



THE ROOSTER

Roos Village Newsletter

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Parish Council meeting, 9th October

Minutes

All members were present. After approving the Minutes they discussed the following matters arising.

Roos Beck and drainage. There had still been no reply from Mr Michael Peeke, Highways Department, to the request for further piping of the beck.

Nor had Mr Richard Lewis, Drainage Officer, Goole, replied to the request for attention to rat-infested drainage dykes. The Chairman undertook to ring Mr Lewis the next day and request that he visit Roos to discuss the problems.

Members discussed where Roos Beck began - whether behind The Bungalow, Main Street, or at Tunstall crossroads, where its purpose had been to handle effluent as well as surface water when North End Cottages were built.

Aldbrough crossroads. The signs had still not been restored.

Pothole at North End. Some potholes had been repaired. Cllr Cheeseman stated that repair was still needed to the hole at Tunstall Road end.

Speed restrictions. At the date of the meeting some signs had been erected but not all.

Correspondence

Millennium Beacon. A letter was noted inviting local councils and other groups to light a beacon on 31st December to mark the end of millennium year.

East Riding planning meetings. Parish councils were asked to consider holding their meetings to relate better to the dates of their Area Planning Committee meetings, which were supplied. It was decided to keep to the second Monday of each month as the Roos meeting date.

Metro Signs. This firm offered signs and display boards.

Basketball. A letter offering free basketball goals was passed to the Playing Field Committee.

East Riding Chairman's Award. Local councils were invited to nominate for the award persons who had enhanced their village. No nominations were considered.

Parish Council Liaison Service. Colin O'Connor, the East Riding's Parish Councils Liaison Officer, had sent a draft statement of what councils might expect from the liaison service. He invited comments and any suggestions for its improvement. The draft was not discussed.

Meeting for Parish Council representatives. Details of the meeting on 17th October were passed to Councillor Priest.

Police matters. It was agreed to display a poster from the police authority advertising a meeting at Burton Pidsea on crime and disorder, Neighbourhood Watch, and related topics.

Planning

Kilham Hall, Hilston Road. Consent had been given (subject to conditions similar to those recommended by councillors) to the plan for an extension of the lairage area at Roos abattoir.

New applications

Church Farm, Hilston. Members had no objection to an application to build north of the farm, provided there were no objections from neighbours.

Glebe Farm, Hilston Road. The Parish Council raised no objection to an application to re-roof the property.

The Haven, Tunstall Road. Application for a double garage and extension to replace an existing garage. No objection.

Red Roofs, Southfield Lane, Tunstall. (Mr & Mrs J. Vernon)

An outline application for a detached bungalow on the site. Some councillors noted that such applications in Tunstall had hitherto been rejected unless there had been agricultural grounds. It was agreed to make no objection provided that planning conditions for the area were met.

Sand-le-Mere. Notice was given of an appeal against the conditions imposed in granting consent for an extension to the site. Papers submitted included a lengthy document from the applicant's solicitor giving reasons why conditions 1 - 7 should be removed. Councillors limited their discussion to condition 7. They reiterated their view that access by Kilnhouse Lane should be prohibited until the road was widened.

Accounts

Bulbs. Councillor David Winter, Treasurer, reported that bulbs obtained and planted by Mr A.G. Bowden had cost £107.93 - more than the estimate.

Roos Village Design Statement

Exhibition

of the Consultation Draft VDS and photographs

Saturday 14th October : 9.30 - 1.00

Roos Memorial Institute

All welcome - Admission free - Refreshments

Audit fee. The fee for the three-year audit was £90.95.

Both payments were approved.

Hire of Memorial Hall. The charge per session was to rise from £6.50 to £7.50. Councillors thought this reasonable. The Chairman congratulated the Institute Committee on the condition of the premises. Other councillors concurred.

Any other business

Public right of way at Tunstall

Councillor Cheeseman presented a letter passed to him by a local farmer. The letter was from Mr Trevor Appleton, Parish Paths Officer. It concerned a "crossfield" parish path over which there had been a disagreement. It spelt out what farmers

had to do to keep parish paths open as public rights of way.

Councillors had sympathy for the farmer's viewpoint but were clear that he had no option but to comply with the requirement.

It was noted that Tunstall had more short rights of way than any other part of Roos Parish. Some had little modern use and had not been considered worth renovation when the parish paths generally were restored a few years ago - with the help of the previous Parish Paths Officer. No member at the meeting was sure whether the path in contention was one of these.

In camera

After the close of the public session the Chairman asked his fellow councillors to stay behind to discuss a confidential matter "in camera".

Time capsule

Most residents will have read the story in the Holderness Gazette - how Mr Fred Foster of Orchard House in Main Street sat on a foundation stone for nearly thirty years without realising its contents.

Only when the ground was being cleared for his new bungalow did he have the stone moved - and then began to wonder what the patched section on one of its faces might hide.

So what had served him as a garden seat gave up its secrets. First a glass bottle. Inside the bottle : a farthing of 1860, a halfpenny of 1862, and some papers. The papers were newspapers and church magazines of 1868 (badly deteriorated) and the poster alongside.

The poster interested Fred the most. He had attended the chapel as a boy and used to pump the organ bellows for Sunday services. For years he had lived next to it. He had seen it decline as a church and eventually fall into decay.

He was at first nonplussed when a trustee asked him if he would like to buy the disused chapel. It seems the cost of maintenance could not be met.

John Clark of Hilston, former District Councillor, suggested that the building could be turned into flats. However, a survey showed that it was too unsafe for further use. Apart from many other defects, the walls themselves were bulging. It could only be pulled down.

Mainly to protect the interest of his own property next door, Fred made an offer and it was accepted. The chapel was demolished in about 1973 and later the terrace that some call Chapel Row was built at the start of Pilmar Lane.

The building had served the Methodist community in Roos for 105 years.

Fred salvaged the foundation stone as a sad relic of a place of worship he had known since childhood.

As he rested on it in his garden, he little realised the gifts to posterity sealed up for him within it.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE

OF A

NEW CHAPEL, AT ROOS.

THE FOUNDATION

STONE

OF THE

PRIMITIVE METHODIST NEW CHAPEL, ROOS

Will be laid at THREE o'clock in the Afternoon, D.V.,

On FRIDAY, September 25, 1868,

BY

REV. T. KENDALL.

When several Ministers and Friends will deliver short addresses on the occasion.

AT FOUR O'CLOCK,

A PUBLIC TEA

Will be provided,

IN THE SCHOOL-ROOM COURTEOUSLY LENT.

TICKETS, ONE SHILLING EACH.

May be had of the Tray-holders and of the Trustees.

AFTER WHICH, A

A PUBLIC MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN THE OLD CHAPEL,

To be addressed by MESSRS. W. ROBINSON, J. GARTON, T. KENDALL, T. STORR,
W. NORMANDALE, and other Friends.

THE CHAIR TO BE TAKEN AT SIX O'CLOCK.

A Collection will be made at each Service in aid of the New Chapel.

At Half-past Two o'clock the Ministers and Friends will meet at the Old Chapel, and sing to the ground, when the Stone will be laid.

History of Roos - 19

Houses on ancient enclosures (continued)

Reminders

In this summary of Mr G.W.Wilbraham's "History of Roos" his wording has often been changed.

Ancient enclosures

"Ancient enclosures" are the plots that were already enclosed before 1784. In that year the Roos Award made new plots by parcelling off the common land in East Field and West Field. "The enclosures" refers to what happened in 1784.

The Award Map shows the ancient enclosures lying between the two medieval fields in a north-south strip from well up Hilston Road down to Dent's Garth. This was the axis of the village. The new enclosures were to the west and east of them - mainly to the east.

The account of each ancient enclosure below is preceded by its number and then by its area in acres (or less). Thus, 0.3.8 = 0 acres, 3 roods, 8 perches

The sketch maps are based on the Awards Map. The names of modern buildings have been added to identify the locality.

The last article on this topic - in August - reached as far as the north side of Hodgson Lane. The properties below start at its south side.

The Black Horse to Beckside Villas

34 0.3.8 (The Black Horse, Melbourne Butchers, etc.)

William Brown's wife inherited her father's property. By 1809 it had been divided : 0.2.33 owned by Fenby and the remainder 0.15.

The larger portion (The Black Horse to the beck)

This part - on the corner - included a paddock and barn on Hodgson Lane and Cuckoo Nest near the beck. Later it was owned by a Patrick who farmed several acres in Pilmar Lane.

At some date there was rebuilding, which provided a shop (later an inn) and a house in Hodgson Lane.

Earlier in the 19th century the plot was owned by John Wilkinson, the brickmaker of South End. This became evident in the 1930s when Cuckoo Nest was sold and the paddock was found to have his name on the deeds. By this time Cuckoo Nest had been a ruin for some years. "It was a poor shant and was sold and converted into a store-place by the County Council."

In the later 19th century the property on the corner was owned by one of the Wallis family.

The inn, the Black Horse, passed through the hands of several brewers. During the World War II the owners obtained a full licence - previously it had been just a beer house.

The smaller portion (Now Melbourne Butchers)

In the first half of the 19th century the site had a tailor's shop, owned by the Ions, and three cottages next door. At one time these were used for storage.

In the 1890s W.H.Johnson bought the property, rebuilt the shop, and established a butchery business. This building improved the look of the village street.

35 0.1.32 (Hodgson Lane gardens stretching to Ivy Row)

This former paddock "belonged from time immemorial to the churchwardens." Three gardens since 1825. At one time a "country cottage" at the south was occupied by a church official. When it became expensive to repair it was replaced by six small one-storey cottages "for poor old folk", for whose housing the parish had legal responsibility. The site was offered, and six small one-storey cottages were built in 1821. They were managed by the select vestry - the churchwardens and overseers. Management later reverted to the wardens when under the new 1834 Poor Law Act the Union took over (from the parish) the wants of the poor.

36 0.0.21 (Coltman Row)

Now called Coupland Row but its original name was Coltman Row - after the owner when the ancient enclosures were confirmed. At the enclosures the site had a row of six thatched cottages. They were burnt down, so it was said, by a flying spark setting the thatch ablaze.

One of the present cottages has the date 1827 on a stone over the door. Judging by their rate valuation - £2.15.0 - they were poor and rarely all tenanted at the same time. Owned by the Wallis family for many years and later bought by W.H.Johnson, the whole row for £100, rent 5/- a week. At one time condemned, they were saved when improvement grants became available. It was not long before they were all sold and improved. They are now an asset to the village street.

(When Robert Coltman died in 1798 his widow, Mary, claimed her rights in the Commons - 1 rood, 20 perches. This new enclosure was just across the road : that part of the (old) school property occupied by the two playgrounds, the main school room and the canteen. She sold it in 1809.)

37 0.1.37 (Beckside Villas)

A garden at the enclosures when it was owned by John Collinson. In the 1860s it was owned by one of the Ions who built on it two semi-detached houses. "Their back doors are to the front and the smelly beck is not far away. A public footpath passes their kitchen windows."

The Rooster

Donations. Many thanks for donations from Mr and Mrs P.W.Cook and George and Ann Robinson. 77 households have now contributed. More support - £ 2.00 or so - still welcome.

Newsletter? More a potted history. This issue has more old stuff than new. Apart from the cliff-hanging Parish Council saga, where's the topical material?

Please help. Supply accounts of village activities, club and sports reports, individual stories of interest to others, news of coming events, photographs (on loan), line drawings, maps,

Delivery. Help still needed, especially in the Pilmar Lane area.

ROOSTER DEADLINE

Please supply material for the next issue by

Friday 10th November

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