

**RIPPONDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**held on**

**13th July 2023**



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The 1234th Meeting of the Ripponden Parish Council held at Ryburn United Football Club Ripponden on Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7.15pm

**Councillors Present:** Cllr A Naylor chaired the meeting.

Cllr J Crossley, Cllr C Johnson, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Potts, Cllr Thornber (8.02pm), Cllr Webster (8.02pm)

1. **Reminder by the Chairman of the expectations for audio or visual recording of the meeting**

The Chairman reminded Cllrs that the meeting would be audio / visually recorded.

The Acting Clerk set the recording device at this point to record the ongoing proceedings of the meeting.

1. **To receive apologies for absence or lateness**.

Cllr G Carter (attending a meeting), Cllr Greenwood (leave), Cllr Hunt (leave), Cllr K Naylor (illness), Cllr Nothard (work), Cllr Thornber (late, at Ward Forum meeting), Cllr Webster (late, at Ward Forum meeting)

**3. To note public participation**.

None present.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2023 as a true and honest record.**

After amendment to Agenda item 2023/2024 103 to read ‘Cllr Nothard (leave)’

**18759** **Resolved** that the minutes be accepted as a true and honest record of the meeting held on 29th June 2023.

**5. To receive Parish Councillors’ declarations of interest**

**Cllr A Naylor** stated that he would have a declaration of interest under agenda item 12. Cllr Nicholls informed Cllr Naylor that this would not be required as the list of planning applications prepared for the meeting had already been determined and did not need to be discussed at this meeting.

**6. To receive information on any on-going items identified in these and previous Minutes and decide further action where necessary**

6.1 To consider any updates regarding premises for use as a storage facility and office for the Parish Council

The meeting was informed that the premises identified by Cllr Potts was unsuitable for Parish Council use particularly as the cellar area could not be used for storage. Cllr Nicholls reported that currently there were no premises available in the village centre for rent. Cllr A Naylor agreed that he would make enquiries regarding the former dentists’ surgery on Oldham Road. The matter will roll over as an agenda item.

6.2 To consider suitable dates for inviting representatives of Calderdale Council and Inspector Collins of West Yorkshire Police to meet the Parish Council

The meeting agreed that the matter should be a future agenda item for September.

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**6. To receive information on any on-going items identified in these and previous Minutes and decide further action where necessary (continued)**

6.3 To consider the grant application for Ripponden Bowing Club

The meeting discussed the agenda item.

**18760 Resolved** that the Parish Council makes a contribution of £250 towards the refurbishment of the benches and recommends that the bowling club apply for a Calderdale Council Ward Forum Grant.

**7. To receive reports from the Acting Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives**

**The Acting Clerk** informed the meeting she had to purchase a cable for charging the parish council’s mobile phone.

**Cllr Potts** informed the meeting that the car park at Boothwood reservoir is now being locked, at night, by Yorkshire Water because of antisocial behaviour.

**18761 Resolved** that Cllr Nicholls should prepare an item, which once approved by Cllr A Naylor and Cllr Johnson, would be published on the Parish Council’s Facebook page explaining why the car park at Boothwood reservoir is being closed, at night, by Yorkshire Water.

**Cllr Potts** reported that a wall adjacent to a stile in the vicinity of Butts Clough Rishworth had collapsed and was in a dangerous condition.

**18762 Resolved t**hat Cllr Crossley, in her role with Rishworth Environmental Group, contact Calderdale Council’s Rights of Way Officer and CROWS and ask them if they are able to repair the damage.

**Cllr Nicholls** discussed an article in the Halifax Courier about proposed changes to Calderdale car parks in which Royd Lane car park was mentioned. Cllr Nicholls was awaiting Calderdale Council minutes from Ward Cllr Issott and would report back to the Parish Council in due course.

**Cllr A Naylor** reported that Cllr Thornber was still dealing with Calderdale Council regarding the overgrown weeds on Oldham Road, Rochdale Road and the track from Oldham Road to Pretoria Bridge. Cllr A Naylor wondered whether the lengthsman could be employed to clear the path from the Silk Mill to Pretoria Bridge and the weeds growing along the walls on Rochdale Road. Cllr A Naylor referred to an email from a member of Ripponden in Bloom regarding the weeds on Rochdale Road. Cllr Nicholls informed the meeting that he and Cllr Thornber were to meet with representatives of Calderdale Council to discuss weed clearance. The meeting agreed that the Ripponden in Bloom member should be informed that the matter was currently being dealt with by a Ward Councillor who is liaising with the relevant Calderdale Council teams.

**Cllr Johnson** reported that the fly tipping had been removed from Flight House Road.

**Cllr Johnson** discussed the extensive work being carried out under planning app. no.22/00414/FUL. The meeting agreed that the matter should be reported to Calderdale Council’s enforcement.

**Cllr Johnson** informed the meeting that notices, warning of nesting birds, had been put up by Yorkshire Water at Flints Moor. Cllr Johnson had been approached by a member of the public asking whether notices could be put up around Baitings Reservoir.

**Cllr A Naylor** reported that an upended grate at Bank Hey Bottom Lane, reported by Cllr K Naylor, had been replaced.

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**7. To receive reports from the Acting Clerk, Chairman, Committees, Councillors and Outside Bodies by Council Representatives (continued)**

**Cllr A Naylor** reported that someone had spent considerable time strimming back the sides of Bank Hey Bottom Lane.

**Cllr A Naylor** informed the meeting of a mains burst by the Alma Inn resulting in the road being closed and the bus service being cancelled.

**Cllr A Naylor** confirmed the room availability for forthcoming meetings.

 **8. To receive reports from Calderdale Councillors who represent Ryburn Ward**

None present at this time.

**9. To agree Accounts for Payment**

**Cllr A Naylor** reported that Cllr Nothard does not wish to be an authorised signatory on the Parish Council’s banking.

**Cllr A Naylor** informed the meeting that the Parish Council would have to address how the accounts were to be paid going forward and this needed to be an agenda item. Cllr Nicholls reviewed how, currently, payments are created by Cllr Greenwood and authorised by him.

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| Calderdale MBC | Inv. No IN2306850X | Ripponden Parish Council Elections May 2023 | 3391.70 |
| Calderdale Self Storage | Inv. No 23075 | Unit Rental WMA 200-23 01/07/2023 to 31/07/2023 | 312.80 |
| Fab Spider | Inv. No 79204 | SSL Certificate yearly 26/07/2023 to 25/07/2024 | 60.00 |
| Janet Sheard (Morrisons) |  | In Tech Type C Cable | 6.29 |

**18763 Resolved to authorise payments as listed above.**

**10. To receive correspondence**

The Benbow Group Incinerator Calder Valley Skip Hire

**Cllr Thornber and Cllr Webster arrived at 8.02pm**

Calderdale Council Rishworth Christmas tree

**Cllr Webster left the meeting at 8.04pm**

Calderdale Council ‘Big Clean-Up’ of the A672 gateway follow-up meeting Wednesday 26 July at 10:30-12:00 St Bartholomew’s Community Centre

Calderdale Council SCG Upper Valley (emailed to Cllrs for info)

Calderdale Local Transport Forum West Yorkshire Rail Strategy 14 August 2023

Mr M Cross Stones Coffee Morning Posters

First Bus Survey

Peter Fraser Bramble removal Rochdale Road

HMRC Paying Statutory Payments Correctly

Northern Gas Stakeholders Conference 14 September

PPL PRS Ltd Music Licence Review

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**10. To receive correspondence (continued)**

VAC Secures funding for Harnessing the Power of Communities Fund

YLCA Letter from Will Quince MP re Defibrillator Registration on ‘The Circuit’

YLCA Notice of the Joint Annual Meeting of YLCA 2023 & Invitation to attend 22 July 2023

YLCA  Developing Your Skills Training Day 27 July 2023

YLCA Update from Dr Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive of the National Association of Local Councils

YLCA Essentials of being a good employer (webinar) 18 July £33.40

Zurich Insurance Is RPC responsible for maintaining outdoor

 Community play equipment

Michelle Buckley Building Enquiry

**Matters arising from correspondence**

**18764 Resolved** that Calderdale Council be informed that the Rishworth Christmas tree should be installed in the usual place and be asked to let the Parish Council know, in good time, if there are any problems with the power supply. Calderdale Council to be asked whether it would pay for the trees at Barkisland, Ripponden and Rishworth.

**Cllr A Naylor** confirmed that the posters for the Stones Coffee Morning had been printed and he would ensure that they were put in the Parish Council’s noticeboards.

The meeting discussed the email from PPL PRS Ltd. It was confirmed that the attached invoice was for the coronation celebrations.

**Cllr Nicholls** informed the meetingthat the person who does the periodic check of a defibrillator has to register it on ‘The Circuit’. Cllr A Naylor would speak with Cllr Carter to find out whether she had been able to ascertain who is responsible for the defibrillator at the Soyland phone box.

**Cllr Crossley** asked for clarity regarding maintenance of play equipment and asked about the possibility of providing a new piece of play equipment for the Rishworth play area. The matter will be an agenda item for the Environment meeting.

**The Acting Clerk** was asked to inform Michelle Buckley that there has been no further progress.

**11. To discuss the redirection of Parish Council Mail**

**Cllr A Naylor** informed the meeting that most correspondence for the Parish Council was via email. Bank statements etc. were currently being posted to Cllr A Naylor’s address. Cllr A Naylor felt that the considerable expense for mail redirection could not be justified. Cllr Nicholls confirmed that there was no correspondence currently waiting to be collected from the Clerk. Cllr A Naylor asked if Cllr Nicholls would collect the Parish Council’s property still with the Clerk.

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**12. To discuss Planning Applications, to receive Planning Decisions and to discuss Planning and Enforcement issues**

**The Acting Clerk** discussed the list of planning applications that had been prepared for the meeting.

**Planning Decisions**

Application No: 23/00331/HSE

3 Prospect Terrace Scammonden Road Barkisland HX4 0AW

Single storey rear extension and replacement roof to existing extension

Received: Thu 23 Mar 2023 | Validated: Wed 19 Apr 2023 | Status: Permit

Application No: 22/01294/FUL

Thornton Park Farm Ash Hall Lane Cotton Stones HX6 4NT

Change of use of grazing land to provide 5 timber clad camping pods and formation of grassed landscape embankment (part retrospective).

Received: Mon 28 Nov 2022 | Validated: Tue 20 Dec 2022 | Status: Permit

### Application No: 23/90002/ELC

### Heath Moor Lane Rishworth

### Overhead lines

### Received date: Wed 24 May 2023 | Status: Raise No Objections

### Application No: 22/00370/HSE

### Little Toothill Parkin Hall Lane Sowerby Bridge HX6 1NX

### Construction of single storey building

### Received: Fri 17 June 2022 | Validated: Thu 28 Jul 2022 | Status: Withdrawn

**Cllr Potts**, while planning was being discussed**,** asked Cllr Thornber for clarification on the plot of land opposite Rishworth School and when it had been included in the Local Plan. Cllr Thornber will report back at the next meeting.

**The Chairman** asked Cllr Thornber to present his Ward Councillor’s report.

**Cllr Thornber** expressed his apologies for being late after attending the Ward Forum.

**Cllr Thornber** reviewed the A672 gateway and the on-going issue with litter. The meeting discussed the litter problems and the possible solutions. The matter will be reviewed at the ‘Big Clean-Up’ follow up meeting on 26 July.

**Cllr Thornber** had been contacted by a resident regarding the junction of Branch Road and Stainland Road and the difficulty when turning right towards Barkisland. Cllr Thornber had spoken to Peter Stubbs at Calderdale Council’s Highways about the possibility of changing the priority at the junction or a chicane. The matter is on-going. Cllr A Naylor pointed out that there is no weight restriction on Stainland Road. Cllr Thornber informed the meeting that a weight restriction may be included in the TRO out for consultation.

**Cllr Thornber** informed the meeting that a fallen tree in the vicinity of JLA and which had been collecting debris was owned by Ripponden J & I School. The matter is now going to be dealt with.

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**Cllr Thornber** confirmed that the appeals for the burial ground at Slack Lane Soyland and the incinerator at Calder Valley Skip Hire had both been dismissed.

**Cllr Thornber** reported that he is liaising with the relevant Calderdale Council teams and Cllr Nicholls regarding the weeds on Rochdale Road.

**Cllr Thornber** confirmed that the fence at Stonelea Barkisland breaches planning and is currently with Calderdale Council’s enforcement team.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th July 2023 at Ryburn United Football Club Ripponden.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm