



**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2009 AT 7pm IN ROSEWELL
PARISH CHURCH HALL**

Present:

RDCC: Dave Mackay, Chair: John Sime, Vice-Chair: Laura Mackay, Secretary: Sandra Muir, Treasurer: Patrick Edwards, Committee Member.

Police: PC Lucy Kennedy

Residents: 17

Apologies: Moray Simon, Cllr Les Thacker, Cllr Russell Imrie, Cllr Owen Thompson

ACTION

1.	POLICE REPORT	
1.1	PC Kennedy reported the following crime statistics for Rosewell: 11 crimes, 7 solved. 1 Violent; 1 Dishonesty (solved); 6 Vandalism (solved); 3 Other (solved). 53 calls were received. Between 1-26 September motors were vandalised in Gorton Road 2 people have been charged and enquiries are ongoing. On 10 September a male from Bonnyrigg was charged with shoplifting in M & D Store. On 19 September a person was charged with racial abuse in Rosewell Takeaway. On 21 September a 13-year old was assaulted by other youths, enquiries are ongoing. On 26 September 3 males were charged with possession of offensive weapons and an over 16 male's bail conditions means he must not enter Gorton Place. First arrest by Police on quad bikes had been made. Shopkeepers will be banned from selling flour and eggs to youngsters in the run up to Hallowe'en. Fireworks are also banned. Traffic police will monitor car parking on Thursday evening auction nights. A new officer with responsibility for vandalism, PC Brown, can be contacted at Bonnyrigg Police Station – Tel 663 9221.	
1.2	Residents complained of a dog attacking other dogs in Rosewell Park. PC Kennedy would investigate. The football pitch at Rosewell Park had been badly vandalised on the evening of Saturday 17 October by a car, which was seen being driven repeatedly over the grass, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. Police are investigating. This damage will be reflected in your council tax bills so please assist the police in bringing these perpetrators and anyone else causing damage to council property, to justice. You can call Crimestoppers anonymously and free on 0800 555 111. Also, vehicles - including Midlothian Council (MC) vehicles – are entering the Park via the side next to the car park and driving over the grass. A resident said an air rifle had been fired at his windows causing substantial damage. Residents should report anyone they witness misusing an air rifle in the village to the police before a serious accident occurs. Complaints had been received of people jogging along the verge of the A6094 Rosewell Bypass in the dark and not wearing bright clothing. PC Kennedy would alert Road Traffic Police of this potentially dangerous practice. Following a recent fatal accident on the Rosewell Bypass near the entrance to Gorton Road, the Chair asked PC Kennedy to find out how many fatalities had occurred on this road from Rosewell up to Gourlaw. Residents could not understand why better lighting and traffic calming measures could not be installed. The Chair explained that RDCC had been asking this question of MC for years but had been told that nothing would be done until the proposed new developments are built.	PC Kennedy and Residents
2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (7.9.09)	

2.1	The minutes were approved.	
3.	TREASURER'S REPORT	
3.1	The balance of the account was £299.49. The yearly payment of £35 to Data Protection was due.	
4.	CHAIR'S REPORT	
4.1	The Chair reported on a site visit with Katherine Storrar of Smiths Gore to the Steading. Ms Storrar will instruct a surveyor to look at the buildings from a health and safety perspective in order to make them as secure as possible. Old tyres would be removed. Ms Storrar would investigate re-flooding problem at Thornton Road. Crown Estate owns the piece of land at the top of Cochrina PI/Gorton Loan and Ms Storrar will organise repairs to flooded area. Overgrown shrubbery at Gorton Road had been cut back insufficiently with debris left lying on pavement. Ms Storrar will speak to the contractors who carried out the work. A surveyor will look at the flooding problem at Gourlaw Farm caused by an underground well with a view to repairing the damage.	Ms Storrar
4.2	<p>The Chair reported on a site visit round the village with Ricky Moffat and Linn Denholm of MC Commercial Services. The following issues raised by residents were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roslin Glen – Complaints received that overgrown shrubbery is obstructing pedestrian access. • Rosewell receives a poor Broadband service. Could Midlothian Council liaise with BT Openreach to ask if Broadband fibre optic cable could be installed at the same time as repairs are carried out to Glen Road? • Overgrown shrubbery is obscuring Rosewell sign on A6094 just before Gorton Road. Drivers unfamiliar with the area have to break suddenly when coming off Bypass into Gorton Road. • Rosewell Cemetery – Dog owners are exercising dogs off the lead when entering through walkway at rear of cemetery – could signs be erected at this entrance similar to those at main entrance? Main gates need to be repaired. • Rosewell Park – Flooding problem around 5-a-side courts. Barriers have been removed by vandals. • Complaints received about fly tipping at rear of Park. • Public garden at corner of Carnethie Street/Gorton Road – could better edging be put in place to prevent stones drifting onto pavement? [caused by people kicking stones on to pavement] • Louisa Square steps at rear of St Joseph's flats – shrubbery to be cut down and better lighting installed. Youths congregate to drink alcohol and fire air rifles. • Victoria Street – Flooding near No. 26 has re-occurred. • Prestonhall Road/rear of Lothian Street – bushes near pavement at Prestonhall Road to be removed. Youths congregate underneath to drink alcohol. Visibility for cyclists and children coming onto Prestonhall Road is bad. Road patching unsatisfactory. • Carnethie Street – remove litter from woodland at gates to Whitehill House Drive when trees and shrubbery die back in winter. <p>MC advised that, where applicable, the above complaints would be dealt with over the winter months,</p>	Commercial Services
4.3	Roslin Glen. Temporary road closure U48 Lea Farm Road. The road will be closed from 12 to 25 October to facilitate the renewal of road drains and carriageway surfacing. The Secretary e-mailed Ross Nicolson, Senior Consultant regarding an update on Roslin Glen Road closure. Here is the response: <i>"If you've walked down the broken bit of the road recently you will</i>	

	<p><i>have noticed that the crack is extending in both directions from the original point of failure which is quite worrying considering that it's had no live loading from traffic for some time. It would seem that a larger area of the soil slope supporting the road than was initially evident, is moving Eskwards. Consequently, it was considered prudent to carry out additional ground investigation works to establish the full extent and causes of this movement. Tenders have gone out to a number of Consultants to establish the above and their brief includes providing a cost effective design solution for the whole. The design solution previously offered did not include the areas that are now showing signs of serious distress hence the reason for the additional ground investigation.</i></p> <p><i>Once the Consultant's report is received, which as stated above is to include a cost estimate of their design proposal for the repair, the Elected Members will decide, considering the budgetary constraints imposed by the current financial climate, if the project is affordable in the near future."</i></p>	
5.	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
5.1	RDCC visit to sand quarry has been put back to November.	
5.2	31-bus terminus at Hopefield. Secretary had contacted Karl Vanter's following last meeting to advise him of residents' complaints. The terminus is a short-term measure and when the Council ultimately adopts the estate roads this terminus will be sited within the estate.	
5.3	Correspondence received. Rosewell Volunteers have arranged a free Hallowe'en Party for children up to Primary 7 at St Matthew's Church Hall on 30 October from 6-8pm. St Matthew's primary School will hold an open day on 31 October – from 10am-2pm. The National Conversation comes to Dalkeith on 26 October 7-8pm at Dalkeith Schools Campus. Small Projects Regeneration Fund for Midlothian Community Groups. See community notice board for full details. Midlothian Voluntary Sector Forum is on 29 October at 10 am at 4/6 White Hart St, Dalkeith.	
6.	WHITEHILL HOUSE PLANNING APPLICATIONS 09/00370/FUL, 09/00372/LBC, 09/00374/DPP	
6.1	The Secretary had been advised by Adam Thomson, Senior Planning Officer (MC), that the applications have not yet been placed on a Planning Committee Agenda. The earliest Planning Committee at which they could be decided is on 8 December. Those wishing to make representations should do so as soon as possible and up to 8 days before the Planning Committee meeting at which they will be determined. RDCC was shown round the house at a site visit on 30 August, which was extremely useful in understanding the proposals and the level of restoration work yet to be undertaken. Jamie MacFarlane of GJ Architects presented the plans at a Public Meeting, attended by 28 people, on 14 September; and answered questions on the proposals. Historic Scotland had made a further site visit on 9 October. RDCC Committee will send in its comments after careful deliberation of all the information and expert advice available, and still ongoing, on www.midlothian.gov.uk Online Planning pages. Please call Elaine Bertram (MC) on 271 3494 if you have difficulty in opening any of the documents on the site. A copy of the plans and hard copies of correspondence from the online planning pages were on display.	
7.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
7.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday, 7 December at 7pm in Rosewell Parish Church Hall.	

Contact the Secretary on 0131-440 2086 or rdcc@hotmail.co.uk for further information. Please view the Community Notice Board in the public garden at the corner of Carnethie Street/Gorton Road for up-to-date information on community issues.

Rosewell Community Website has been given a makeover see www.rosewell-online.co.uk