

Minutes of the meeting held via Virtual Teleconference at 7 pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

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

**Apologies:** D Fisher

**Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda:** R Houseman Hew Green planning applications and M Worsnop Clapham Green Farm Planning application

**Parishioners Questions:** Liz Elvidge see Highway matters

**Minutes:** It was proposed by C Packer seconded by E March and **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman when lock down allows

**Report from County Councillor Michael Harrison:** Reported on the District and County 2-tier system of local Government – see below

**Report from District Councillor Tom Watson:** He stated HBC have acquired 52 houses from the David Wilson development on Whinney Lane Pannal Ash Harrogate some for shared ownership, rental etc. Street Aid from Sept 2019 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 were able to donate £5,280.26 to projects for equipment. The Conference Centre will remain as the Nightingale Hospital until March 2021 but could be terminated earlier depending on the Covid situation.

**Update on matters arising: Playground** spring seat on a piece of play equipment is broken and John Elvidge has removed it for safety reasons – Park Lane Playgrounds have been informed and will speak with the manufacturers Eibe to ascertain whether it is repairable or needs replacing. Possibly claim on insurance or apply for a Knabs Ridge grant. Park Lane Playgrounds also attended and fixed new swing brackets. The signage in the playground area has faded and needs replacing estimates will be obtained. The Knabs Ridge benefit fund has now been received and repairs to the entrance path will take place during September. PPE has now been purchased for John Elvidge.

Michael Harrison's allocated budget of £750 to the PC will be distributed at a later date

**Highway matters:** The footpath from the new housing development on Clint Bank is under discussion as to whether the path goes round the bend along side the sub station on Clint Bank or cuts through Collin Spring Court. It is hoped Highways will get involved and adopt the path from the sub station to the ginnel. The Birstwith sign has been removed from Clint Bank for safe keeping on to Mr Holmes land until it is replaced in a different position. The 30 mph signs have been moved without the permission from NY Highways. The necessary form relating to the management of the tree behind Collin Bank has been filled in and forwarded to HBC for their attention. The Chairman will speak with BIB to see if they have pruned the Elvidges hedge and he will report back to them regarding this matter

**Grass Verge Cutting:** The full grass cut has taken place proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that Will Benson's account should be paid when received all in favour. **Caretaker Services** The Chairman had spoken with Richard Langley and he has agreed to undertake small jobs on an ad hoc basis proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that we accept his services

**A/c's paid since last meeting:** proposed by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge all in favour

Nigel Martin	Painting inside of phone box	Chq 144	£160.00
Park Lane Playgrounds	New chain links for swings	Chq 145	£360.00
Resolve IT Systems	Printer connection problems	Chq 146	£ 30.00
British Gas	Electric a/c	DD	£ 8.82
J Todd & Son	PPE for playground inspection	Chq 147	£ 33.49
Received from Inland Revenue cheque for £74.65 over payment			

**Funding for Supported Bus Services and Rural Mobility Fund 2020/21** – info forwarded to Councillors

**District and County two-tier system of local government:** Cllr Harrison reported on the proposal for reorganisation based on creating one mega-sized council – the biggest in England to cover the whole of North Yorkshire. This would represent 600,000 people and 3,000 square miles. This would be paired with the City of York unitary council, a minnow by comparison covering 200,000 people and 100 square miles. The PC wants a forum where their voices will be heard and acted upon in particular relating to planning, leisure, parks and gardens local community knowledge is important. PC have an important role to play this should be reflected in any reorganisation model. Please contact [richard.cooper@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:richard.cooper@harrogate.gov.uk) he would like to receive your thoughts either for or against this proposal

**Planning Applications:** Responses sent by Clerk under Delegated Powers, in consultation with Councillors

**Application No: 20/02376/FUL** Extension to livestock shed Crow Trees Farm Sleights Lane High Birstwith – No objections

**Application No: 20/02753/FUL** Erection of replacement dwelling Hew Green Farm High Birstwith **Observations:** 1 Over development 2 In the AONB 3 Request application goes to full planning committee meeting

**Application No: 20/02571/FUL** Erection of single storey oak frame open-sided rear extension with lead roof and glass lantern Clapham Green Farm High Birstwith **Observations:** 1 Previous application for development was refused under permitted development due to the size 2 Application now forwarded for full planning this development is intrusive and further over development of the site even before the compact of the last controversial planning application has been started 3 The complete site is situated on the border of the AONB

**Application No: 20/02729/KIOSK** BT consultation on the proposed removal of payphone kiosk (01423 770411) Telephone Box Elton Lane Birstwith **Observations:** 1 Poor mobile signal 2 Defibrillator close by phone needed to ring emergency services

**Application No: 20/02749/FUL** Erection of double garage with ancillary accommodation to first floor and attached garden room, including demolition of existing outbuildings Hew Green Farm High Birstwith **Observations:** 1 In AONB 2 Over development 3 Request planning application goes to full planning meeting

**Planning Decisions granted subject to conditions:**

Notifications for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of Agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for Associated Operational Development Haystacks Nidd Lane Birstwith.

Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) etc Land comprising Field at 424874 459814 Clint Bank Birstwith. Erection of garage attached to existing garage in rear garden Clapham Green Farm Birstwith. Erection of two storey extension Wayside House Farm Back Road High Birstwith

**Planning withdrawal:** 20/01682/FUL Proposed Agricultural Store Haystacks Nidd Lane Birstwith

**Planning Enforcement:** 20/00249/PR15 Haystacks Nidd Lane Birstwith Use of agricultural land as a motor racing circuit. No further evidence has come to light so the case is closed however if further evidence of use arises which continues for more than 14 days in a year it will be investigated further.

20/00321/PR15 Haystacks Nidd Lane extension of domestic curtilage into agricultural land Agricultural land is being used to store a campervan and an area is being used in a domestic capacity including erection of playground equipment. Land to be restored back to agricultural paddock or provide evidence that the land has been used as a garden continuously for the past 10 years.

**Correspondence** Thank you letter to Parish Council from Nidderdale Group Practice. The Chairman had written to them thanking all the doctors, nurses and staff for their help and support during the Coronavirus pandemic. C Packer thanked the Chairman  
Email regarding closure of Hampsthwaite GP Surgery sent to P Councillors

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

**Date of next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Signed

Dated