



The Rooster

Roos Village Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 9th February was attended by Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Dodson, Grant, Helliwell, Kirk and Winter. Cllr Craggs was away and had sent his apologies. Cllr Smales was still on service in Iraq. East Riding Cllr Richard Stead also attended.

Minutes

After correction of an omission the January Minutes were approved. The following topics arose from the Minutes.

Litter bin. The bin was being installed.

Path to Tunstall Church. In Cllr Craggs's absence no report was available.

Visit by Police Inspector. The Clerk had written formally inviting Inspector McGiveron to the March meeting.

Tunstall salt bin. The bin had been installed in Main Street near Manor View.

Roads. There had been no action yet on the outstanding Highways matters.

Parish Plan. The Chairman had been in touch with Emma MacDonald. The Countryside Agency had noted the Parish Council's "registration of intent" and it would be possible to apply for a grant if it was decided to proceed. It was agreed to request a speaker at a meeting in April.

Overgrown hedge at Hinch Garth. Mike Peak had not yet contacted Cllr Dodson to deal with the matter.

Footpath on Rectory Road. The Chairman had spoken to the owner of Rectory Cottage and reported that further excavation was needed to install services. Once that was done the surface would be made good.

Correspondence

Humberside Police Liaison Committee. Members were invited to a meeting at Hedon Town Hall at 7.15 on Monday 16th February.

Yorkshire Wolds & Coast NHS. The Minor Injuries Unit at Withernsea Hospital had been restored.

East Riding Revenue Services. A letter asked if it would be possible at a village function to have a stall publicising the authority's service provision. The Chairman wondered if Roos Show would be a suitable occasion. The Clerk was asked to consult at County Hall.

Council Tax Housing Benefit. A Freephone number (0800-915023) was available. Persons who found it difficult to complete the application form could provide the details over the phone.

East Riding Anti-Social Behaviour Conference. The conference ("Reducing the Fear") would be held at the Willerby Manor Hotel on 29th March, 9.30 - 3.40. Details would be posted on the parish notice board.

Rural Partnership. A meeting on 21st April at County Hall had been arranged for parish and town councillors. The contact was Karl Duck (01482-391695).

Quality local councils. The East Riding & North Lincolnshire Local Councils Association was organising a seminar on "Quality Status" at the Priory Centre, York, on 30th March. (The Parish Council, no longer a member of the Association, might not be eligible to attend.)

Parish land at Tunstall

Mr Michael Smales had sent £10.00, his rental for the plot between the village hall and the church. He reported that he had levelled and ploughed the land and sown it with grass. After fencing it, he would make it available for general use. Members welcomed the improvements, carried out at some cost, even though Mr Smales was aware that the rental arrangement was for one year only.

Accounts (Cllr Winter)

Members approved payment of the following.

Hire of hall for 3 meetings (Dec - Feb)	22.50
East Riding : non-contested election	103.17

Even though the parish council election in May 2003 had been uncontested, the authority had still incurred costs, including the provision of public notices and forms for candidates. Members noted that the cost of *not* having an election had risen markedly since the last time the situation occurred.

Planning

Approved by the Planning Committee

Cherry Hill, South End, Roos (Mr & Mrs Simmonds)
Extension : granny flat. (Opposed by the Parish Council.)

Windy Ridge, Kilnhouse Lane, Tunstall (Mr J.Dobson)
Erection of stable block and installation of silage effluent tank. (Supported by the Parish Council, with conditions.)

New applications

South of The Laurels, Pinfold Lane (M.R.Builder, Ltd)
Erection of dwelling and garage. Members noted that the dwelling would be a dormer bungalow with no windows overlooking adjacent dwellings to the north and south. Access was from Main Street not far from the Tunstall

crossroads. When outline consent had been sought there had been concern about traffic hazards. Nevertheless, the application was supported.

1 Coastguard Cottages, Tunstall (Mr K.Dunn)

Retention of a tractor and implement store (already partly built) south of Seaside Lane. Mr Dunn had been advised that he could apply for retrospective consent but if consent was refused the structure would have to be removed.

Members supported the application : the store would not be very big and the tractor and implements would be less unsightly under one roof than left separately in the open.

11,000 volt power line to Sand-le-Mere. (Mr P.Richardson)

Mr Richardson represented Yorkshire Electricity. The line, carried by several poles across open country, would meet increased power requirements at Sand-le-Mere Caravan and Chalet Park. The application was supported.

Any other business

Roads

The B1242 to Withernsea. Cllr Kirk drew attention to places from Thirtlebridge onwards where the road edges had collapsed and caused a hazard since motorists tended to drive in the centre of the highway.

Hodgson Lane. Cllr Dodson said that in winter frozen pools of water endangered motorists and pedestrians. Another salt box was needed. Members agreed that the surface was poor. The Highways Department tended to blame excavations when services had been installed or repaired but the problem was the uneven levels : the whole surface should be regraded.

The Clerk undertook to refer the condition of both roads to the Highways Department. Cllr Stead said that the letter should be addressed to Mr Lister, engineer in charge of Highways. He and his fellow ward councillors would welcome copies so that they could follow up the issues.

(See page 3 for correspondence about Hodgson Lane between Mr D.Knapper and the Director of Operational Services.)

Blocked grilles in Roos Beck

Cllr Dodson reported that rubbish had again been blocking the grilles. A few residents who noticed the problem occasionally cleared the rubbish on to the bank. However, some of it consisted of large items which were too large to remove completely. They eventually fell back in or were perhaps pushed in by children.

The Clerk was asked to contact Yorkshire Water to seek a solution.

The April meeting

The Chairman noted that in April the normal date for the Parish Council meeting would fall on Easter Monday. It was agreed to advance the date by a week : 5th April.

PUBLIC SESSION

Police Liaison Committee. Although two members had appreciated the meeting at Keyingham last year, Cllr Stead argued that the Committee covered too wide an area and its meetings tended to be dominated by Hedon issues. He reiterated his opinion that there should be a separate Committee for Withernsea and surrounding villages.

Rural Partnership meeting. Cllr Stead urged members to consider attending the meeting at County Hall on 21st April. Such meetings could be very informative, not least as far as available grants were concerned.

Parish Council Meeting

Monday 8th March

Roos Memorial Institute

following the Policing Meeting at 7.00.

Members of the public always welcome.

What's in store?

Gavin and Janet Eastman are facing a difficult week. Many customers at the Roos Store will have seen the notices advising that from Monday 16th February the interior is to be completely refurbished.

Already many items have been consigned to the tip and even in the week before there will have been upset while electrical rewiring was carried out.

As far as possible Gavin and Janet hope to keep the store open during the refitting but realise that it may have to be closed for short periods. They hope that their regulars will be patient if there is some disruption.

They aim to respond to the comments of customers who completed the questionnaire some time ago and to provide some of the additional lines that they suggested. For example, the completely new layout and fittings will accommodate fresh fruit and vegetables and a wider range of frozen foods. The benefit will be well worth the temporary upset.

The refurbishment will be costly. Gavin and Janet are making a long-term commitment to the business and to their customers. It is something of a gamble but, with local support, it should pay off for us all.



Mrs Helen Audley BA (Hons) ALCM

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ROOSTER DEADLINE

Friday 5th March

**Please supply material for the next issue
(articles, letters, notices, reports, photos) to**

Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos.

01964 - 670291

Hodgson Lane

Mr D.Knapper wrote about Hodgson Lane to the Director of Operational Services. His letter and the Director's reply are given below, both slightly edited.

Tall Trees,
Hinch Garth,
Roos.

17 December 2003

Dear Sir,

I see from the December 2003 issue of East Riding News that items, "such as broken kerbs, uneven paths and damaged signs, etc.... are to be put into routine work programmes and dealt with as funds allow."

Hodgson Lane in Roos is terribly uneven and is particularly intolerable during the winter months. After rainfall sizeable puddles of water abound along the length and breadth of the road. As there are no footpaths (except very short and narrow ones at each end) pedestrians en route to the Surgery and other places have to navigate.

The road is in the centre of the village and used by vehicles travelling to and from Withernsea (particularly at rush hours) as a short cut to the Aldbrough crossroads. As well as drenching pedestrians, this traffic constitutes a danger.

Is Hodgson Lane included in the routine work programme? If not, is there any chance that it might be?

East Riding of Yorkshire Council
County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA.

23 January 2004

Dear Mr Knapper,

Hodgson Lane has not been included in the routine work programme for this or the next financial year.

The East Riding, like most of the Highway Authorities, do have considerable difficulties in maintaining their footways to a good standard given the available funding for our highway networks. The matter has been identified as an area of financial pressure to Members of the East Riding Council as they prepare the budget for the next financial year. As always, budget preparation is a sensitive balance between the need to spend and the desire to ensure that the residents of the East Riding are not overburdened by a high Council Tax.

The way in which the repair budget is spent is subject to careful assessment after inspection of our footway network. Only the highest priorities can usually be funded. Hodgson Lane will again be included in the inspection in the relatively near future with a view to drawing up a planned programme for future years. If that inspection identifies it to be in the highest priority need then the work will be programmed.

I regret that I can offer you no more positive response at this stage but I hope that you understand the financial constraints within which we have to operate.

Huw Roberts
Director of Operational Services.

Coming events

Club Secretaries please supply details

March

- 3 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Weather or Not (Mr A.Marshall)
- 8 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.00.
Public Meeting: Local Policing (Inspector McGiveron).
Followed by the normal Parish Council meeting.

April

- 3 Roos & District Horticultural Society Spring Show, Roos.
- 6 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.00.
- 7 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. HM Customs & Excise.
- 18 London Marathon (Jon Dearing running).

July

- 3 Horticultural Society Summer Show, Burton Pidsea.

Roos Children's Playground Association

Unusually for the Association, Ann Coupe has no news of imminent events at present but says there will be details of more next month.

Meanwhile, members are waiting for an extension of the lease to allow their use of the field.

David Winter, Chairman of the parent body, the Roos Playing Field Association, says that negotiations with the East Riding over the lease are in progress. He anticipates no problems.

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Donations have now been received from a total of 77 households, mainly from Roos and Tunstall but some from farther afield.

Further contributions will be very welcome. The suggested minimum is £3.00 per household.

Please

- Make any cheques payable to "L.Helliwell".
- Place your donation in an envelope marked "The Rooster".
- In the envelope supply details of the amount and your name, address and phone.
- Leave it at the Roos Store or take / send it to Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos, HU12 0LB.

Financial Statement for the Calendar Year 2003

Analysis of Expenditure

	No. of Copies	Pages	Photos	Printing	Petrol	Phone	Postage	Stationery & photocopies	Totals
January No. 94	425	6	2	55.90	4.15	0.15	2.66	4.62	67.48
February No. 95	425	6	2	55.65	4.15	0.67	2.09	0.35	62.91
March No. 96	425	6	0	51.15	4.15	0.38	3.09	0.27	59.04
April : no newsletter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
May No. 97	425	6	1	51.15	4.15	0.75	3.20	0.40	59.65
June No. 98	425	6	3	56.80	4.15	0.30	2.80	0.42	64.47
July No. 99	480	6	21	73.60	4.45	0.75	2.60	4.39	85.79
August No. 100	480	10	7	108.35	4.15	0.70	3.69	7.07	123.96
September No. 101	480	6	2	63.80	4.45	0.80	2.40	0.42	71.87
October No. 102	480	6	5	63.40	4.15	1.29	3.36	13.27	85.47
November No. 103	460	6	2	60.40	4.15	0.60	2.60	0.35	68.10
December No. 104	480	6	3	63.40	4.15	0.15	2.20	2.42	72.32
TOTALS :	4985	70	48	703.60	46.25	6.54	30.69	33.98	821.06

Expenses

Overall

The total expenditure - £821.06 - was for eleven issues. Over a full year the annual bill would be close to £900.

Printing

The cost depends mainly on the number of pages. The August issue (the 100th) had 10 pages and cost more. Since July extra copies were printed to supply Tunstall. Photographs add to the cost because extra masters are often needed to optimise quality. The July issue cost more as it had 21 photographs. Average cost / issue : £63.96.

Other costs

Travel to printer, etc. : petrol claimed @ 10p per mile.

Postage. Phone : BT rates, usually 5p per call.

Stationery : mainly envelopes, 2½p each; photocopies, etc.

Circulation / Delivery

Of the 485 copies now printed about 460 are delivered in Roos and Tunstall and 13 are posted to donors elsewhere. The remaining copies are kept as spares. (A few back numbers are available for purchase @ 15p.)

Thanks to the volunteer deliverers

Roos : Caroline Blyth, Alan Bowden, Heather Boynton, Tom and Sandra Crombie, Bob Feetom, Sandra Lockwood (and her

reserve Helen Cowell), James Priest (and granddaughter Emma), Brian & Ann Smith (and grandson Mark), Barbara Stephenson, David Winter. Reserves. Irene & Leslie Helliwell, James Kendall, Kay Newton.

Tunstall : David Craggs, Brian & Patt Garbutt, and others.

Donations and other income

Of the 145 households that donated to the newsletter 132 were in Roos - about a third of the village. Some gave very generously and some more than once. Donations ranged from £3.00 to £25.00. Most frequent sum : £5.00.

Other income comprised donations from groups and the receipts from sales of back copies and photographs.

Banks

Deposit A/C National Savings bank at the Post Office.

Current A/C Halifax plc (for the sake of better interest).

Promises, promises...

Last month a full financial report was promised but this is only part of it. Reconciliation of income and expenditure with the bank accounts will be printed in March. The process has been held up because the National Savings account has been closed and the pass book is still with the bank. (But a willing book-keeper would be a help!)

Holderness Villages

Among the materials loaned by George Wilbraham's daughter, Mrs Mary Gee, is a clutch of cuttings from the Holderness Gazette some fifty years ago – on the back of one is an advertisement with the date 1951. Each carries an article about a Holderness village.

An item on Holmpton is initialled "G.W.", confirming the suspicion that they were all written by Mr Wilbraham.

The cuttings concern Arram, Burstall, Halsham, Holmpton, Leven, Long Riston, Ottringham, Out Newton, Rowleston, Tickton and Wyton. This is unlikely to constitute the whole series – there are too many obvious omissions.

Has any reader the complete collection? Or perhaps an attic stuffed with back numbers of the Holderness Gazette? If so, please ring me.

HALSHAM

(The article has been summarised and edited in places.)

Halsham is a parish of nearly 3,000 acres, nearly three miles in length from east to west and with no definite village centre. In the past it consisted of two separate manors : east and west. The population has always been round about 200.

Before the Keyingham Level was made, much of the land in the north and east of the parish was constantly under water.

One of the roads from Hull to Withernsea, North Road, passes through and is much used by cyclists. The charm of the village is missed on this road. Apart from some quaint old cottages called Bunkers Hill there are only a number of off-road farmhouses.

The older route, Southside Road, is more interesting, a narrow winding lane with old cottages at the east and west. The Old Mill, burnt down about forty years ago, has been replaced by a modern farm house.

The old Sun Inn has long since disappeared. But the old Marrow Bone and Cleavers now called Stag Inn (Halsham Arms!) reminds one of the days when deer were hunted. Recently a portion of a deer's antlers was found at the Grange.

Another ancient hall whose moats are still filled with water stood at the far east end.

The Constables were lords of the manor of Halsham in the middle ages but there are no remains of the mansion house which stood about 70 yards north of the Church.

The Church, sheltered by trees, has traces of an Anglo-Norman building. It is spacious, with an unusually long chancel. For many years the Constables were buried in the chantry chapel on the north side. There are fragments of altar stones, a pulpit dated 1634, and a richly-sculptured group embracing sedilia, piscina and a Frid stove, one of three in England. (What is a Frid stove?)

A modern rectory stands on the roadside and nearby a newly-built church hall.

G.W.Wilbraham's History of Roos

Work on assimilating the two available versions to produce printed copies has been hanging fire since before Christmas but will be resumed shortly.

If you wish to support the venture by joining those who have expressed an interest in owning a copy please contact me : 01964 - 670291.

The most unusual building is the Constable Mausoleum, built 150 years ago on a hillock opposite the ancient school and hospital. It was while digging the foundations that ancient relics were unearthed, including skeletons with urns at their heads and urns containing copper coins.

The old brick house with stepped gables across the road was originally a school and hospital, founded by a member of the Constable family in 1579. In 1882 it was modified and became the village school but was recently closed.

This village until recently had neither a shop nor a post office, only a blacksmith and a joiner but now even the joinery has closed., though at one time there had been generations of wheelwrights and joiners called Robinson.

One of the family, Simpson Robinson, invented an agricultural implement and displayed it at a London exhibition. Queen Victoria herself asked what it was. "A Shaker, ma'am," he replied. Back home, he recounted the incident, saying that he had replied, "A Shackermam". Shackermam become the family nickname.

One of the family has inherited two other of Simpson Robinson's creations : two miniature fiddles, 2" and 1½" long , in a plush-lined case.

A Primitive Methodist Chapel was built on the North Road in 1873.

It is said that every village has its ghost story and Halsham is no exception, although Anna Twin... is still talked about but never seen. (End of the surname torn off. Does anybody with Halsham connections know the tale of the mysterious, sadly-curtailed Anna Twin... ?)

The things they said!

"At the age of 81, I am left with one pleasure and that's passive smoking. I love it." – Baroness Trumpington.

"I ate beef today and will continue to eat beef." – President Bush (probably because US cattle are too gung-ho to catch mad-cow disease).

"I only take Viagra when I'm with more than one woman." – Jack Nicholson.

"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt." – Abraham Lincoln.

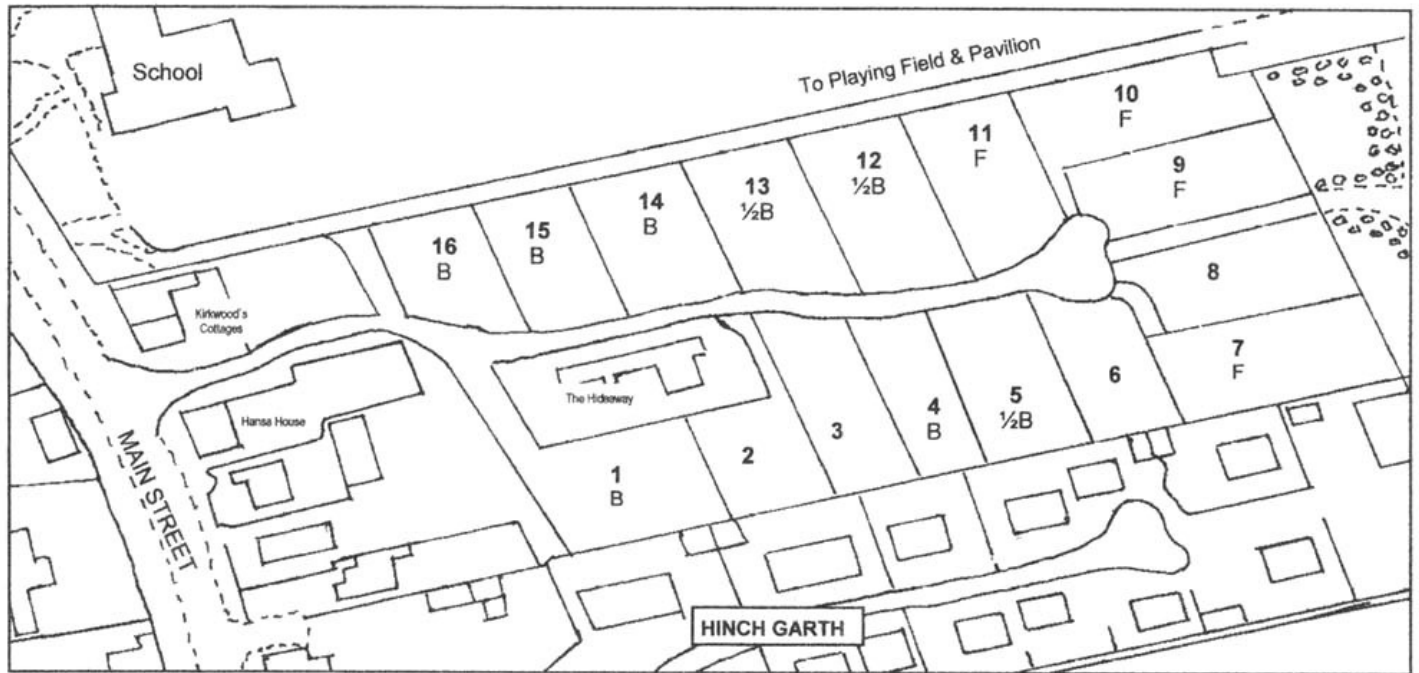
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Greenacre Park?



A busy summer ahead

Building on the 2½ acre site east of Main Street is well under way. There are 16 plots. 1 - 8 are being developed by Southside Developments (Mr M.A.Lockwood) and 9 - 16 by G A Construction.

On the map the letter "B" under the plot number indicates a dwelling built and roofed. "½B" indicates a dwelling with walls well above ground (though some may by now also have been roofed). "F" shows plots where footings have been laid.

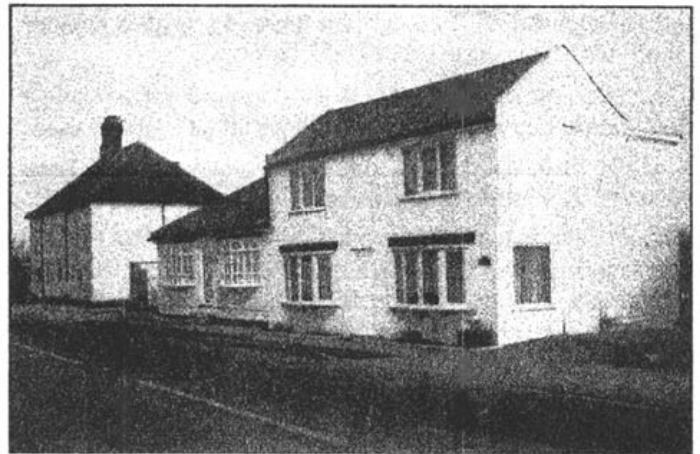


Above The eastern end of the site, looking north-east. The Playing Field Pavilion is visible on the right.

Below View to the west. The road curves right and then left. It joins Main Street south of Kirkwood's Cottages – the white building left of centre.



Before and after



Greenacre, shown above between Kirkwood's Cottages and Hansa House, had to be demolished to provide access – See below.

The defunct bungalow was in no way remarkable but Greenacre Park has been suggested as a name for the new development. It has a pleasant ring.

