



The Rooster

Roos Village Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 14th October was attended by Cllrs Cheeseman, Craggs, Cook, Helliwell, Kirk, Priest (Chair) and Winter. An apology was recorded on behalf of Cllr Grant, who was on holiday. Cllr Stewart Willie (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) was in attendance.

Minutes

After correction of a minor error (Cllr Cook had not been present) the September Minutes were approved.

Arising from the Minutes

Road signs

Cllr Willie explained that several chevron signs at bends had been stolen for their aluminium content. They would be replaced by plastic signs. The Highways Department should be informed if any more were taken.

The Clerk had been informed that new signs would be placed at the Aldbrough crossroads but that the proposed "rumbles" on the approach roads would need to wait until better weather in 2003.

Development east of Main Street

The Chairman referred to Parish Council objections, often expressed, about the use of the playing field track to gain access to the site.

He read a letter from Mrs Penny Farey, Head of Roos C. E. School. She had two concerns about the use of this road by heavy vehicles : there was a risk of damage to the school's boundary fence, which was vital for children's safety, and there was a hazard for children themselves going to and from school.

Councillors shared both concerns. One reported the way in which large vehicles obstructed traffic when they drew across the main road to reverse into the access track. Another commented that trees had already been damaged as vehicles negotiated the tight bends at the start of the track. Several reflected that it should have been - as they had recommended - a condition of planning consent to allow access only via the Greenacre site.

Cllr Winter said that heavy vehicles would spoil the track, which the Playing Field Committee had done much to make firm. He added, however, that the developer had a right of way to his development site to the east of Main Street. Other councillors argued that the right of way did not extend all the way as far as the cricket pavilion.

Some councillors noted that access via the Greenacre site

would not be available until the ground there had been drained and the gable of Hansa House had been protected. It seemed unlikely that this work would be done before all the plots had been built up.

Others observed that both the playing field and the track to it were owned by the East Riding. They argued that, in spite of the right of way, the authority should restrict the use of the access track.

Cllr Willie said that he would pursue the matter in the hope of finding an acceptable solution.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mrs Farey reporting the issues discussed and pointing out that the Parish Council were doing all they could.

Correspondence

Council Tax 2002 - 2003 : Parish Council precept

The East Riding required, by January 2003, notification of the sum required by the Parish Council. In May there would be elections both for parish councils and for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and possible costs to meet. The Clerk was asked to enquire the likely cost if Parish Council nominations required a ballot. The level of precept required would be decided at the next meeting.

Local Agenda 21 Action Plan

John Kelly, Sustainable Development Officer, reported that implementation of the Action Plan had had some success but that more remained to be done. He requested Parish Council suggestions for further local action.

Cllr Helliwell approved of the facility in the Roos Arms car park for the recycling of newspapers and of glass bottles. He asked if the facility could be extended to include receptacles for plastic containers and metal cans. The Chairman had heard that the existing receptacles were under-used : if they were not used more they might be removed.

Cllr Willie said that it was current policy to supply recycling facilities for cans and plastics only at official amenity sites. However, if there was sufficient demand it would help the argument to supply them also in villages.

Parish Forums

Colin O'Connor, Parish Councils Liaison Officer, had written about forums to be held at various venues : at Goole, Driffield, and on 29th November at Beverley Leisure Centre. East Riding councillors and officials

would be present and the topic would be budgeting. Questions and suggestions would be welcome. Since refreshments would be available, the numbers wishing to attend were required by 15th November. The Parish Clerk asked councillors who wished to attend to ring her as soon as possible.

Parish councillors and the Code of Conduct

Darryl Stephenson, Chief Executive of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, had written about a case concerning Shiptonthorpe Parish Council. It had been alleged that a councillor had breached the Code of Conduct : he had not withdrawn from a meeting during consideration of an issue in which he had a personal interest.

The Standards Board had recommended that, as legislation then stood, no further action should be taken. They added, however, that if the 2000 Act had been in place there would have been a case to answer.

The 2000 Act was now in place. Mr Stephenson stressed that all councillors should be aware that they now faced serious scrutiny if they breached the Code of Conduct.

E.R. of Yorkshire Council Chairman's Awards

Cllr Mrs Rowan Blake-James, Chairman, had written about this year's awards, for which nominations were required by 31st January. There were several nomination categories, all of which concerned service to communities whether by East Riding employees or by members of the public. Nominations would be scrutinised to provide a short-list. Short-listed nominees would be invited for interview. There would be a presentation ceremony for successful participants on 13th May.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Two lengthy booklets outlined the obligations of all councils. It was agreed that they should be circulated to members for discussion at next meeting.

Winter Classical Concerts

(Various venues). At the Northfield Club, Withernsea :

Nov 15 2.00 The Minstrels. £3.50.

Nov 29 12.00 Johnson String Quartet. £6 & £4.

Details and tickets from June Mitchell (01482 - 392651).

Printed material circulated by the East Riding

Housing Strategy 2002/3 - 2005/6

Develop : Chartermark Award

Rural Bus Routes

Hand-in-Hand (Child Care & Early Years Newsletter)

Sports Talk

East Riding & Hull Drug Action Team / HANWAG

Planning

Notice of decisions

The Area Planning Committee had approved the following developments on the site east of Main Street.

Plots 1, 3, 6. Plots 9 - 14.

New applications : None.

Planning problems

Owstwick

The Parish Clerk reported a procedural failure over the revised application by Mr Makey to erect a store for agricultural equipment at Owstwick. The Parish Council had supported the application and the Clerk had reported the fact but the documentation had later disappeared. The application would apparently need to be resubmitted. Cllr Willie said he would try to facilitate the matter.

Sand-le-Mere

Cllr Willie referred to another procedural failure. It concerned the application for resiting and protection work at Sand-le-Mere. Other agencies to which the application had been referred for comment had not responded. Then the Area Planning Committee had considered the matter without noting that the proposed work by a private owner would breach their planning policy for coastal protection. An apology had been made and Cllr Willie would attempt to resolve the problem.

Any other business

Cllr Kirk referred to the mass of correspondence tabled at the meeting. Some items were information circulars that individual members did not need to read in detail. Others were substantial documents that required more attention from each member than time and circumstances usually allowed. She asked if correspondence could be handled more effectively.

Cllr Craggs quoted the example of questionnaires, which needed consideration by each member.

Cllr Helliwell said that sometimes questionnaires had simply been passed, without discussion, to the Clerk to complete. It was true that the longest and often the most important documents were often inadequately addressed. He recommended that council procedures should be considered as an Agenda item at the next meeting. This was agreed.

Cllr Willie offered useful advice from his own time as Chairman of Burton Pidsea Parish Council and the Chairman thanked him for his suggestions.

Roos Parish Council

Next meeting

Monday 11th November

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

Roos & District Horticultural Society

Whist Tournament

Roos Memorial Institute

Monday 18th November

7.30 start. Admission : 50p (including supper)
For your 2003 diary

Feb 23 Annual General Meeting.

Apr 5 Spring Show. Roos Memorial Institute.

Jul 5 Summer Show. Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall.

Ted and Pauline Ogram



On 28th September the sale of agricultural equipment marked - after 42 years - the end of the Ogram family's tenure of North Farm. On the same day Ted and Pauline moved to their new home at Sunnybank Lodge, Hull Road, Skirlaugh.

Ted's parents, Charles and Annie Ogram, moved to North Farm in 1960 when Ted was 23. They came from Low Farm, Ganstead. (By pure coincidence, the couple taking over at North Farm also come from Low Farm.)

North Farm is a holding of 222 acres and was at one time part of the Dickinson estate. After World War 2 it was bought for £4,700 by the Ann Watson Trust. This was an 18th century charity endowed by the wife of a Rector of Hedon and originally intended to care for "genteel Christian ladies", specifically the widows and orphaned daughters of clergy. The trust owns a number of farms, the rents from which now support homes for the elderly.

Before her marriage Pauline lived in Hull where she worked as a librarian. She met Ted at a dance in Skirlaugh. They married in 1961 and lived at first at North Farm before setting up their own home in about 1970 at Aysgarth, South End. From the 1970s Pauline

worked at Withernsea library. In 1975 Ted's father and mother retired to Withernsea and Ted and Pauline moved into the farmhouse. They have both lived in Roos for over forty years.

Their daughter Janet was born here and attended the village school and Withernsea High School. She lives in North Newbald but commutes daily to Horbury High School near Wakefield where she is Head of Art.

Not surprisingly, Ted and Pauline have many happy memories of their life in Roos.

Pauline remembers with pleasure the time when Roos Show was actually held in Roos, the years when the church's annual Dedication Service was followed by open-air events at The Elms, and her involvement with Brownies and with events at the school.

Ted, who ran a youth club in the Institute in the 1970s, reflects on the spread of new housing since he came to Roos in 1960. At the time South End had few buildings. There was no Chestnut Garth, no South Park, no Elm Garth. To the west of South End Road there was only one dwelling between Manor Farm and Moidart. On the whole he does not regret the new developments, which brought new people to contribute to the life of the village, though he feels that some have been too congested.

In 1996 they had a serious car accident. Pauline suffered a broken arm and Ted a broken femur and head injuries. They were overwhelmed by the sympathy and support they were shown in the village and will never forget people's kindness.

Needless to say, they have many friends in Roos and are both sorry to leave but are looking forward to a restful and well-earned retirement.

Advertisements

No charge is made for events run by local groups.

Personal and business advertisements :

Small ads : 5p a word. Minimum 30p.

Display : £2.00 / col. inch. (2 columns / page).

Small ads

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THE *Virgin* COSMETICS COMPANY

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Monday 21st October

8.0 p.m. at The Nancy Inn, Burton Pidsea

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All Saints', Roos

Churchwardens : Mr Barrie Broom (670113) & Mr B.Jackson.
Rev. Phillip and Mrs Joy Moate left at the end of September.
During the interregnum - i.e. until a new priest is appointed -
the contact for church matters will be the churchwardens.

Contact the Rural Dean, Rev. S.Robinson (01482 - 898375) on
matters concerning baptisms, marriages, funerals, and home or
hospital visits.

*(Some of the details above and the letter below are reproduced
from the South Holderness Deanery Magazine. The letter was
written after the farewell at Roos School reported last month.)*

Phone : 01430 - 810604

The Rectory,
Lockington,
Driffield,
YO25 9SU.

Dear Friends,

This is going to sound awfully like a vicar's letter!

I have just left a leaving party to end all leaving parties.
Joy tells me it was like heaven, a large hall full of people
we know and love. I'll try to avoid names so as not to
embarrass anyone unduly but we have had the most
marvellous of nights. The school with present and past
students was an ideal setting for the community to meet
and celebrate.

People each with a story that makes them special.

The Roos & South Holderness Singers, who have played
such an important part in our lives, set the evening off so
well.

The people of Garton and Grimston, Roos, Tunstall,
Hilston and Owstwick working together for one common
purpose produced an excellent evening to mark our
leaving. Wonderful gifts (including a very substantial
cheque - That will stimulate the minds of the curious).

The most difficult of weeks, the most joyous of weeks,
was reflected in this wonderful evening.

A wonderful thing to realise.

Thank you.

With every good wish for the future.

Phillip and Joy.

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Donations, 1st April to December 31st 2002

Many thanks for recent donations from the following :

Mr & Mrs K.Teasdale Mr & Mrs P.R.Thompson

Mr & Mrs I.Tennison Mr & Mrs T.Woodhouse

Further contributions will be very welcome - a minimum
of £2.00 is suggested. The bank requires cheques to be
payable to "L.Helliwell".

ROOSTER DEADLINE

Please supply materials for the next issue by

Friday 8th November

to L.Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane (670291)

Coming events

October

26 Grand Autumn Fair. Tunstall Village Hall. From 2.0.

November

6 Roos WI. Memorial Institute, 7.30. Annual Meeting.

8 Rooster deadline.

11 Parish Council. Memorial Institute, 7.30.

18 Whist Tournament. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

February

23 Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting.

April

5 Horticultural Society Spring Show. Memorial Institute.

July

5 Summer Show. Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall.

Please supply details of your coming events

*If your village club or society needs publicity, its events
can be advertised free in a display advertisement.*

*In any case, we all benefit if this diary section includes
dates and venues of as many forthcoming events as
possible. Please supply them.*

Roos Cricket Club

*(Many readers will have seen this material before. It was
copied - slightly edited - from Mrs Mary Winter's local
news in "The Hull Daily Mail" on 12th October.)*

The Club held its annual dinner and presentation evening
at the Northfield Club on 4th October.

Presentations

Once again Jonathan Dearing was voted batsman, bowler,
and overall cricketer of the year. David Cowell was voted
fielder of the year.

Silver salvers were specially presented to Paul Kitchen
and David Winter for outstanding service to the Club.

Bouquets were presented to Helen Cowell and Clare
Wright for unstinting help in making and serving teas.

Success

The Club has made great strides over the last few years
and is now in the first Division. It is important for the
community to ensure that team sports in general continue
to thrive in Roos.

Junior Team

To ensure further success a junior team has been formed.
It has played local friendly matches but it has not been
possible to find a competitive league for the youngsters,
though some have played in a few senior games.

Since the senior side needs more young players and the
youngsters need more help, experienced players Peter
Dearing and Dudley Hulme have committed themselves
to give time to the second team in the hope of developing
their game in a lower division.

Running two teams requires more players and help will
be needed from parents and other volunteers both to
provide transport and to finance the project.

For further information call Peter on 01482 - 440956.

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Friendly Societies

The Medieval Trade or Craft Guilds were the prototype of the modern friendly society. Their convivial aspect still survives in the annual feast of some village clubs. The germ of the present system of mutual provident associations is contained in Daniel Defoe's "Several Projects" (1696).

By the 18th century these societies had become social clubs rather than a means of providing their members with mutual support in hard times. However, in Victoria's reign various pieces of legislation - e.g. the Friendly Societies Act of 1875 - set them on sound principles so that members were assured of the benefits their society offered.

It is not surprising that Roos had been slow to form a lodge of its own. It was not till 1869 that a lodge was formed of The Ancient Order of Free Gardeners. The Order was of considerable antiquity : the oldest known lodge was at Dunfermline, dating from 1715.

Before 1869 Roos men who wished to belong to a society joined The Druids at Burton Pidsea. A few were members of the Free Gardeners lodge at Withernsea (from which a

man named Atkinson used a pony and cart to collect monthly subscriptions in Roos) until sufficient members became keen enough to form the Roos lodge.

The Parish Magazine records that in April 1901 a general meeting in the club room was chaired by the Rector, Rev E.Milson. The special speaker, a Mr Drewery of Hull, recommended registration to ensure the proper security and investment of funds and it was agreed to register the Roos Lodge.

The anniversary was observed in July of that year. Members of the Albany Lodge processed to church, preceded by the Thorngumbald band. A dinner was afterwards held and the guests included the Rector, Dr H. Woodhouse, Dr R.C.Field and Mr T.Enfield Kirk. In those days the membership was over a hundred.

After Lloyd George introduced National Insurance in 1911 the activities of the lodge diminished and no new members have come along to replace those who die. I remember two of their number attending club meetings to collect subs - Hugh Johnson and Herbert Burn, the latter of whom is the last member.

Postal Office Services

In former times postal arrangements were very primitive.

In the 16th century the delivery of letters was truly by Royal Mail. The monarch's couriers carried messages of state on horseback. Fresh horses for them were kept at staging posts - posthouses - so that couriers should not be kept waiting but could "post" on without loss of time. In the reign of Charles I the public were invited to use these posts.

Coaches for the Royal Mail were introduced in the 18th century but postal rates were excessive - and the charges were paid by the receiver.

In 1820 a fixed scale of charges was introduced. A single letter cost 5d for a distance not exceeding 15 miles. A distance of 400 miles cost up to 13d. A packet one ounce in weight was counted as four single letters. In 1829 a letter from Driffield to the Roos Overseers cost 6d, from Beverley 10d, from Doncaster 8d and from Leeds 9d.

In 1840 the Penny Post came into operation. The rate was one penny per half ounce, irrespective of distance.

Local arrangements

Then, as now, Hull was the nearest post town to Roos. Letters from the north came to Hull via York; from the south they came via Brigg and Barton and then by packet to Hull.

A small post office was established at Patrington about the end of the 18th century. A John Wing was running an "accommodation" coach or carrier's wagon from Hull twice a week, and letters were brought as well. They were fetched from Patrington by a servant at the Rectory.

Between 1851 and 1888 many offices were opened in the surrounding district, the postmaster usually being a shopkeeper.

The first Roos postmaster was John Hastings, a boot-and shoe-maker who lived at the corner of Ellaby Lane (*i.e. the corner of Hodgson Lane opposite the Black Horse*). The post office has been housed there since, as well as at other small shops in the village including the present village shop and the neighbouring house when that was a village shop and also at one time a small shop at the entrance to Ivy Row.

At first the the only business was selling stamps and despatching mail as directed by the Hull postmaster.

When the Hull-Withernsea railway came into being in the middle of the 19th century the local postmaster sent Roos mail to Ottringham railway station.

As time went on business developed - e.g. postal and money orders were sold. In 1897 the telephone system made it possible to send and receive telegrams. Since 1929 the local office has despatched and received mail bags directly to and from Hull by motor transport.

In 1926 the Parish Council succeeded in bringing a public telephone to the village. The kiosk was at first in the post office but now there is one in the main street available day and night. At first the public telephone was not a financial success and had to be subsidised out of the rates but now it is widely used and is a boon to the village as well as to visitors.

The local post office is nowadays a very busy place...

(Mr Wilbraham goes on to list most of the services we have now come to expect of the Post Office.)

(The future of village post offices is now under threat - "If you don't want to lose it, use it." So too must be the future of public telephones since most households now have their own phones and mobile phones are widely used.

L.H.)

Two aerial views of Roos to use the page. As usual, they are much better full size and in colour.

