

Minutes of the meeting held via Virtual Teleconference at 7 pm on Thursday 16th July 2020

Present: E March (Chairman) D Fisher C Packer R Houseman J Elvidge County Cllr M Harrison Dist Cllr T Watson and the clerk

Apologies: M Worsnop

Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda: C Packer PA West House Gardens

Declaration of Decision Making Powers to Clerk for the Duration of the Emergency Situation

The clerk currently has delegated powers to respond to planning applications received between meetings. The council empowers the clerk/RFO to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the council, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability during the period that the delegation is applicable. Councillors agree that the officer will consult with the Chairman and Councillors in the decision making, but the council acknowledges that it is the officer that is the decision maker. Proposed by R Houseman and seconded by C Packer all were in favour

Parishioners Questions: None received

Minutes: It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer and **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th February 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman when lock down allows

Approve Certificate of Exemption: was proposed by R Houseman seconded by E March all in favour

Report from County Councillor Michael Harrison: A budget has been awarded to Michael which means he can allocate £500 to Parishes for them to distribute locally to halls etc to cover costs incurred during the Coronavirus ie: Sanitisers, cleaning materials etc. Cleaning of drains is underway and being monitored the contractors were in Birstwith yesterday and today.

Report from District Councillor Tom Watson: NY Police via teleconference reported they had received 20,000 – 101 calls during lock down. Crime in NY up by 32% so far in 2020. HDC issued 76 penalty tickets 53 of those were from outside the area. 1590 penalty tickets issued in NY. Sanitiser stations have been installed in various locations in the area. Government plans to create unitary local authorities in North Yorkshire are causing concern in the Yorkshire Dales. The seven district and borough councils, alongside the North Yorkshire County Council and York Council have been told to table proposals by September to create one or more unitary authority covering the city and England's largest county as part of a move towards devolution for the area

Approval of End of Year Financial Statements 2019/2020, Approval of Annual Governance Statements, Approval of Accounting Statements and Approval of Internal Audit Proposed en-bloc by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman all in favour

Exercise of Public Rights – will be displayed in N Board and website shortly

Finance: Proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Fisher all in favour that the a/c's paid up to 31.03.20 be accepted

Timpsons – keys £10.50, Clerks Salary & Exps, Birstwith Reading Room – Room Hire - £17, YLCA Ann Sub £303, Smiths of Derby 3yr school clock maintenance £595.20, TP Jones Payroll Preparation £76.80, Brit Gas Electricity a/c £8.52

Finance: Proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer all in favour that the a/c's from the start of new financial year be accepted

Nidd Imaging – Flyers Covid 19 £49.50, Vision ICT – Adding assessibility report to website £54, British Gas – Electric a/c £9.11, Vision ICT – Website hosting/support etc £162, British Gas – Electric £8.82, J Dennis – Internal audit £50, Came and Co – insurance £614, W E Benson – grass cutting £594, J Worsnop Clerks salary and exps, British Gas – electric £9.11

The Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund awarded £500 for repairs to entrance path leading to playground. The PC thanked Liz Elvidge for her work in obtaining this grant. Backhouses will commence the work in September. It was proposed by C Packer seconded by R Houseman that John Elvidge should obtain PPE for monitoring and managing the playground. Reminder to Mark about fixing gate catch. More permanent signage required. Proposed by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge that Park Lane Playgrounds attend to fix new swing brackets at a cost of £300 + VAT (work required after annual inspection)

The following Planning Applications etc were noted:

Responses sent by Clerk under Delegated Powers, in consultation with Councillors

Application No: 20/00908/FUL Erection of double garage Coachman's Cottage New Row Birstwith – **Obs:** over development of site, proximity to road, in the AONB

Application No: 20/00751/FUL Demolition of 1 single storey extension and erection of 2 single extensions and formation of basement Coachmans Cottage New Row Birstwith **Obs:** over development of site and compromising the AONB being in such a prominent position

Application No: 20/01048/DVCON to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of planning approval Water Tower Back Road Birstwith – **no observations**

Application No: 20/0950/LB minor amendments to listed building consent 14/00508/LB West House Farm **Obs:** not easy to understand amendments as no amended drawing available suggest English Heritage are involved with decision as it is a listed building

Application No: 20/00965/DVCM AJ Variation of condition 10 of 19/00340/DVCM AJ Land comprising of field at 424874 459814 Clint Bank Birstwith **Obs:** No problem in removing traffic calming chicane but would suggest a matrix in place of it

Application No: 20/01366/DVCON variation of condition 2 (approved plans) etc Land comprising field at 42874 459814 Clint Bank Birstwith - **no obs**

Application No: 20/01552/FUL erection of two storey extension Wayside House Farm Back Road Birstwith – **No observations**

Application No: 20/01564/FUL Construction of a radome and electrical sub station RAF Menwith Hill – **No observations**

Planning Application No: 20/01939/PBR Notification of prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house and for associated operational development Haystacks Nidd Lane **No observations**

Planning Application No: 20/01682/FUL Proposed Agricultural Store Haystacks Nidd Lane Birstwith **No observations**

Planning Application No: 20/01778/FUL Erection of garages attached to existing garages in rear garden Clapham Green Farm Birstwith **Observations:** 1 Virtually a new free standing development 2 Considerably higher than existing garage building 3 Detrimental to neighbouring properties 4 Over development of site 5 Sited on boundary of AONB

Planning Decisions subject to conditions: 2 Station Plantation TPO trees, Clapham Green Farm Driveway, Clapham Green Farm Porch and windows, 16 Collin Spring Court Cuttingback trees, West House Farm garage conversion etc, listed building consent and variation of condition 2, Coachman's Cottage New Road Birstwith Demolition of 1 single storey extension and formation of basement, West House Farm Birstwith Minor amendments to Listed Building consent, Water Tower Back Road Birstwith Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of planning approval 18/00749/FUL

Planning Appeal: Wayside House Farm under S78 against refusal of a householder for erection of a single storey extension

TPO's 2 Station Plantation, Coachman's Cottage and Park Lodge – Tree Preservation orders

Planning Enforcement: West House Gardens – breach of condition 2 boundary treatment plans, Marton House – owner agreed to remove the domestic items from land, Haystacks Nidd Lane use of agricultural land as a motor racing circuit, Prospect Coach House High Lane Birstwith siting of marquee potentially in excess of 28 day per year limit

Certificate of Lawfulness Refused Single storey oak frame open sided rear extension with lead roof and glass lantern Clapham Green Farm

Grass verge cutting: A quote for a full grass cut to be obtained and enquiries to be made as to whether we could employ the services of a caretaker to look after incidental areas of the village

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed

Dated