

## BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held via Virtual Teleconference at 7 pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

1 **Present:** E March (Chairman) J Elvidge D Fisher R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk)  
District Councillor Tom Watson

2 **APOLOGIES:** County Councillor Michael Harrison

3 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None

4 **PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS** None

5 **MINUTES** - It was proposed by M Worsnop and seconded by C Packer and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August be confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman when face to face meetings take place again

6 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** No report in his absence

7 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – District Councillor Tom Watson informed the meeting that HBC were meeting in teams by Zoom. The majority of HBC staff are still working from home. The new Ripon Swimming Pool is due to be completed by October 2021. Smart parking in Harrogate has been extended a further year to July 2021. The proposed unitary authorities still being discussed Tom felt two authorities covered too wide an area and he would like to see 4 authorities however this was just his opinion – watch this space

8 **UPDATES:**

(a) **The Play Area** - Re-hanging of gate still to be done. Broken spring on a piece of play equipment – Eibe the manufacturers say it can be repaired awaiting to hear from them with cost. An arm on the bench in the picnic area is broken and cannot be repaired PC to get quotes to replace. BIB are looking into planting the area at the side of path leading into the playground. These plans will have to be approved by the PC before proceeding as the lease is with the PC. The entrance path to the playground new date for commencement of work mid October. The Chairman is going to make enquiries as to the cost of new signage for the playground area.

**Michael Harrison's** allocated budget left in abeyance

**Highway updates:** Road closure Hirst Lane High Birstwith now completed - the majority of the lane has been completely resurfaced with a small section partly patched. Repositioning of the Village sign on Clint Bank and the route the footpath will take round Collin Spring Court is in the hands of Highways also the possibility of a metric sign opposite the Doctors Surgery. The footpath outside the Doctors Surgery is the responsibility of the developer of West House Gardens but we need to make sure the work is carried out prior to the new Estate being completed David Fisher requested that the 'Give Way' sign at the pinch point on Wreaks Road should be repainted or renewed. Another suggestion was to have rubble strips on the road outside the tennis courts to slow vehicles down at the pinch point. Drainage problems are still causing concerns in this area and we need to monitor the situation. The bus shelter on Elton Bank covered in ivy and is causing damage to its structure. The Chairman to speak with the owners of Elton House for their permission to enter their garden to allow the work to be done. The Parish Caretaker will be asked to undertake this task along with trimming bushes on the roundabout and across the road at the bottom on Lackon Bank. Proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that this work be done all in favour

**Grass verge cutting** – now completed and paid

9 **A/c's paid since last meeting** – proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman all in favour

W E Benson Grass	verge cutting	chq 148 £840.00
British Gas	Electricity – July/August	DD 9.11
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J Worsnop	Salary Jly/Aug/Sept	chq 149 £525.15)
J Worsnop	Expenses and Room hire	chq 149 £156.91)

- 10 NALC National Salary Awards** -In accordance with the NALC information the Clerk's hourly rate has been increased by 33p ph and will be back dated to April 2020 Proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Fisher all were in favour

**11 Planning Applications:**

Application No: 6.91.55.Q.FUL 20/03179/FUL Alterations to roof to allow for internal lift – The Old Chapel Stock Stile Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JE – **No observations**

**Grant subject to conditions:** Clapham Green Farm Birstwith – erection of single storey Oak framed open-sided rear extension  
Cote Hill Farm Cote Hill Road Felliscliffe – Erection of single storey and double storey height extensions to dwelling

**Planning Enforcements:**

Case No: 20/00422/PR15 Erection of carport Tang Beck Cottage Tang Road Birstwith

Case No: 20/00431/PR15 Erection of outbuilding and oil tank The Old Winery Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith

Case No: 20/00321/PR15 Extension of domestic curtilage into agricultural land Haystacks Nidd Lane Birstwith Outcome: The owner has agreed to remove the domestic paraphernalia from this land (including play equipment) and restore land Back to an agricultural paddock

Case No: 20/00400/PR15 Erection of gate and fencing Coachman's Cottage, New Road High Birstwith Outcome: It has been established that the fence and gate is a breach of planning – it has been requested that the owners make a retrospective planning application

**Consultation on BT Telephone Kiosks** – HBC has considered every representation and submitted and acted in accordance with the six community requirements in Section 4 of the Act – A copy of the First Notification has been sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 50(1)(b) of the Act. HBC will publish the final notice of Decision on British Telecommunications plc's proposals when available

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm

**Date of next meeting** Thursday 22nd October 2020

Signed by Chairman

Date

