

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting which took place via Virtual Teleconference on Thursday 26th November 2020 at 7.0pm

- 1       **Present:**       E March (Chairman) J Elvidge D Fisher R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop. District Cllr Tom Watson J Worsnop (Clerk)
- 2       **APOLOGIES:** County Cllr Michael Harrison
- 3       **To receive parishioners' questions:** None
- 4       **Declaration of interest:** R Houseman re: PA Hew Green and M Worsnop Enforcement Clapham Green Farm
- 5       **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 22nd October 2020 with one alteration (Dist Cllr Tom Watson could not log onto meeting) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman when face to face meetings take place again
- 5       **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – emailed stated he had reported drainage issues
- 6       **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Tom reported to the meeting the mammoth task HBC had in maintaining the whole of the infrastructure in our area. Income Support for self employed persons can make a claim after 30<sup>th</sup> November via the HBC website. Job retention - (furlough) extended to end of March 2021 Local Government Review Tom stated he was against the submission of an East/West split he did not think it would be deliverable.
- 7       **The Play Area:** The new hinge on the gate should be fitted shortly. The new signs will be erected shortly. Eibe's quote for the new spring is £350 + £200 for fitting. John Elvidge and the Chairman expressed concerns about H & S issues if we fitted the spring ourselves and the Clerk is to make enquiries from our Insurance Co before a decision is made but authority was given on a proposal from R Houseman seconded by C Packer that the Chairman and Clerk can proceed once this information has been obtained. Some deterioration has been noted on the laminated climbing frame structure and once it has dried out work will be done to alleviate this problem. Quotations are being sought to replace the seat in the Spring as previously agreed. An email from a concerned parent asking when the seat will be replaced, also the rocking equipment repaired and when will the deterioration to the structure of the climbing frame be sorted proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that a reply is sent by the clerk  
**Highways:** New signage and rumble strips for Wreaks Road the Chairman spoke to Highways but has had no reply to date. Surface of road at Clint Bank at entrance to Collin Spring Court - Highways will attend to the problem within the next 3 to 4 weeks. The Chairman met the TPO surveyor and it has been agreed that Mr Holmes/Tree Surgeon will sort out the problem with this tree behind Collin Bank. There are still problems with the drains on Darley Road and at Reynard Crag this is an ongoing problem. Cutting back trees/saplings on Lackon Bank overhanging the highway. Belmont Grosvenor to be approached as these trees are in their grounds. Broomfield Car Parking – Complaint received from residents as to the amount of vehicles parked there. This has been reported to HBC and the Parks Department.  
Bus Shelter - problems yet again being used as a urinal the Parish Council to seek advice on CCTV to prevent this happening  
**Birstwith in Bloom:** - The clerk had sent a letter to BIB rejecting their application to create an interactive garden at the entrance to the play area. John Elvidge said he had had complaints and disappointment from residents regarding the PC decision. The black pvc covering will be taken up next Spring and the area will be reseeded. The PC offered their allocation of snowdrops to BIB but they declined the offer this year due to Covid restrictions.  
**Christmas Tree Lights** - Many parishioners had commented on how wonderful the tree looked this year. The new lights certainly made a difference and cheered people up during this lock down

- 8 Planning Applications:**  
**Approval of details required by Conditions 4 (materials) and 5 (sample of materials) of application 20/01366/DVCON 6.91.266.C.DISCON 20/04015/DISCON** Land comprising field at 424874 459814 Clint Bank Birstwith – **No observations**  
**Erection of double garage and ancillary accommodation to first floor and attached garden room, including demolition of existing outbuildings 6.91.276.FUL 20/02749/FUL** Hew Green Farm High Birstwith **Observations: 1 In AONB 2 Overdevelopment**  
**TPO Pruning on one oak tree within tree preservation order 71/2007 6.91.934.C TPO 20/03952/TPO** Land known at CollinWood Birstwith -**No observations**  
**Planning Permission Approved:** Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey extension Carr Well Swalewood Lane High Birstwith – **Approved subject to conditions**  
**Planning Enforcement: Demolition of wall to create access to field 20/00503/PR15** Land comprising Field at 425270 559949 Nidd Lane Birstwith  
**Planning Enforcement: Breach of condition 2 (20/00115/FUL) Fenestration not in accordance with approved plans 20/00529/BRPC15** Clapham Green Farm Birstwith  
**Planning Enforcement: Use of agricultural land as a motor racing circuit – 20/00537/PR15** Haystacks Nidd Lane Birstwith HG3 3AR  
**Notice of Decision:** Non material amendment to allow for alterations to the front elevation of the main side extension to create a barn arch in lieu of two windows – **have approved the application** Coachmans Cottage New Road High Birstwith not a re-issue of the original planning permission

**9 Accounts approved for payment – proposed by R Houseman Seconded by C Packer**

Cancelled Cheque		Chq 150	-----
Backhouse Bros	Pt Playground path & renew stake	Chq 151	97.74
Yorkshire Lighting	Check/Test Christmas Tree Lights	Chq 152	114.00
HBC	Play area inspection	Chq 153	66.00
Whitemere View Ltd	Parish Caretaker	Chq 154	135.00
Cancelled cheque		Chq 155	-----
APH	Signs for playground	Chq 156	12.00
Lights for Fun	Christmas Tree Lights	Chq 157	481.10
HBC	Notice Board Rent	DD	15.00

- 10 Correspondence –** Anonymous letter received by Parish Council

**Meeting closed at 8 pm**

**Date of next meeting** 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021