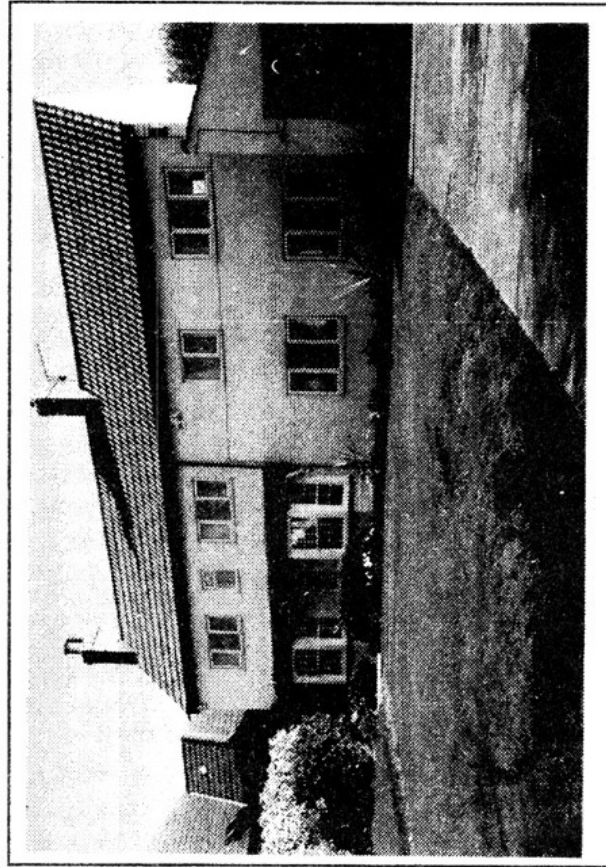
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Please supply material for inclusion by
Wednesday 26th July
If you have any queries, ring : 670291

Roos Village Design Statement

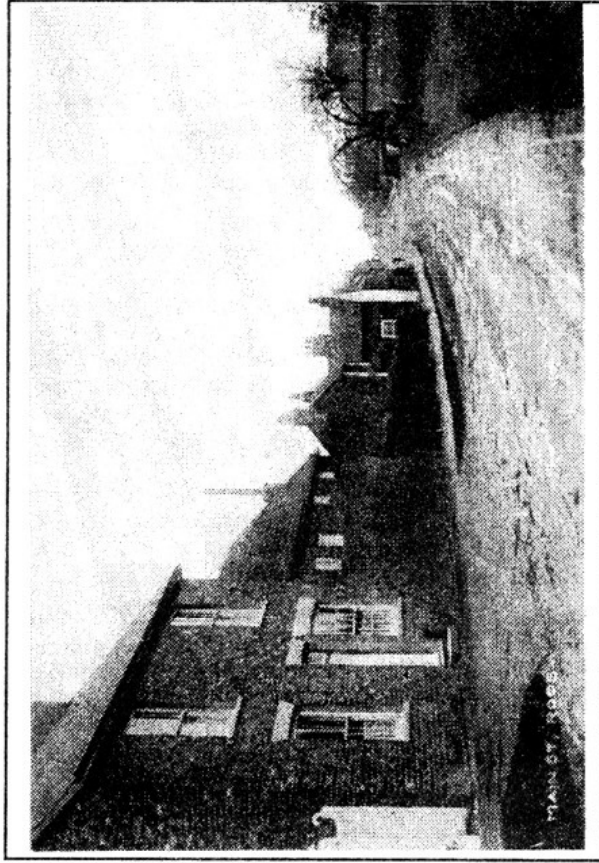
The Committee are suffering from what the Chairman calls "slippage" - failure to keep up with the calendar. The Consultation Draft should have been ready by the end of June but - because we have more material than we can afford to print - the umpteenth version is still too long. Watch this space!



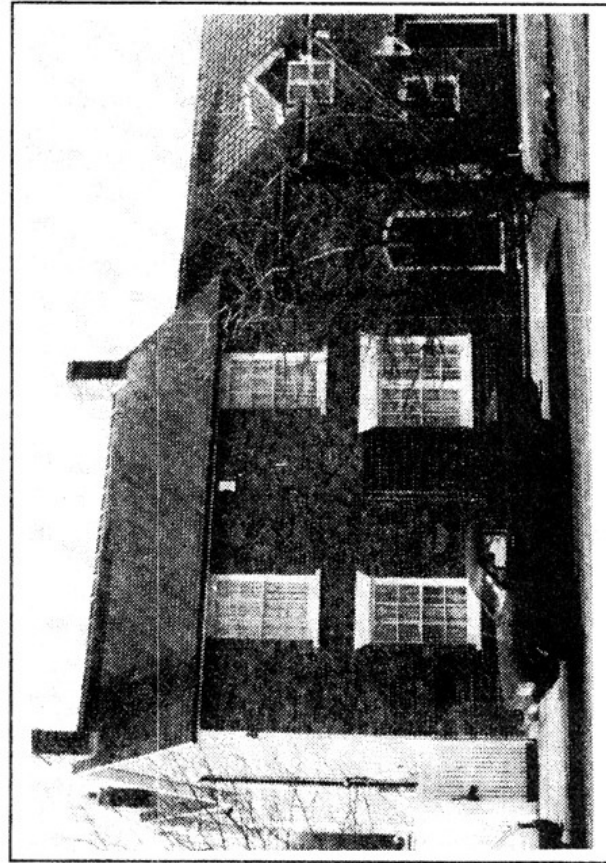
Postcard caption : **Old Infants' School, Roos** - now The Old School House. The part with the window on the right R was the original infants' school. The part on the left with the porch was the schoolmaster's house. Uncut weedy garden. No Institute yet.



The Old School House today. On right, single-storey part with sloping roof is now the garage. New windows including downstairs bays with porch roof over both. Probably new roof tiles. Original bricks now cemented and white. Memorial Institute just visible.



Manor Farm, Main Street (according to postcard caption) - now South End Road. Taken 70 - 80 years ago? House door between ground-floor windows. Grass verge on right - South Park not yet envisaged.



Manor Farm, February 1998, seen from South Park. Front door now in annexe with lower roof-line to right of house. On right, first of the cottages to the north just in frame. Cottages to south still under construction. Becksides Manor not yet started.

A History of Roos - 16

A further summarised extract from the History by G.W. Wilbraham

Education in Roos (continued)

The last article stopped with the building in 1872 of what is now The Old School House. It was an extension set at a right angle to the existing boys' school on Pilmar Lane.

Initial staff

In April 1874 the two staff were Mr Charles Silversides and Miss R.E. Chapman. Mr Silversides was in charge until his retirement in 1891 after 47 years' and 9 months' service. He died three years later aged 70.

Harvest absentees

Older boys were often withdrawn to work in the fields before and after "harvest holidays". In 1874 thirteen children out of (a group of?) 27 were absent half way through July. In early August 49 were absent out of 118. By contrast, in October the attendance was 102.

Legislation operative from 1875 aimed to restrict the employment of children in agriculture. No child under 8 could be employed except on land occupied by his parent. Children aged between 8 and 12 could be employed only if they had a minimum number of school attendances during the previous year. An employer was to be fined £5 if he offended against the Act.

It must have been a problem for the authorities that they had no reliable statistics - there was no census of children.

In 1878 there were 140 children at Roos School. To encourage good attendance the Managers offered an inducement: a farthing for each attendance over 300 in the year.

(During harvest hard-pressed parents probably preferred their children's labour - and wages - to a few extra farthings!)

School funding

Before 1870 schools were funded mainly by public subscription. After that date voluntary rates were brought in but did not guarantee consistent income.

From 1870 to 1902 funds came from voluntary rates, government grant and "school pence" - i.e. school fees.

Fees

It seems that fees were paid quarterly. Parents were charged according to their status and the number of their children at school.

For each of their first and second children farmers of over 50 acres paid eight shillings; farmers of under 50

acres paid five shillings; and labourers paid half a crown. For the third and subsequent children attending school the fees were reduced.

Windfall

The School Managers must have been overjoyed in 1885 by a legacy of £216.19s. 11d from Mrs F. Atkinson. The money was spent as follows.

Girls' yard concrete	29. 8.10
Boys ditto	44. 2. 3
Building repairs	13. 8.10
Available for house	130. 0. 0

"Available for the house" refers to the cost of converting the former infants' premises into part of the master's house.

Financial problems in 1885

Normally the Managers faced great difficulties in balancing their books.

In spite of the legacy a drop in rateable values led to a 15% reduction in the school's income and the salaries of the teachers were reduced in proportion.

The situation was not helped when Owstwick, Hilston and Tunstall failed to honour a commitment made in 1871: all had agreed to maintain the Roos National School by a voluntary rate of 2d in the pound.

In July 1885 Tunstall still owed the rate due the previous November and Owstwick and Hilston refused to pay more than 1d since they were tempted by an invitation to join the Garton School District instead. As a result, the Roos School Managers had a debt of £50 and no funds to meet the next quarter's financial commitments.

Possible solutions were discussed at two meetings in August but in the end the Chairman had to inform the Education Department in London that the school could not carry on after 1st November. A solution suggested by the Department was not pursued because Owstwick did not like it.

In the nick of time all came right at a public meeting in September. All four parishes promised to pay their rate arrears and a total of £48 the following year. The teachers were reappointed and their (meagre) remuneration was agreed. The Managers were even able to offer cash prizes to pupils with an exceptional level of attendance.

And later

For three years the situation was easy but in 1888 Owstwick decided to run its own school and left the Roos School District, causing a loss of income. In

addition, Tunstall was in arrears with its rates payment in 1887, 1888 and 1889. Nevertheless the Managers decided to exercise great economy and carry on.

In 1889 the government refused to help maintain the buildings of voluntary schools from public funds. But, "The payment of school pence came to an end in 1891 at a cost to the government of about two million pounds a year." *(Presumably parental fees were paid by government. I haven't checked this.)*

Houses in Roos

The statistics below apparently come from school sources in the late 1880s.

Unoccupied	25
Without children	67
With children at school	69
With children too young	6
Pulled down since 1881 census	2
Built since 1881	1

Two observations may be made on these meagre figures.

- *Because the focus is on children of school age or below, no mention is made of those who have left school - at age 12 - 13. Roos must also have housed a significant number of teenagers - 50 or more?*
- *Ignoring the houses pulled down, the village had 168 houses. Roos now has almost 400.*

The Rector & the Bureaucrats

In 1891 the Rector, Canon Machell, was involved in a flurry of confusion over official stationery.

The school was to be inspected. Forms about the matter were sent to the Rector in February.

In March the notice of inspection was sent to school, passed to the Rector, and acknowledged by return. Later the inspection date was changed to May.

On 23rd April the Department of Education enquired why the completed forms had not been returned. All the Managers were questioned as to their whereabouts but without success.

On 28th the Department wrote to the Managers stressing that the forms had been sent to the Rector.

On 30th Canon Machell wrote that he did receive some forms and had passed them to the Managers.

The Managers then remembered receiving a packet from the Department of Education via Canon Machell - but containing papers about Emigration, not Education.

(Nothing changes!)