



The Rooster

Roos Village Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council

At the meeting on 8th September all members were present except for Cllr Mrs J. Smales, who had sent her apologies. East Riding Cllr Mr R. Stead was in attendance.

Minutes

The August Minutes were approved.

Arising from the Minutes

Affordable Housing

Katherine Atkinson had offered to attend a meeting but was now employed elsewhere. An alternative speaker had been promised.

Litter Bin

A proper bin for the "Village Green" would be costly: the model recommended by the East Riding would cost £242 + VAT; installation would cost £65; because the site was Parish Council land, there would be a charge of £62 per year for the bin to be emptied every fortnight.

Members felt that the total cost would be extravagant, even if, in the new financial year, there might be some contribution from the authority.

It was agreed that a different site should be considered to reduce the overall cost. Meanwhile, the Chairman would discuss the matter further with County Hall.

Broken hydrant markers

Yorkshire Water had undertaken to replace the broken concrete markers on the "Village Green".

Tree maintenance

Tree branches obstructing traffic sightlines near the school and on Rectory Road were to be removed "before March".

Path to Tunstall Church

There had still been no progress, though it was now suggested that the path should be more substantial (and more costly) to make it more suitable for the carrying of coffins into church. It was hoped that the Friends of Tunstall Church might help with the cost. Cllr Craggs would report to the next meeting.

Wheelchair access

There had been no reply yet to the request to identify sites where dropped kerbs could be provided and other accessibility problems be solved.

Speed cameras

Cameras were to be installed to discourage speeding in restricted areas of the village.

East Riding Open Space Policy

Copies of the policy had been provided for all members at the last meeting. Cllr Helliwell welcomed the document but wished it had addressed a problem facing villages such as Roos – i.e. the disappearance of open spaces within the built environment. *(This issue is developed in an article later in the newsletter.)*

Planning

A further letter had been received opposing the application to extend the garage at Cherry Hill to provide a granny flat. The letter was read out and noted. It would be passed to the Planning Department.

Quality Parish Councils

Advice had been sought from Colin O'Connor, the East Riding's Parish Councils Liaison Officer. In his opinion an application for Quality Parish Council status at present would be premature since the implications of the scheme were not clear and the machinery for assessing applications had not been set up. Most members agreed.

Cllr Helliwell noted that Roos would not be eligible to apply until after the next local election. It was a requirement that 80% of a council's members should have stood for election. In May only seven of the Roos parish councillors had stood (77.7%); two were later co-opted.

Attendance of East Riding councillors

The presence of Cllr Richard Stead was welcomed. He said he was glad to be present but pointed out that meetings often clashed. In order to attend he had had to send his apologies for absence from the Withernsea Town Council meeting. He and his fellow councillors would come to help on specific issues but could not attend every meeting as a matter of course. The point was taken.

Correspondence

Standards Board for England (48-page booklet). Noted Guidance for Standards Committees investigating alleged offences by councillors against the Code of Conduct.

DEFRA : Rural Services Standards. Noted.

Yorkshire Wolds & Coast Primary Care Trust :

Annual Report 2002 - 2003. Noted.

East Riding : Scheme of Members' Allowances

The scheme could be adopted by parish councils. Members agreed that the scheme should be adopted in

principle (e.g. to reimburse substantial travel costs), even though the need would seldom arise.

East Riding : Distraction Burglary (Bogus callers)

Seminar, 11th September. No member able to attend.

Local Access Forum. Noted.

Mr Otto Peetoom, The Quoin, Rectory Road

Mr Peetoom had written about damage to the willow tree at the corner of his property. Branches had twice been caught by high agricultural machinery entering Lamb Lane. On the first occasion, instead of backing up, the driver had forced his way through, leaving two branches sagging a few inches above the road, a danger to other road users. On the second occasion branches were strewn over the road. On both occasions the parties responsible made no attempt to stop but simply carried on.

In a second letter Mr Peetoom said that the tree was already mature when he bought the property in 1984. Branches 14 to 16 feet above the road did not constitute a hazard. He observed that the public were fond of trees yet it appeared that some farmers had, "no consideration or respect for any tree in their way."

He alleged that Lamb Lane had been narrowed by encroachments from properties on the other side of the road. His own boundary hedge was over 100 years old. In former days, "it was not necessary for the farming community to bulldoze their way down the village lanes."

The Parish Council agreed that they had no powers to act – except, as one councillor proposed and others agreed, to ask the Highways Department whether the branches of Mr Peetoom's tree were too low and constituted a danger to traffic.

Members noted that no property on the other side of Lamb Lane had had its boundary extended into the road.

Treasurer's Report

Cllr Winter said that the internal audit of Parish Council accounts for the two years 2001-2 and 2002-3 had been carried out by Mr Howard Walsh. Members approved payment of the audit fee : £141.00.

Planning

New application

3 Elm Garth (Peter & Lesley Dearing)

Extension for a dormer window. Approval recommended.

Decision by the Area Planning Committee

2 Orchard Close (Mr I. Tennison)

Conservatory to the rear. Approved.

Any Other Business

Tunstall

Cllr Craggs raised a number of topics.

- Parish land. The plot between the Village Hall and the church had been ploughed and levelled. There was no indication where a fence might be erected to preserve access round the Village Hall.

- Traffic. There was concern about the speed of vehicles

passing through the village. A restriction was desirable or at least some "Slow" signs. It was agreed to request a visit by a Highways Department officer. Cllr Craggs offered to be present.

- Hilston Road. Since the coast road from Tunstall to Hilston had been closed, there was a need for passing places on the Hilston Road from Roos (a point made at a previous meeting). Agreed.

Bulb planting

The Chairman reported that Mr Bowden had asked if the Parish Council wanted him to organise the purchase and planting of bulbs this year. It was agreed to ask him to proceed, at a cost, as last year, of about £120. Cllr Kirk asked if bulbs other than daffodils and narcissi could be considered, for example. Some members thought that daffodils and narcissi would be the more practicable.

PUBLIC SESSION

Litter bins and wheelchair access

Cllr Stead commented on the discouraging response of the East Riding on litter bins and the delay in replying to the request for dropped kerbs. He repeated his previous advice : copies of letters to East Riding officers should be sent to him so that he could pursue the issues in person with the officers concerned.

Withernsea & South Holderness Regeneration Budget

Cllr Stead said that Withernsea had received a good deal of funding from this source. He asked if Roos had benefited. Help has in fact been given or promised to the Cricket Club and the Children's Playground Association.

Cllr Helliwell reminded colleagues that there was to be a presentation about the scheme in the Memorial Institute on 27th September between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

Street Lighting

A resident said that a lamp in Beechwood Views had been unlit for some time. The advice was to report the fault to the East Riding, supplying the number to be found on the lamp standard in question.

Mr John Ward's shopping list

Mr Ward raised a number of issues.

- Traffic speeds. There was a need for measures to slow traffic near the school and playing field (especially in view of the projected children's playground). A zebra crossing would be the best solution.

- Village seats

The seat opposite Cherry Hill was very rusty. It was explained that the seat in question (donated by the family of the late Mr Brigham Reed) was made of metal to make it less vulnerable to vandalism.

Cllr Cheeseman referred to other village seats. For many years he had been commissioned to inspect and repair them when necessary. He offered to survey all the seats and report to the next meeting.

- A bus shelter

The village needed shelter in the centre of the village. It

could be sited near the entry to Hinch Garth. Cllr Helliwell recalled a request some years ago for shelter at North End, particularly for schoolchildren. The move to provide a shelter had fallen through because of the need to satisfy Highways as to the suitability of its location and what was regarded as being the exorbitant cost of a commercially-produced shelter. It was agreed to pursue this matter at the next meeting.

- **Road sign**. The road south from the Old School needed a sign : South End (Road). This was the only unnamed road in the village. Lack of a sign made life difficult for strangers trying to find an address.
- **Road salting**. There should be a supply of salt at South End for use in icy conditions, either in South End Road or in Lamb Lane (where persistent icing and the lack of a continuous pavement made conditions dangerous for pedestrians). Cllr Grant said that for some years he had tried to ensure a supply of salt for use on the road near the church.

(Members did not agree action on all of these points but they will appear in the Minutes and may be considered under "Matters Arising" at the next meeting.)

Public participation

Cllr Helliwell observed that, although the Chairman had formally closed the meeting, members had considered the issues raised as if the meeting was still in session. This was entirely proper. The criteria for a Quality Parish Council included a requirement that public participation should be part of the agenda for meetings. It was agreed that in future this practice would be followed.

Roos Parish Council

Monday 13th October

7.30 in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public are always welcome.

Open space policy

The East Riding Open Space Policy discussed at the Parish Council meeting included some points relevant to villages such as Roos.

For example, it stressed that not only major authorities but parish and town councils as well could manage open spaces and that communities should have a say in their provision. Indeed it was stated that a community group (as a subsidiary of a parish council) could carry out work in an open space. As Roos develops such local functions may become important.

However, one problem facing rural villages was not directly addressed. This is the disappearance of open space *within the settlement*.

Since the end of the Second World War a great many fields, paddocks and roadside plots, have been developed for housing. Instead of openness around people's homes and streets there are now built-up areas, including :

The new development near the school	Elm Garth Lamb Lane
Hinch Garth	Cherry Hill Park
Pilmar Lane	Houses down to Dent's Garth
Beechwood Views	Chestnut Garth
Eastfield Estate	Dove Close
South Park	Orchard Close

The growth has been largely beneficial. Incomers have helped sustain village amenities – the school, shops, post office, pubs – and support many clubs and societies. Housing growth has saved Roos from rural decay.

But the gradual loss of space within the built environment is relentless and what is once lost cannot be restored. It may be time to consider saving what open space is left.

The Roos Village Design Statement raised this issue. When a draft of the document was submitted to County Hall, planners commented that the Playing Field already supplied more hectares of recreational space than guidelines recommend for the current population.

This statistical comment was discouraging and does not meet the point : namely that, like it or not, Roos is expected to grow and that at some future time it will be too late to look for green spaces within the village when they have all been built on.

The practical issue is even more sobering. Any green space preserved for the future will have to be bought and maintained. Who is to pay? The possibility of grants apart, the cost can be met only by residents, either by donations or fund-raising or an increase in the Parish Council's share of Council Tax.

As to the latter route, parish councils have the power to raise long-term loans. A loan could be paid back over a long period by bearable instalments of Council Tax.

Would residents support such a course? Perhaps not; but the question is worth asking.

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Coming events

Please supply details of your events

October

- 1 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
Trees (John Killingbeck)
- 3 All Saints' Harvest Supper. Memorial Institute. 7.30
- 4-5 All Saints' Flower Festival. 11.00 - 5.00.
- 5 All Saints' Harvest Thanksgiving. 6.30.
- 11 "Rooster" deadline.
- 13 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 17 Roos C.C. Presentation Night. Northfield Club. 7.45.

November

- 10 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 12 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. General Meeting.

December

- 3 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
The Headway Players (Mrs Joan Osborne)

Missing since 19th August

Please help us to find Millie.

Small female cat. No collar.

Mainly black / brown with ginger patches.

Please contact Janet or Janey
Porky's Place, Pinfold Lane, Roos.

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The Rooster

Recent donations have been gratefully received from :

Mr & Mrs D.Hulme,
Mr & Mrs A.Santos,

Mr & Mrs K.B.Teasdale
Mr & Mrs J.A.Ward

Further donations for 2003 will be most welcome.
(Cheques payable to "L.Helliwell"). Please place in an
envelope - with a slip giving your name and address and
the amount - and pass to me or to the Roos Stores. L.H.

ROOSTER DEADLINE

Please supply material for the next issue by

Friday 11th October

to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos.

01964 - 670291

Dressed to Win

Dull skies did nothing to dampen Bank Holiday high spirits at the Six-a-Side Fancy Dress Cricket Tournament on Sunday 24th August.

The well-attended contest was enjoyed both by the public and the weirdly-garbed teams they came to applaud.

The competition for the best attire, judged by Rev. Gordon Smethurst, was won by the Roos FC team.

About £480 was raised to help meet the running costs of the Roos Cricket Club.

Some spectators asked for assurance that another Tournament would be staged next year.

Clearly this necessary fund-raiser is now a popular annual event.

**Roos Cricket Club****PRESENTATION NIGHT**

featuring

Comedian Paul Levent

Northfield Country Club

Friday October 17th : 7.45 p.m.

Tickets : £17.00

G.W.Wilbraham : A History of Roos - 43

Snippets

These summarised extracts are from the very last pages of the History. They are often merely jottings, postscripts to what has gone before.

Tithes and rates in the 19th century will bore most people but the names of residents at the time may interest those with an interest in family history.

Roos Tithe 1809

Mr Wilbraham lists the tithe-payers in the order of their numbered plots on the map of the Roos Award 1784.

A R P = area in acres, roods and perches. No. = the plot number on the map.

The amounts paid are omitted here for reasons of space. They ranged from a halfpenny to a few shillings – but at a time when the pound was worth much more than it is now.

	A	R	P	No.		A	R	P	No.
Stephen Ganton	6	1	15	1 – 4	Rev. Mr Simpson		3	18	39
William Clapison	2	2	10	5	John Johnson	1	0	7	40
Church Land	1	1	28	6 & 35	Thomas Cook			5	41
Mrs Tindale	2	1	36	7 & 8	Edward Wallas	2	0	24	42, 43, 46, 53
James Foster	3	3	32	9, 10, 12	Mr W.Iveson	2	3	17	44, 45, 48
Mr Ed. Lorrimar	13	2	10	26, 27, 29, 30, 67	Francis Clapison		2	9	58
William Brown	1	3	24	11, 7, 14	John Wallas		2	16	49
William Booth		1	24	13	Mr W.Iveson		1	16	50
John Bilton	8	2	20	15, 16, 17, 19, 23	Marmaduke Wilkinson		3	2	52
John Marshall	2	0	0	13	Jeremiah Atkinson	1	1	4	51 & 57
Elizabeth Collinson			4	18	Benjamin Cookman	1	3	0	61
Joseph Ellarby	2	0	11	20 & 22	Matthew Capes		1	33	54
Samuel Pearson	3	1	16	28	Mr John Hutchinson	3	2	18	62, 64, 65
Henry Snaith	1	1	13	28	Rev. Mr Simpson		2		55
Robert Thompson			39	31	Edward Stephenson			28	56
Mathew Patrick	1	2	21	31	Glebe	4	3	28	
William Dixon		1	10	32	Church Land		3	18	
Thomas Dunn		1	26	?	Pinfold			3	
John Hastings		1	16	33	Rev. Mr Sykes	795	0	28	
Richard Ffenby		2	33	34					
David Ion			15	34					
Mary Coltman			21	36	Total acres of ancient enclosures		872		
Jon Collinson		1	37	37	Glebe and churchyard deducted		5		
Thomas Dixon		2	10	38	Remain		867		
					Total of tithe rents		£43 7s 2d		

Rent-Charge in lieu of Tithes in Owstwick, April 13 1843

Landowners	Occupiers	A.	R.	P.	Payable (£.s.d)
Lady Margaret Deerpurst	John Jackson	8.	1.	38	1. 7. 9¼
Clare College, Cambridge	George Dent	54.	2.	2	7. 15. 1
Sir Tatton Sykes, Bart.	Leon. & Jos. Ford	270.	2.	11	25. 18. 9
	Isaac Marshall			38	1. 2½
	William Richardson	2.	1.	17	10. 0
	William Ford, Carrier	4.	3.	11	1. 2. 3
	Edward Baxter	412.	2.	19	79. 0. 11¼
William Dean	William Dean	15.	1.	32	2. 13. 0¼
Mrs Booth	John Ford	15.	0.	34	3. 5. 4½
Mary Blenkin	L. & J. Ford	136.	1.	11	19. 10. 5
Hannah Sewell	William Wright	71.	2.	29	9. 5. 9½
B. Mitford Osbalton	Joseph Storr	221.	0.	26	2. 10. 8
Joseph Storr	Joseph Storr	64.	2.	5	8. 9. 5½
Joseph Storr	L. & J. Ford	6.	0.	30	17. 1¼
Edward Reynard	W. & F. Wright	27.	3.	24	5. 4. 3¼
William Ford	William Ford			24	9
Overseers of the Poor				24	9
Quakers' House			1.	7	
Sundries		1.	3.	29	
Total Acreage : Roads 13. 3. 29 plus above making :		1330.	2.	8	Total tithe : £167. 13. 8

Roos Tithe-payers

Alphabetical order of surnames

1877

Thos Barrett	Thomas Ford	Jos Wilson &
William Baxter	W.Marsden	Overseers
Thos Blenkin	Oldfield	James Wood
William Dean	F.Simpson	George Wright
	Thos Tuton	

1881

Wm Atkinson	Thos Crust	Peter Jackson
E.R.Bank	Crust - Ryder	W.Jackson
Jane Bilton	G.Dickinson	W.Johnson
Jno Bilton	W.Fewster	R.Jubb
Jno Bilton se.	Webster Fowler	Canon Machell
J.R.Boyd	Harbottle	William Reed
Church Gardens	J.Hastings	L.Stephenson
Churchwardens	Lord Hotham	R.Webster
B.Clappison	W.Hutchinson	E.Wallis
Crust	Ions, Devizes	R.Wallis
Crust, Clark	Ions Exors	S.Woodhouse
		B.Wright

Old enclosures : 872 acres, 3 roods, 34 perches.
Glebe & Churchyard : 5 acres, 3 roods, 6 perches.

The Bay Horse

The last house on the right going north. In the 19th century it belonged to Francis Atkinson. A board with his name and licence is in an outbuilding at Fred Billany's bungalow on Rectory Road, which was built by Atkinson.

A previous owner was Edwin Wallis's father, who also owned The Black Horse, then a shop. He took the licence from The Bay Horse to get a better price when he sold The Black Horse to a Brewery Firm. Marmaduke Medforth was the last host of The Bay Horse. Before him were a Preston and a Ryder.

Harry Jubb lived there until the 1st World War and moved into the present shop when his father became ill. (*The shop is now part of the northern end of The Folly.*)

Stephen Kirkwood of The Grange later bought the Bay Horse property and converted it and its outbuildings into three cottages (*Kirkwood's Cottages*).

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Correction

In August the heading for the article by Rev Gordon Smethurst gave a faulty list of the parishes in the combined benefice. It should have read : Roos and Garton in Holderness with Tunstall, Grimston and Hilston.

History of Roos

"Information from bits of paper." (No date is given!)

	Area			Rateable value			@ 7d in £		
	A	R	P	£	s	d	£	s	d
Roos	2414.	1.	19	3612.	3.	8½	105.	7.	0
Owstwick	1330			1636.	7.	6	47.	14.	4
Hilston	578			603.	0.	0	17.	11.	9
Tunstall	1194.	1.	27	1550.	16.	4	45.	4.	2
							215.	17.	3
Calculated deficiency from small ratepayers							5.	17.	3
							210.	0.	0

Mrs Hotham £25. (?)

The Ion Family

The Ions were residents and property-owners for most of the 19th century. When William Ion died in 1877 he left the following.

- Two cottages occupied by Charles Garbutt & Samuel Hebden.
- Two cottages occupied by Jane Robinson & Henry Stephenson.
- Dwelling house and shop behind (now Butcher's).
- Draper's shop and work-room cottage south of shop occupied by William Teng.
- Four cottages back of town (*i.e. on Rectory Road*) occupied by Thomas Cockerline, Peter Dove, Charles Kirk and George Pearcey.

Later Thomas Cockerline and George Stephenson pulled down mid-Roos. (*Mid-Roos? Without more details this information is somewhat unhelpful!*)

A printed copy?

I have now retyped all of Mr Wilbraham's "History of Roos". (The versions in "The Rooster" have been summarised extracts.) I still have to copy his maps and drawings. I shall then edit the whole work, removing repetitions and contradictions and turning notes into sentences. I shall try to make the work shorter and more readable – but without altering the substance.



It may be worth having it published in book form. Would there be sufficient interest to justify the expense? If you yourself might want a copy (price at present unknown!) please complete and return the slip. This will not be a commitment, merely a means of assessing the level of interest.

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