

The Rooster

Roos Village Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 8th December was attended by Cllrs Cheeseman, Cook, Craggs, Grant, Helliwell, Kirk, and Winter (Chair). Apologies : Cllrs Dodson and Smales.

Minutes

The Minutes of the November meeting were approved. The following were "Matters arising".

Litter bin. A bin is available and awaiting installation.

Path to Tunstall Church

Cllr Craggs reported that the Friends of Tunstall Church offered to pay 50% of the cost. Another quotation was being sought. (The existing figure was £600-700.)

The possibility of a grant was being considered through the Withernsea & South Holderness Regeneration Partnership. Cllr Craggs had an application form.

Cllr Grant recalled that the Parish Council had agreed in principle to make a contribution but he thought it should be for a specific amount. He proposed £200 and this was agreed. This would be to help defray the cost of a path from the churchyard wall to the highway.

Bus shelter. There had been a report of this item in "The Rooster". A resident near the possible site had written a long and cogent letter of protest. Cllr Grant said that no decision had been taken at the last meeting, not least because of the cost – about £4,400 + erection and maintenance. The Clerk said that no contribution was likely from the East Riding since Roos was not on a major bus route. There was no further discussion.

Vandalism

Cllr Helliwell referred to the offer (reported in "The Rooster") by the Withernsea Police Inspector to attend a meeting in Roos. It was agreed to invite the Inspector to the Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th February. Residents would be welcome to attend at 7.00 to hear the Inspector and put questions. The normal Council meeting would follow.

Cllr Helliwell reported a recent case of wilful damage to an elderly resident's property. The police had been informed, though not without initial difficulty since a phone call to 612371 could not get through – it was said that the lines had been "down".

Salt bin at Tunstall. The bin on the Tunstall-to-Hilston road, now closed to traffic, had still not been moved to the dip in the Roos-to-Tunstall road.

East Riding Chairman's Awards. No nominations had been suggested. None was submitted.

Parish Plans. Following his enquiry the Chairman had been sent a "Vital Villages" wallet. He had requested copies of material on Parish Plans, one for each member of the Parish Council. (*Copies available 10th December.*) The topic would be discussed at the January meeting and possibly at a public meeting thereafter.

Highways matters

Street names. The request for signs for Hilston Road and South End Road had been noted but not yet fulfilled.

Flooded path. The Clerk had reported the need for work to reduce flooding on the footpath at South End leading to Lamb Lane. The need had been noted.

Tunstall-to-Hilston road. The road, closed to motor traffic, was still used by cyclists but they were barred at the Hilston end. The matter was being considered.

Junction of Owstwick Road with the Aldbrough Road. The suggestion of a mirror to reduce risks at the blind junction had been rejected because it could itself be dangerous. Other safety measures were being considered.

Passing places on Hilston Road, Roos. No progress yet.

Projecting kerb near Roos School. Consideration pending.

Correspondence

East Riding matters

Household waste collection. Holiday arrangements noted.

Managed Release of Residential Development Sites

It was not possible to consider at the meeting this substantial chunk of "Interim Planning Guidance". Members were invited to borrow the one copy to read if they wished. (*See the item later in the newsletter.*)

Highways maintenance. Members were asked to complete a survey. Since it seemed mainly about how well roads were kept open in wintry weather, it was agreed to table the survey as an agenda item at the March meeting.

Roos Parochial Church Council

A letter outlined the financial pressures on the PCC, including the requirements of the diocese (the Diocesan Quota) and the fund-raising needed for new lighting. There was a request for a Parish Council grant specifically to help with the cost of maintaining the

churchyard. Members noted that £200 had been given in 2000 - 2001 and agreed to grant a further £200 now.

Accounts

Cllr Winter, Treasurer, announced receipt of £25.10 from Yorkshire Electricity as wayleave payment. Payment of the agreed £200 to the PCC was formally approved.

Planning

Cherry Hill, South End (Mr & Mrs Simmonds).

Extension to existing detached garage to form a granny flat. It appeared that the application was a resubmission of that tabled at the meeting on 21st July.

Following the July meeting members visited the site on 24th July. In August they decided not to support the application. The main reasons were :

- The structure would form a completely new dwelling, not an annexe to Cherry Hill.
- The original planning consent for the site had been for six dwellings, not seven.
- Building some of the residential accommodation on top of the existing double garage would create an unsightly frontage, out of keeping with the area and contrary to the criteria in the Roos Village Design Statement.

In October Cllr Richard Stead reported that the application had reached the Area Planning Committee. Knowing of the local concern, Cllr Stead and Cllr Hunter had requested a site visit. Parish councillors attended it and made their views known. Later Cllr Stead said that the Planning Committee had approved the application provided certain conditions were met.

Where best to build the houses

Approved by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council on 15th October, a document entitled *The Managed Release of Residential Development Sites* was tabled at the Parish Council meeting in December.

It consisted of 25 sheets, almost fifty A4 pages, densely printed, including small-print footnotes and nine Appendices. Only one copy was available. Not surprisingly, no discussion was possible at the meeting.

Government → Region →

Hull & East Riding Joint Structure Plan →

East Riding Development Plan → Roos Parish Council
Described as "Interim Planning Guidance", the East Riding document attempts to give an initial response to a new government "policy direction" entitled *Plan, Monitor and Manage*. Like a huge pyramid jigsaw, the whole planning system has to adjust to any change above.

So what's new?

Mention of "releasing" sites for residential development raises fears of whole chunks of open country being made available for housing – especially in view of the scary tales of such possible measures in the south-east.

In fact, all the old reassurances seem to be intact : the importance of using brownfield sites, especially in derelict inner-city centres; the recycling of buildings and

Members were puzzled at the resubmission to the December meeting. Minor changes had been made to the design but none of the Parish Council objections had been met. It was agreed to respond as before – i.e. to oppose the application for the reasons previously given.

Any Other Business

Police Community Forum, Keyingham. Cllr Craggs reported that he and Cllr Kirk had attended the forum. It had been well supported and very interesting. In a question-and-answer session some questioners had been disappointed that the Chairman (understandably) refused to accept specific cases for public consideration.

PUBLIC SESSION

"Snicket" to Beechwood Views. Mrs Ann Coupe said that the path from Main Street to Beechwood Views had been cleared and tidied. Whoever was responsible should be commended.

Well running dry? Mrs Coupe had been led to assume that the Withernsea & South Holderness Regeneration group might be disbanded. If so, an application for help to fund the Tunstall Church path might be too late.

Roos Parish Council
Monday 12th January
7.30 in The Memorial Institute
Members of the public always welcome.

plots no longer needed for their original purpose; the use of greenfield sites only as a last resort.

Even so, it seems that, over Hull and the East Riding as a whole, 50% of future development may need to be on greenfield sites. So should Roos tremble?

Chalk and Cheese

The area as a whole is divided into four sub-areas : North; Central; East; West. Central is the sub-area around Hull; West extends to and is focused on Goole; North covers the Vale of York and parts of the Wolds; East, our bit, includes the coastal strip and hinterland from Flamborough to Spurn Point. Each sub-area differs from the others and has different development priorities.

The benefits of disadvantage

The East Sub-Region, our patch, lacks "any likely significant employment growth." Sad though that is for the unemployed, the result is that there is unlikely to be much new development. The aim, therefore, will not be expansion but "regeneration and market renewal."

Footnote : But...

The document did not say so but, even if our area will not see much new housing, development that does take place will happen in selected settlements such as Roos.

Flat out

Some churchyard gravestones no longer stand erect but lie flat on the ground. Barrie Broom advises that their recumbency is not the result of vandalism but of action by the churchwardens on advice from the diocese. Where known, family members have been informed.

The aim is to ensure that stones that are leaning badly or otherwise unstable should be laid flat to prevent any risk of their falling and causing injury, especially to children. The precaution may have been especially necessary this year because months of dry conditions have caused exceptional ground settlement. Some families may wish to restore their stones to safe verticality.

Roos Cricket Club Annual General Meeting

Thursday 6th January

7.0 p.m. in the Playing Field Pavilion

ALL WELCOME

Net Practice

Fridays, from 9th January

5.0 - 7.0 : High School Sports Hall

Junior Coaching

Wednesdays from 14th January

6.30 : Playing Field Pavilion

**Enquiries : David Winter (01964 - 670234)
3 Chestnut Garth**

East Riding County Association Football League

Roos play in Division 5. Stuart Blenkin has passed on a leaflet with fixture dates. See Coming Events.

The Association is appealing for referees and offers training courses throughout 2004. Most last for seven weeks but there are two weekend courses at Hull University. For details phone the Association (01482 - 872014) or Frank Broughton (01482 - 221156).

"TIME" for reflection

Wealth

Proportion of U.K. wealth held by richest 1% of British citizens

18%

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40%

Chinese Toys

Number of toy factories in China

10,000

Proportion of world toy production, almost :

75%

Deadly record

Gary Ridgway, 54, pleaded guilty to a record number of 1980s murders in the Seattle area.

Number of women he strangled :

48

(*"TIME" magazine, 17th November.*)

Wilbraham's History of Roos

Only a print-run of hundreds will reduce the cost of a printed copy. If you wish to add your name to the list of those interested in eventually buying a copy ring :

01964 - 670291

Coming events

Club Secretaries please supply details

December

13 Football. Roos v Molescroft Rangers II. Home.

20 Football. Cross Keys, Howden v Roos. Away.

January

3 Football. Roos v Eastington Village. Home.

6 Cricket Club AGM. Playing Field Pavilion. 7.00.

7 Roos WI. Memorial Institute 7.30. Pie & Pea Supper and Quiz.

9 Friday net practices. High School Sports Hall. 5.0 - 7.0.

"The Rooster" : Deadline for material.

12 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

14 Junior Cricket Coaching. Wednesdays. H.S. Pavilion. 6.30.

February

4 Roos WI. Memorial Inst. 7.30. Police Underwater Search Unit.

In whose name?

World events grab the attention even in rural Holderness.

Cause?

None of us could ignore the terrible carnage when the twin towers of the World Trade Centre were destroyed by terrorists. We could all sympathise with President Bush's determination to track down those responsible.

Effects

All the same, his confidence that Bin Laden, the assumed master-plotter, could be taken by invading Afghanistan was not shared by all. And the cost in "collateral damage" - the deaths of Afghani civilians - was a high price to pay for the venture.

When no Bin Laden was found in Afghanistan, George W. Bush turned his attention to Iraq.

Saddam Hussein was accused of harbouring al-Qaeda terrorists and making weapons of mass destruction to use against the West.

In an ill-chosen phrase President Bush declared a Crusade against Iraq. His holy zeal raised fear and resentment through the Muslim world.

Massive superiority in military equipment ensured a speedy allied victory - but once again at the cost of innocent lives.

Ongoing consequences

Predictably, winning the war was easier than maintaining the subsequent "peace". Lives are still being lost on both sides. Body bags flown back to the States may yet affect Bush's chances of re-election.

Public opinion

There was a fair measure of international support for the war against Afghanistan. The UN vote gave it a legal basis.

The attack on Iraq was a different matter. There was no international consensus. Bush in effect branded France and Germany as traitors for questioning the evidence for weapons of mass destruction and opposing the invasion.

Many thousands of Britons marched against Tony Blair's "Trust me" case for the war. Saddam was a brutal tyrant but many doubted the wisdom and the legality of attacking Iraq.

A reviewer said that in his latest novel John le Carré was "incandescent" on the subject.

Le Carré writes :

"The war on Iraq was illegitimate... it was a criminal and immoral conspiracy.

No provocation, no link with al-Qaeda, no weapons of Armageddon. Tales of complicity and Osama were self-serving bullshit.

It was an old colonial war dressed up as a crusade for Western life and liberty, and it was launched by a clique of war-hungry Judaeo-Christian geopolitical fantasists who hijacked the media and exploited America's post-Nine Eleven psychopathy."

Saddam has now been captured. Does that discredit le Carré's argument? Was the war therefore justified?

Roos School, 1933 or 1934



- Back row** 1. Eric ("Sam") Suddaby (RoosFurze). 2. Ken Woodruff. 3. — ? 4. Stan Cook. 5. — ?
6. Ronnie Wilson (Black Horse. Killed in N. Africa, World War 2). 7. Alan Carter(Hollydene, South End). 8. William Maltas.
9. —. 10. Len Crowther.
- Front row** 1. — ? 2. Ronnie Sharp. 3. — ? 4. Frances Barron (Tunstall). 5. Kathleen Barron (Tunstall). 6. — ?
7. Dorothy James (sister of Mary, who m. Donald Maltas). 8. Dorothy Veal (Corner House, then a shop, opposite old school).
9. Mary Kirkwood (The Grange. m. Douglas Grayson). 10. Ralph Scott (L:ived with Sproxtons at Roos Arms)
11. Austin Maltas. 12. Peter Cheeseman (Michael's brother).

Roos Ladies' Cricket Team

1936 / 1937 ?

Back (L toR)

1. Elsie Carrick.
2. Mrs Ron Maltas (née Marjorie Duke).
3. Mrs Alan Foster (Maisie).
4. Marjorie Maltas.
5. Yvonne Smales (m. Stan Towler).
6. Mrs John Cook (Vinny).
7. Gwen Maltas.

Middle

1. Mary Wilbraham.
2. Emily Kirkwood.
3. Pauline Crowthor (m. Sidney Kirkwood).

Front

Elma Winter (sister of Ted).



Thank you

Mrs Mary Grayson kindly loaned the photos on this page and p.6 and provided most of the names.
(Please inform Leslie Helliwell of any additional names.)

The Rooster Donations

2003

Grateful thanks for recent donations to :

Mrs D.Burn, Mr & Mrs P.W.Cook, Mrs J.M.Keatings,
Rev Phillip & Mrs Joy Moate.

Further contributions for 2003 will still be welcome.
Please make cheques payable to "L.Helliwell". Supply a
slip, giving your name and address and the amount, and
pass to me or to the Roos Store.

A summary of the 2003 accounts will appear in
February – once the December bank statement is to hand.

2004

In January donations will be requested for the new year.
Donations for 2004 already gratefully received from :

Miss T.D.Brooker, Mrs D.Burn, Mr A.Coyne & Mrs L.
Wood, Mr & Mrs C.J.Hutchinson, Mrs J.M.Keatings,
and Rev and Mrs P.Moate.

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The Friends of Roos School

Debbie Tennison writes :

The FORS Committee would like to thank everyone who
came and to our Christmas Cookery demonstration with
Gerard Baker at Roos School. It was a fantastic evening.
Everyone enjoyed watching (and then eating!) the
Christmas "alternatives" Gerard prepared. He had come
back to the UK only the previous day but once again
came up trumps to support our fund-raising.

The Friends of Roos School CHRISTMAS DRAW

Friday 19th December

1st Prize : A Luxury Hamper

Tickets : 20p / £1.00 a book

Ring : Debbie 670151, Helen 671272
or Sally 671961

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News from Tunstall

A splendid community occasion

"Absolutely magnificent", Brian Garbutt's comment – and that was only about the food.

"Marvellous," said Mary Grayson. "I had to leave at 10.00 but didn't want to, I was enjoying myself so much. Heaven knows when the concert finished. Yet when I called first thing the next morning the hall was spotless. Everybody must have helped to tidy up."

These were just two comments about the Christmas Buffet and Carol Concert on 11th December.

Guests were given mulled wine on arrival and then enjoyed a flutter at Tombola before the Concert itself. This consisted of musical and spoken items interspersed with communal carol-singing.

The main advertised entertainers were The Holderness Quartet : Elizabeth Wilson, soprano; Pamela Airey, contralto; Brian Garbutt, tenor; and John Wilks, bass. Sadly, John Wilks (who normally travels from London for the Quartet's performances) was unable to attend

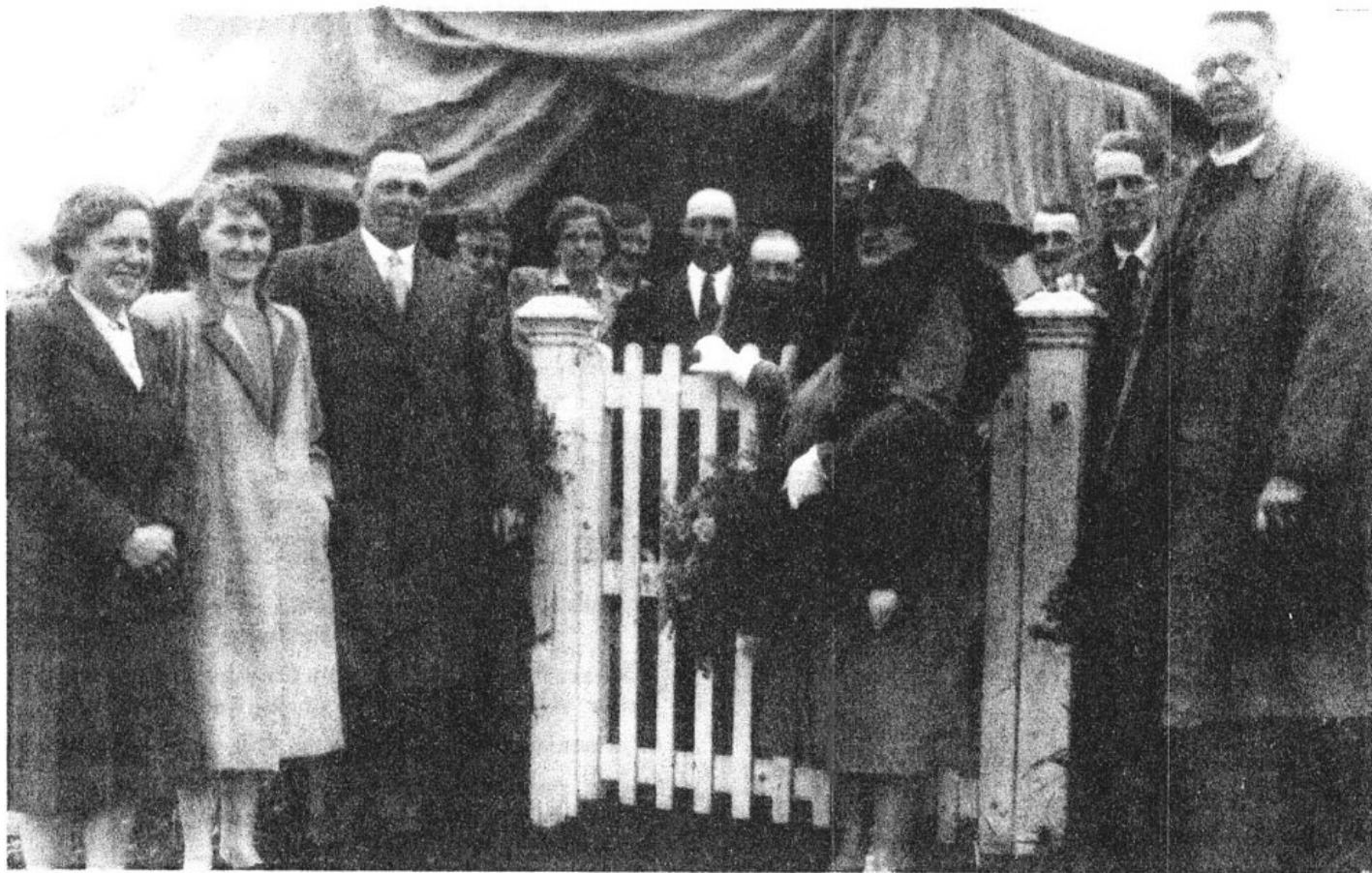
because of laryngitis. His colleagues sang well as a trio and were thoroughly appreciated.

A bonus was the presence of Janet Rust, who read some of her own seasonal comic verses to great amusement.

Half way through the evening a banging at the door heralded the incursion of a bewhiskered figure in a long black coat who proceeded to deliver a comic song to great effect. The "stranger" turned out to be parish priest Gordon Smethurst, who was accompanied on the piano by his wife Susan.

Admission was only £2.00 since profit was not the main purpose. Nevertheless, the occasion raised about £100, to be shared between the Church and the Village Hall.

Thanks to a band of industrious volunteers Tunstall Village Hall has been largely refurbished and is once again a valuable focus for the community it has served for some 45 years. The photograph below shows the occasion of its opening after being adapted from an ex-army hut. *(Can anyone verify the date - 1949?)*



Behind the hedge and gate, L to R : — ?, Mrs Barron, Mrs Clive Sullivan (Hilda), Mr Grantham, —?, Miss Hardwick, Cliff Collinson, George Wilbraham.

In front of the hedge / gate, L to R : Emily Kirkwood, Mary Hudson, Walter Evison, Mrs Walter Evison, Canon Christie.

The Wednesday Club

The Club meets (*Guess when!*) on Wednesday afternoons in the Village Hall and is proving popular with residents. Members recently enjoyed a Christmas lunch together at The Railway Inn, New Ellerby.

All lit up for Christmas

Pat Garbutt thought Tunstall needed brightening up to celebrate the season. No doubt with the benefit of her husband's know-how, a Christmas Tree now stands on the "Village Green" – the grass plot in front of the church.