

Minutes of the meeting held via Virtual Teleconference on Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present: E March (Chairman) D Fisher R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk)
County Cllr Michael Harrison

APOLOGIES: J Elvidge Dist. Councillor T Watson

Declaration of interest: R Houseman in Carr Well PA and D Fisher BIB playground plan

To receive parishioners' questions - None

Minutes - It was proposed by C Packer and seconded by R Houseman and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24th September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed when face to face meetings take place again

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT –Michael reported on the Covid situation and told us you can keep up to date by going onto NY.gov.uk website which lists numbers of individual cases in different areas. Killinghall and Hampsthwaite had 12 cases in the last 7 days. He started vulnerable people were getting help and support along with people who are isolating making sure they get what they need. Unitary reorganisation the Government have formerly invited District and County Councillors to submit proposals within the next 2 weeks and further info will be available early in the New Year. Highways: drainage problems still causing problems throughout our area. Michael asked our Chairman to send him the areas causing concern and he will look into for us. There is a new Manager to cover the entire Highway Co which will be based in-house and he is hopeful this could solve the many frustrating problems encountered trying to contact and getting replies from Highways

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – No report in his absence

UPDATES REGARDING:

Play Area: The rehanging of the outer gate still to be done. The path from road to playground has now be completed the contractors also replaced a rotten post in the play area at a cost of £56.84 Proposed by R Houseman seconded D Fisher Broken spring on piece of play equipment Eibe have quoted £650?? to replace the spring we need to check whether still under guarantee if not try to claim under insurance. Replacement bench to be left until Spring. Playground signage on PVC type of material £10 each proposed by C Packer seconded by M Worsnop that these should be purchased.

Highway matters: Enquiries are being made to the Highways Dept as to new signage and rumble strips at the pinch point on Wreaks Road. Clint Bank at the entrance to Collin Spring Court will hopefully be resurfaced shortly. The footpath outside the Doctors Surgery will be completed by the Developers before the contract is signed off. Cutting back of a tree with a TPO on it behind Collin Bank will be dealt with by the owner David Holmes once he has received permission. Bus Shelter the ivy has been removed and the shrubs on and around the green have been pruned by the Parish Caretaker.

Birstwith in Bloom: The Parish Councillors discussed the plans from BIB to develop the entrance to the Playground area in to an interactive garden. This land was leased to the Parish Council in June 2011 from Kerrys for a childrens' play area. The Parish Council applied to HBC for a change of use from agricultural land to Childrens' Play Area and this was granted subject to certain conditions. The majority of Councillors felt that Health & Safety and Insurance would be a difficult issue if approval was granted to allow these plans to proceed. Although they were not against the idea of an interactive garden they felt this area was the wrong place. The Parish Council's thoughts were that a play area was for play equipment as with other playgrounds. A vote was taken and with one exception (David Fisher) was agreed four to one to:

- 1 To reject the application from BIB to create an interactive garden at the entrance to the Playground proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer majority in favour.

- 2 To turn the area back to grass proposed by M Worsnop seconded by E March majority in favour
The clerk to write officially to BIB with the Parish Council comments

Michael Harrison's allocated budget some monies had been allocated to buy PPE for John Elvidge for his playground duties. It was suggested that the Church and Reading Room might be interested in a donation of hand sanitisers. Clerk to enquire

Christmas Tree Lights: All the lights have been taken off the Christmas Tree and have been checked some are very old and could do with replacing. It is envisaged that approx 10/14 sets would be needed to replace all of them. It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that up to £300 could be spent.

A/c's approved for payment since last meeting proposed by D Fisher seconded by E March all in favour

British Gas	Electricity a/c	DD 8.23
HBC	Garage rental	DD 60.00
Received 2 nd instalment of Precept		
Transfer £6000 from c/a to deposit		

Planning Application: Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey extension 6.91.257.D.FUL 20/03112/FUL Carr Well Swalewood Lane High Birstwith – **No observations**
Creation of a new junction with the public highway and associated modifications to the existing highway, construction of front gate vehicle control canopy and new gate house 6.500.78/G.FUL 20/03381/FUL RAF Menwith Hill Main Street Menwith Hill Camp Harrogate – **No observations**
Erection of a single and double storey height extensions to dwelling (revised scheme) 6.91.275.B.FUL 20/03449/FUL Cote Hill Farm Cote Hill Road Felliscliffe **1 Over development of site and in 2 AONB Listed building consent for the erection of an orangery and associated hard landscaping -** 6.91.65.G.LB 20/03464/LB Manor House Crow Hill Lane High Birstwith – **1 Unsuitable development for Grade II listed building 2 Potential light pollution**
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Granted subject to conditions: Extension to livestock shed Crow Trees Farm Sleights Lane High Birstwith

Alleged Breach: Erection of outbuilding and oil tank The Old Winery Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith

Precept: It was proposed by M Worsnop Seconded by C Packer that the Precept for 2021/2022 remain the same as last year at £10,500 all were in favour

Review and Update of Security Policy no alterations review again October 2021 and the Standing Order Policy change 4 7.2 from £500 to £1,000 proposed by D Fisher seconded by E March all in favour. Review again September 2022

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Date of next meeting: 26th November 2020

Signed

Dated