



The Rooster

Roos Village Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council

Annual Meeting 2002

The Annual Meeting was held on 14th May before the normal monthly meeting. Those present were Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Grant, Kirk, Priest, D.E. Winter, G.E. Winter (Chair).

The Minutes of the 2001 meeting were not available. The Chairman gave a brief report on the year, which was approved. The accounts, presented by Cllr D.E. Winter, were approved.

Election of Chair and other officers

Chair. Cllr G.E. Winter said that he intended to stand down and did not wish to be renominated. However, there were no other nominations and Cllr Winter reluctantly agreed to continue in office "temporarily".

Other officers. It was agreed that other officers should be re-elected en bloc.

Monthly Meeting

Minutes

The Minutes of the April meeting were approved. The following matters arose from them.

Code of Conduct

The Clerk had contacted all members since the last meeting. All had agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct.

Development east of Main Street

A resident in Hinch Garth had written about one of the three plots for which planning applications had been tabled at the last meeting. He objected that on Plot 5 the building, a house not a bungalow, would overlook his property. He had complained to the Planning Department. He hoped the Parish Council would support his case.

His request was mainly overlooked since members were eager to reiterate their concern that no building should take place until Greenacre had been demolished to give proper access. However, some seemed to favour the objector's case in one respect: they claimed that they didn't know that Plot 5 was to accommodate a house, since no detailed plan for Plot 5 had been submitted - implying that, if they had known, they would have opposed the application.

(At the April meeting detailed plans were submitted - for

three plots in all. None of the plans was discussed. The Parish Council did not oppose the applications provided their worries about access were met. The matter was over at the last meeting. There was no point in revisiting it.)

No response to the letter was agreed.

"Village Green" at Tunstall

There had been no reply yet to the Clerk's letter requesting the Highways Department to cut the grass. Members were unsure who owned the land in question. It may once have belonged to Tunstall village. If so, it was now owned by Roos Parish Council. *(And if so, the Parish Council would be billed for the cost of cutting.)*

Correspondence

Parish path at Tunstall

A letter from Trevor Appleton, Parish Paths Officer, concerned Path No.8 at Tunstall.

(The path runs from the Old Rectory southwards to join Main Street south of the church. Members recalled that at a previous meeting they had been told that it formerly provided a few residents with access to the parish pump.)

It was agreed that this path no longer served any purpose and need not be kept open.

Local Councils Association

A letter gave notice that the subscription for 2002 - 2003 was due in July. For Roos the rate was £199.95. Some members voiced their annual objection to what was claimed to be a waste of money for no practical benefit. Payment of the subscription was approved.

South End Road

The Highways Department advised that this road was scheduled for resurfacing, though it was not possible to say when the work would start. Referring to recent repairs, Cllr Grant said that he assumed the work had already been done.

Sign to Owstwick. Cllr Cook said that the Owstwick sign on the Burton Pidsea road had now been replaced.

Planning

Planning Committee Decisions

North-east of Kilnhouse Lane, Tunstall. Change of use from agriculture to caravan accommodation (extension of

the Sand-le-Mere site) with vehicular access. Approved.

Sand-le-Mere. Appeal against condition withdrawn.

(The proprietor has made several applications to extend the site with access via Kilnhouse Road. Each time access has been the stumbling block : hitherto, consent was conditional upon his upgrading Kilnhouse Road. At the meeting there was no indication how this difficulty may have been met. See issues of "The Rooster" for March, October and November 2001 and February 2002.)

Erection of Agricultural store.

(On a paddock west of the B1242 to Aldbrough, north of the Owstwick Road and almost opposite the road to Hilston eastwards. Application discussed by the Parish Council in February.)

Consent refused.

New applications

West of Rectory Road (M.G.Grant). Ponds for the rearing of fish.

Sand-le-Mere (A.C.Ellis). Construction of flood defence and beach access.

Change of use (M.G.Grant). Change of use : from agricultural land to site for fish-rearing ponds.

Members were sympathetic to all three applications and supported them. *(See separate items later for further details of these projects.)*

Any other business

BT manhole cover near Black Horse

Chairman said the manhole had still not been made safe for pedestrians.

Queen at Beverley Racecourse

In March members had heard of the Queen's visit to York racecourse on 12th July. Cllr Cook said that she would be visiting Beverley racecourse at 3.30 p.m. on 12th July.

Local Councils Association

Cllr Priest, who sits on the Association's committee for the East Riding and North Lincolnshire, tabled its annual Financial Report. He also provided details of training courses for parish clerks.

Declaration of interests

Members had already, as required, adopted the model Code of Conduct. A further requirement was that each must complete and sign a form giving details of any interests that might influence their decisions. Failure to do so would result in dismissal from office. Some members had already handed in their forms. Some had not.

Cllr Grant asked about the actual deadline. The Clerk said it was 20th June but in effect all forms should be in by the next Parish Council meeting.

Some councillors repeated previous complaints about the both the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest. One said their imposition by the dictatorial Labour Government was an insult to unpaid public-spirited long-serving members. It was a reflection on their integrity.

One argued against this view : honest members had nothing to fear; it was not true that all their private affairs would be made public - they were required to record only local interests that might affect their decision-making.

Most members were pragmatic and philosophical : the requirements had to be met and there was no point in complaining.

(The impression was that most would sign and that perhaps all would in the end. The saga continues.)

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr L.Helliwell commented that the repairs already done on South End Road were presumably a preliminary to the complete resurfacing that had been announced.

He referred to the planning applications concerning the construction of sea defences at Sand-le-Mere and of fish ponds west of Rectory Road. He said that, it would be impossible for "The Rooster" to report accurately what was proposed without sight of the documents. He asked permission to borrow them.

Some members thought the request was reasonable. One or two had objections, arguing that the documents were private to the Parish Council and in any case were not "official" until the applications had been approved by the Planning Committee. Mr Helliwell pointed out that the papers could be seen in County Hall and in public libraries. Notices invited the public to consult them - before the Planning Committee made any decision in the light of local opinions. The papers were not private.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should seek advice on the matter at County Hall.

(When she did so the advice was that the papers could be inspected but should not leave her possession. Copyright material - e.g. maps - should not be photocopied. As a result of this ruling, the sketches in later items on these two applications are amateurish and far from accurate.)

Roos Parish Council

Next meeting

Monday 10th June

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

Coming events

Fuller details of most of the events are given elsewhere.

May

27 Fashion Show, Roos Arms.

31 Pig Roast, Elm Farm.

June

3 Street Party, Roos Arms.

5 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Robert Rosner : "Coming to the UK because of the Nazis".

7 Deadline for "Rooster" reports, etc.

10 Parish Council meeting. 7.30. Memorial Institute.

15 Fun Day & Scarecrow Trail. (FORS).

July

7 Roos Horticultural Society Summer Show, Burton Pidsea.

Letters

Phone : 01964 - 670699

30 Beechwood Views,
Pilmar Lane,
Roos. HU12 0HQ.

Dear Editor,

Burton Pidsea & District Bowling Club

Our Committee cordially invite residents of Roos who may wish to try a healthy summertime outdoor sport to visit our bowling green at Burton Pidsea. They will be very welcome.

The green is situated behind the Memorial Hall in Carr Lane, Burton Pidsea. Flat plain shoes must be worn, though the Club can provide - on a temporary basis - both suitable shoes and a set of woods.

Contact me for further details or visit the club on Tuesday evenings after 6.0 p.m., when any member will be pleased to assist visitors in a trial game.

Yours sincerely,

Ernie Tillbrook.

Club Vice-Chairman

Southlands,
South End,
Roos.

Dear Editor,

Roos Village Design Statement

The Roos VDS has now been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance. It was approved first by the Area Planning Committee. Its adoption was then confirmed at the end of April by the Executive of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

The document has taken over three years in preparation, including extensive consultation and redrafting.

Opinions and advice have been sought from :

The residents of Roos and Roos Parish Council
The Countryside Agency
Officers of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council,
especially those concerned with Planning, Design
and Highways.

Professional bodies, including :

The National Housing Association Federation
The Federation of Master Builders
The Housing Co-operation
The House Builders' Federation.

The VDS Committee believe the outcome to be a well-researched and authoritative document that will provide valuable guidance to residents, planners and developers.

Professional advice is now being taken on design, layout and printing.

Publication and distribution are expected in the Autumn.

Willis Ainley

Chairman,

Roos VDS Association.

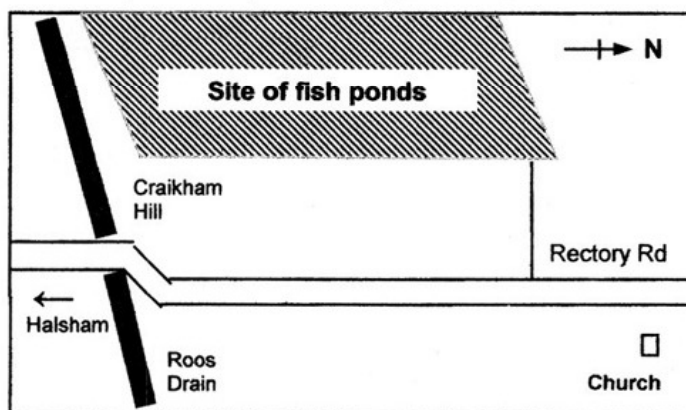
Challenge & Response

Farmers are advised to respond to unfavourable markets by diversifying - hence Michael Grant's project to built commercial fish ponds. In the same way Tony Ellis aims to secure his business at Sand-le-Mere by holding out the sea to the east while taking in more land to the west. Who can blame either of them? Challenges have to be faced.

Fish farming in Roos

Michael Grant's proposed fish ponds are to be "west of Rectory Road". Most people would describe the road in question as Halsham Road.

The ponds will be well to the west of the level stretch south of the church. *(The diagram shows the approximate location of the ponds but is not to scale. It is a poor substitute for the map with the application.)*



The site will be screened from the bridle path near Roos Drain by plantings of new trees.

19 ponds are shown, aligned side by side lengthwise roughly east to west. Each is 100m x 18m and 1.2m deep.

The water supply is apparently to and from existing dikes. There is a holding tank (for water or fish?). It seems that the water is to be recycled. No filtration system is shown nor any means of disposing of effluent, i.e. fish sewage.

It is not clear whether the ponds will be for breeding fish or growing them on - nor what kind of fish will be reared.

What is clear is that the project is ambitious. It will be costly to excavate so many ponds of such a size and to purchase and maintain the technology to manage them. This will be a brave venture.

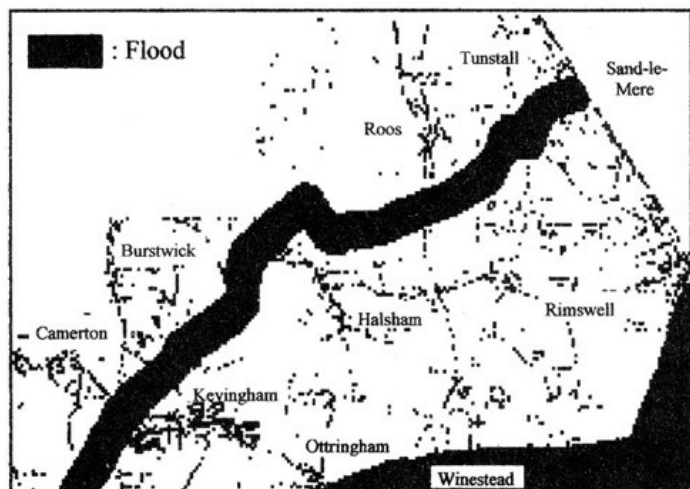
Sand-le-Mere

The low coastline at Sand-le-Mere needs defence, not only for Tony Ellis's holiday site but for the protection of a vast area of vulnerable land to the west.

If the sea broke through here there would be a flood plain extending at least as far as Keyingham. (Any fish ponds in Roos would probably be swamped!) The sea water would eventually drain into the Humber, probably at Stone Creek.

In the mid-1990s consultants assessed the risks over a fifty-year period if low-lying parts of the coastline were not protected. The map below shows the consultants' view of what might happen by 2045 - not only at Sand-le-

Mere but also at Withernsea, from which a flood plain would swamp Winestead and re-sink Sunk Island. (Of course, Withernsea has a new promenade protected by countless tons of boulders - which may work.)



Tony Ellis is not aiming to protect South Holderness. He is rightly concerned to protect his business at Sand-le-Mere, and specifically its sewerage plant. Without better protection it could wash away within a few years. Without the plant the site would not be viable.

The plan for the new defences and beach access, like that for the fish ponds, is ambitious and costly.

Large rocks (each weighing several tons) will be shipped from Norway to form a rock armour revetment.

Behind this the clay embankment will be relocated - i.e. a new one will be built a little farther inland, just short of the sewage treatment plant. Its reinforced inner core will be surfaced with fresh supplies of clay.

The planning application included a map of the exact location and a diagram showing details of the structure of the proposed protection.

(It's a pity the map and diagram couldn't be reproduced. It was impossible to redraw them from memory.)

Children's Playground Association

Sharon Mullett, Secretary of the Association, is a busy lady and in the past has not had time to provide material for "The Rooster". It's a pleasure - at last - to be able to support this good cause by printing details of their fund-raising events. L.H.

Past successes

		£Raised
Feb 15	Quiz Night, Black Horse	203.50
Mar 21	Senior Citizens' Bingo, Black Horse	130.00
Apr 5	Quiz Night, Black Horse	226.00
May 4	Murder Mystery evening, Roos Arms	153.00
12	Clay Shoot, Adults & Juniors	435.00

Coming events

May 27	Fashion Show, Roos Arms
31	Pig Roast & Dance, Elm Farm. Group : Them Naked Men.
Jun 3	Street Party, Roos Arms.

Pending : dates still to be set

Boggie Race Day (Build day). School hols. Food. Disco. Bikers' Jaunt. Sponsored ride.

Family Walk to Tunstall Beach. Holidays. Games. BBQ.

Pool Knock-out : Seniors

Pool Knock out : Juniors. School holidays.

Calendar

Play Your Cards Right

Children's Playground Association

Pig Roast & Dance

Friday 31st May at Elm Farm, Roos

Live band : Them Naked Men

Admission (including supper) : £10.00

Tickets available in advance at The Black Horse and The Roos Arms and from Committee Members.

Or ring 01964 - 671089

Rooster Advertisements

No charge is made for events organised by local groups.

Charges for personal and business advertisements :

Small ads	5p a word. Minimum charge 30p.
Display	£2.00 / column inch. (2 cols / page).

Display

A display ad attracts attention. It has a frame and can have a shaded or patterned background. e.g. :

Roos Con Artists

Join new group and make

EASY MONEY

Send only £10.00 for brochure and free gimmicks to "RoosCon", Rooster Box 374

Small ads

Cheapest. Best for brief items requiring no explanations

House-sitting by keen and experienced kleptomaniac (no convictions). Your valuables handled with care. Tel 671234.

Husband for sale. Old model but little used. Or exchange for hot-water bottle or w.h.y. Ring 670000.

Lost pet python in Black Horse car park. Answers to Monty. Reward. 673456.

Gardeners. Locally-combed dandruff - soil-conditioner or top-dressing. £2 a bag or 6 bags for £10. Sachet packs for house plants @ 50p. Phone 672345

Donations to "The Rooster"

Many thanks to the following recent donors

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Mrs J.E.Dearing	Richardson	Webster
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Relaxation & Meditation

A qualified instructor offers a ten-week course in the Roos Memorial Institute.

A minimum class size is required for the course to run.

For further details ring Yvonne (670060)

Roos & District Horticultural Society

60th Annual Show : Sat. 7th July

Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall

Schedules are now available in the village and from the Secretary, Mrs Jennifer Grant, Granleigh, South End, Roos, HU12 0HE (Phone 01964 - 670576).

Entry forms must be returned - by 4th July - to the Secretary or to Mr T.Kellock.

A full advertisement will appear in the next issue.

N.B. Clay Pigeon Shoot, Roos, 30th June.

The Friends of Roos School

FUN DAY

and

SCARECROW TRAIL

Saturday 15th June

Times :	10.30	Start of Family Pet Show
	11.15	Start of Scarecrow Trail
		(Last maps sold at 1.15)
	2.00	Opening of Fun Day
	3.30	Annual Draw (1st Prize £100)

Fantastic family entertainment - guaranteed!

Pet Show entries and Draw tickets

Ring Debbie Tennison (670151).

Scarecrow Trail (Theme : Television)

To enter a scarecrow ring Cherie Blenkin (670811).

G.W.Wilbraham : The History of Roos - 35

Roos Church (continued)

(Some of the material repeats topics that covered before but does so in different ways.)

Parsons

38.	Edward Milsom, M.A.	17 th July 1891
39.	Cyril Outram, M.A.	29 th October 1891
40.	Harold D.Glover, M.A.	17 th August 1926

Mr Milsom was presented to the living by Sir Tatton Sykes, having come from a parish on the Wolds. He remained a bachelor for many years but in 1914 married a lady from Norfolk.

The Old Rectory and its land

The Rectory was a Victorian mansion. Because it was too big for him, Mr Milsom was given permission to sell it and build a more suitable one on part of the glebe land.

A terrier (church audit) describes the Rectory at that time :

"The house is built of brick, roofed with tiles, and comprises three sitting rooms, entrance, kitchen, scullery, wash-house, pantry, larder, coal cellar, five bedrooms, two dressing rooms and attics, a bathroom, linen cupboard, store cupboard, two water closets and two earth closets, a wine cellar.

"The outbuildings consist of stables, one loose box and two stalls, coach house and saddle rooms, bedroom and lofts.

"The garden contains about one and a half acres and there is about four and a half acres of grassland, the hedge on the south of which belongs to the Dickinsons."

The old Rectory and some of its land were bought by Mr and Mrs William Dickinson. (Mrs Dickinson was the daughter of Canon Machell, the previous Rector). The land consisted of what had been ancient enclosures : plot

No. 63 on which The Rectory stood and plots 62, 64, and 65 across the beck. (The two plots to the north, formerly a vegetable garden, had been sold to Mr William Reed during the time of the previous rector.)

A few years later, after Mr William Dickinson's death in Lausanne, the Rectory plot eventually changed hands again and is now the site of the farmhouse at Elm Farm.

Mrs Dickinson with her two boys left Holderness to live in Norfolk. She kept for some time the land and houses on the east of the beck with Tom Sowerby acting as her agent. This property was eventually sold just before the Second World War to Mr B.N.Reckitt, the new owner of The Elms. He sold the old cottages at Dent's Garth to the tenants and planted young trees on the rest of the land.

The church building

Changes in Mr Milsom's time

(Mr Milsom had independent means and was a major benefactor to the church. Many improvements and changes were made during his incumbency, some at his own expense. Other benefactors seem to have been inspired by his example.)

The Chancel Screen

On September 29th 1894 the Chancel Screen was given to the church by J.T.Woodhouse, Esq., J.P., D.L.I., later Lord Terrington, as a memorial to his uncle, Mr Samuel Woodhouse.

It was made in dark oak. The design was by Temple Moore. The work was done by Shepherdson of Driffild.

The upper part is divided on each side into four parts, with rich tracery work above each division. The tracery over the opening is remarkably beautiful. Surmounting all there is an elaborately-carved heading, the line of which is broken by shields bearing sacred monograms and the

cross keys of St Peter. The lower part of the screen is panelled and carved with a "linen-fold" design. Along the top of the panels there is a Latin inscription :

To the Glory of God and in pious memory of Samuel Woodhouse who died at the age of 82 on the vigil of the Feast of St Peter 1893. This was erected by his nephew J.T.Woodhouse.

The architecture is in Early Tudor style and resembles the old screen in Garton Church.

Priest's vestry

In 1896 woodwork in the priest's vestry showed signs of dry rot. A concrete floor was laid and covered with wood blocks.

New baptistery and choir vestry

In the same year the two galleries at the west end of the north and south aisles were replaced by a baptistery south of the door and a choir vestry to the north of it. They were enclosed by screens, an open one round the baptistery, a closed one round the vestry.

Information not given by Mr Wilbraham

The two galleries at the west end must have been railed-off enclosures.

I have a copy of an old plan of the church pews in 1842. It names the designated occupants, possibly the "owners" at a time when pew-rents were paid.

At the back are two areas that were presumably the "galleries". Their occupants - segregated as if in pens by their sex and lowly status - were identified as follows.

Where the choir vestry now is : Sunday School Boys; Free seats for Men; Dickensons' Labourers.

Where the font now is : Sunday School Girls; Free seats for Women; Poor House Seats.

L.H.

The nave

Next year the floor and seats in the nave were restored and the centre aisle was widened, more convenient at funerals and confirmations. Greater width was allowed between the seats. (The chancel was still unfurnished.)

New heating system

In 1899 the old heating apparatus was worn out. It was replaced by Haden. Underground ducts were laid to conduct cold and warm air. Like its predecessor, the new "furnace" was sited in the vault (i.e. where many members of the Sykes family had been buried).

The chancel floor was raised by one step. Except in the aisles, iron gratings were replaced by stone slabs.

Only one memorial stone was found in the chancel floor. It bore the inscription : "Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth, fifth daughter of William and Mary Dickinson, who died November 22nd 1838 aged 11."

It was moved a little from its original position so as to keep it visible, though it still rested over part of the grave beneath.

The font

When the baptistery was made, the font was moved from under the belfry arch. (The pulley is still fixed in the wall.) Rev Hawkes Mason, curate, gave a brass ewer and also an altar book bound in red morocco, a Litany book and

velvet covering for the Litany desk, and two handsome copies of The Book of Common Prayer.

Walls, pillars and roof

This rector also arranged for the whitewash on the interior walls to be cleaned off and the stonework of the arches and piers was brought to light. The walls were distempered and the roof timbers washed and stained.

The Women's Help Society

The Women's Help Society did good work for the church in those days. The branch lasted from 1903 till 1937, when the national organisation decided to close it down. The Society provided, among other things, heavy curtains for the church door and iron rods and rings to hang them.

Other gifts

In 1909 Mrs Woodhouse and her sister, Mrs Halliday, presented two churchwardens' wands with finials of small brass Maltese crosses.

In 1911 Sir Tatton Sykes gave two brass chandeliers, with the Sykes coat of arms. They stand in the Sanctuary.

The Rood

The Bishop of Hull dedicated the Rood on All Saints' Eve 1913. The architect was Temple Moore. Messrs Beyaert, Bruges, sculpted and coloured the figures. William Atkinson, Roos, made the Cross and pedestals and erected the figures.

Dr H.Woodhouse and Mr C.A.Found, churchwardens, expressed the parishioners' gratitude to Rev.E Milsom for his gift, a beautiful addition to the church he loved.

Banner and Processional Cross

In 1915 Major and Mrs C.F.Milsom gave a large brass processional cross. They had already given a beautiful banner depicting the Blessed Virgin and Child.

The Reredos

In the spring of 1916 the decaying plaster reredos was replaced by an oak one with an arched canopy.

In 1919, at the close of the 1st World, the centre was adorned with a picture of Our Lord enthroned, surrounded by four mystic creatures representing the Evangelists and by S.Ambrose, S.Augustine, S.Gregory and S.Jerome.

It was dedicated by Archbishop Lang in memory of two of the Rector's nephews (Sidney & Edward Winfred Milsom) and of the Roos men who also fell in the Great War : Spencely Brown, Clement Metcalf, Harold and Percy Carrick, Louis Irwin Kirk and Robert Kirby.

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