

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting which took place via Virtual Teleconference on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7 pm**

**Present:** E March (Chairman) J Elvidge D Fisher R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop  
County Cllr Michael Harrison Dist. Cllr, Tom Watson J Worsnop (Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies:** None
- 2 **Declaration of Interest in items on agenda:** R Houseman Hew Green Farm and Holly Garth Barn  
M Worsnop – Cycle Track and Allocation of County Councillor’s Grant
- 3 **Parishioners Questions** – None
- 4 **Minutes** - It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by C Packer and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting held on 26th November 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman when face to face meetings take place again
- 5 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** - HBC are recommending a 3.49% increase in council tax  
The Unitary re-organisation is progressing well and the Government will have to make a decision shortly otherwise the Elections in May will have to be cancelled
- 6 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Dist Cllr Tom Watson stated the draft budget showed loss of income from Car parking, parks and leisure due to the pandemic. The short fall was covered from reserves. The recycling collection had recently been suspended due to weather conditions. Green bin licences are now available £41 from mid March to end of November collected every fortnight
- 7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**  
**Play Area:** The Chairman to meet the Backhouse Bros for a quote re: reversing the hinge on the playground gate. New signs will be erected shortly. New spring for playground rocking unit Eibe quote £340.47 a further quote required for fitting possible insurance claim if we can prove it was not wear and tear  
The Chairman and Clerk to take decision when info received proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer Laminated climbing frame structure will be checked again when it has dried out. Replacement bench seat 5’ teak £495 inc VAT + £34.95 for delivery approved purchase D Fisher seconded M Worsnop but try for Wind Farm grant prior to purchase  
**Highway matters:** New signage and rumble strips Wreaks Road – no reply to date. Surface of road at Clint Bank at entrance to Collin Spring Court – still awaiting repair. TPO behind Collin Bank agreed Flooding Darley Road highways are dealing with problem. Saplings on Lackon Bank Belmont Grosvenor to be approached again. Reynard Crag standing water has not been resolved. Broomfield cars parked on verge possible solution take away grass verge to allow parking. Stock Stile Lane between Nell Acre and The Chapel saplings need cutting back. CCTV for Bus Shelter cameras/signs to be erected by village caretaker and to get a quote for repainting bus shelter interior proposed by M Worsnop seconded by C Packer  
**Birstwith in Bloom:** The Parish Council were pleased to learn that BIB were in talks with the mill regarding the possibility of been given a piece of land in the Show Field to create their interactive garden. The PC are willing to give assistance if required
- 8 **Accounts approved for payment by D Fisher seconded by C Packer all in favour**
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| <b>HBC</b>                         | Notice Board rental               | DD         | £ 15.00  |
| <b>Yorkshire Lighting Services</b> | Erecting lights on Christmas Tree | Chq 001158 | £240.00  |
| <b>SLCC</b>                        | Ann Membership Subscription       | Chq 001159 | £ 80.00  |
| <b>HMRC</b>                        | Q3 tax                            | Chq 001160 | £ 7.80   |
| <b>J Worsnop</b>                   | Salary Oct – Dec                  | Chq 001161 | £561.90) |
| <b>J Worsnop</b>                   | Clerks exps Oct – Dec etc         | Chq 001161 | £111.56) |
| <b>J Worsnop</b>                   | Office Space Oct-Dec              | Chq 001161 | £ 52.00) |
| <b>British Gas</b>                 | Electricity a/c                   | DD         | £ 9.69   |
| <b>British Gas</b>                 | Electricity a/c Nov- 5 Dec        | DD         | £ 11.51  |
| <b>British Gas</b>                 | Electricity a/c 6 Dec – 5 Jan     | DD         | £ 14.66  |

- 9 **Allocation of County Councillor's Grant:** It was proposed by D Fisher seconded by E March that the Church Hall be given £375 and Birstwith Reading the same amount for loss of income due to the pandemic
- 10 **Proposed Cycle Track:** The proposed cycle track was discussed at length the preliminary proposed route from Hampsthwaite to Pateley Bridge will be based upon extending the successful greenway currently running between Harrogate and Ripley and will follow a mixture of disused railway track, existing public rights of way and new links to form a continuous traffic free village to village route will easy gradients. Further discussion and negotiation with the PC, landowners and other stakeholders does not appear to have happened in Birstwith. The majority of landowners do not wish the cycle track to cross their land. The PC have grave concerns about the width of some lanes which are to be incorporated in the scheme they include public footpaths and bridleways. The village already has major parking problems and no public toilets. The draft proposal needs stopping before it reaches the Government statue book. The PC and landowners are encouraged to write to Sustrans and the Nidderdale Greenway Steering Group with their objections before it is too late.
- 11 **Planning Applications observations already returned to HBC** under Clerks delegated powers at a Teleconference meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
**Erection of detached garage 20/04156/FUL** Holly Garth Ban Swalewood Lane High Birstwith – **No objections**  
**Erection of 1 two storey extension and 1 single storey extension, alterations to fenestration and boundary wall 20/04297/FUL**– Plumtree Cottage Back Road High Birstwith – **Observations: 1. In the AONB 2. Concerns is off road parking is reduced when extensions are built on small site - has now been granted Subject to conditions**
- Planning Applications to be discussed**  
**Erection of detached garage -20/04963/FUL** Bell Bank House Sleights Lane High Birstwith - **No observations**  
**Listed Building consent for alterations to existing extension to include a new door and a new window 20/04994/LB** Manor House Crow Hill Lane High Birstwith – **No observations**  
**Conversion of redundant barn to form a single dwelling – 20/05120/FUL** Hew Green Farm High Birstwith HG3 2JL – **Observations: 1 Over development of site 2 In AONB 3 Hew Green Farm is on a junction with four narrow single track country lanes used by tractors, agricultural collections/deliveries as well as residents. The over development of this site would cause numerous problems with the added number of vehicles entering and exiting this new site when completed 4 Request a site visit**
- Planning Application part approved and part refused** – pruning of one oak tree within a Preservation Order -Land known as Collin Wood Collin Spring Court Birstwith
- Erection of a single and double storey height extensions to dwelling (revised scheme)** Cote Hill Farm Cote Hill Road Felliscliffe – **Approved subject to conditions**  
**Erection of replacement dwelling and Erection of double garage with ancillary accommodation to first floor**-Hew Green Farm High Birstwith – **Approved subject to conditions**
- Planning Application withdrawn:** Listed building application for the erection of an orangery and associated hard landscaping Manor House Crow Hill Lane High Birstwith
- 12 **Correspondence: Birstwith School Governors** – Thank you letter re advice from Clerk over siting of banners for the School  
**Nidderdale Group Practice:** Giving us update on vaccination procedures  
**Offer of a new site for Birstwith Show if needed/any other village event** – Clerk to sent thank you letter

