

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting which took place via Virtual Teleconference on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7 pm**

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

**APOLOGIES:** J Elvidge (unable to attend until the end of Telephone Conference meetings)

**Declaration of interests in items on the agenda:** R Houseman - PA Holly Garth Barn

**To receive parishioners questions:** None in person but several mentioned by D Fisher

**Minutes** - It was proposed by D Fisher and seconded by R Houseman and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28th January 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman when restrictions are lifted

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

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**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Dist. Cllr Tom Watson stated the budget had been approved for 2020/2021 having had to draw on reserves. Council Tax for a Band D property will increase by £5 Knabs Ridge Wind Farm the latest round of Community Benefit Fund is now open – Closing date 10<sup>th</sup> May posters will be placed in Notice Boards. Building of affordable housing is being delayed due to the pandemic but 19 units on Spa Lane Starbeck are available for occupation by the homeless and families for a short term stay until alternative accommodation can be found. Green Bins available £41 x 2 week collection from mid March to November. Local Government re-organisation now out for consultation – 8 week consultation period

**UPDATES REGARDING:**

**Play Area:** It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that the quote from Backhouse Bros for £120 for reversing the hinge on the playground gate be accepted. Replacement bench has arrived and Backhouse Bros quote would not exceed £100 was accepted proposed by C Packer seconded by R Houseman The new playground signs will be fitted on the gate once the work has been completed. The spring on the rocker unit is an insurance claim and cannot be mended until the Insurance Co give the go ahead. The level of the ground in the Play area is causing concern it is very uneven and quotes are being sought to solve the problems

**Highways:** The on going dangerous problem with the traffic at the pinch point on Wreaks Road has still to be resolved. This problem has been ongoing for months we have asked that the 'Give Way' sign is replaced on numerous occasions, that traffic calming measures are implemented ie rumble strips, **traffic lights** but to no avail. Flooding is also a major problem on this stretch of road and the narrow footpath on Kerry's side of the same piece of road has eroded away making the path dangerous to walk on. Darley Road flood still not resolved although NY Highways are dealing with it and now on top of this there is gas leak. Problem with drain on Elton Bank water running across the road freezes in cold weather this has also been reported to Highways. The parking on the grass verges in Broomfield has been reported to the HBC Surveyor it is apparently the responsibility of Harrogate Parks Dept they are looking into the possibility of tarmac some of the area. 2 new road signs which were recently erected at the entrance to Broomfield – one has already been damaged. Broomfield flooding a suggestion to supply flood gates for household doors also build a wall on the top of the river bank further information later. Sandbags new arrangements for collection and issuing by HBC – 24hr on line call out to Harrogate but only when a flood warning has been issued. Very complicated to run and unsatisfactory, **as Birstwith may be flooded but no warning shown in Harrogate.** The PC discussed buying sand and decided we should buy and fill our own sandbags and borrow a machine to undertake this task and then the system would work as before. Saplins and overhanging branches near the Water Tower towards Ray Skeltons, Lackon Bank and Stock Stile Lane to be reported to NY Highways for attention.

**CCTV Bus Shelter** – The village caretaker to repaint the inside of the bus shelter and install CCTV cameras

**BIB:** Entrance to playground removal of plastic sheeting prior to reseeding – David Fisher very kindly agreed to undertake this work hopefully within the next month weather permitting

**Allocation of County Cllr's grant:** The Treasurers' of St James's Church and the Reading Room had sent letters thanking the PC for the grant.

**Proposed Cycle Track:** A letter had been sent to Malcolm Margolis detailing the PC concerns re; the proposed cycle track in the main it mentioned the pinch point on Wreaks Road, the track through Nidd Lane which is a public footpath and bridle way. Although were not against the proposed cycle track in principal they felt the route would be problematic. Malcolm has had discussion with our Chairman regarding the proposed route and a possible alternative route may be considered subject to local land owners approval. Further discussions will need to take place before this proposed route can be supported by the Parish Council

**Accounts approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer**

<b>J Worsnop</b>	Office Apr/May/June	Chq 162	52.00
<b>St James's Church</b>	NYCC grant due to Covid	Chq 163	375.00
<b>Birstwith Reading Room</b>	“ “	Chq 164	375.00
<b>British Gas</b>	Electricity account	DD	9.11
<b>Wealden Benches</b>	Playground Bench	Chq 165	529.95
<b>Resolve I.T. Systems</b>	Printer Connection problems	Chq 166	30.00
Transfer from Deposit a/c to current a/c £2000			

**Planning Applications:**

**Erection of stables, tack and store (revised scheme) 6.91.38.H.FUL 21/00135/FUL Grasmere Farm High Lane High Birstwith – No observations**

**Erection of stables, tack and store 6.91.71.J.FUL 21/00133/FUL Holly Garth Barn Swalewood Lane High Birstwith – No observations**

**Granted subject to conditions:**

**Erection of detached garage – Bell Bank House Sleights Lane High Birstwith**

**Planning Enforcement: Clapham Green Farm Birstwith – breach of condition 2 (20/00115/FUL)**

Fenestration not in accordance with approved plans – The large central bi-fold appears to be existing, and the fenestration style has merely been changed to match the approved opening adjacent

**Listed Building consent** for Manor House Crow Hill Lane High Birstwith for alterations to existing extension to include a new door – **Subject to conditions**

**Correspondence**

**Letter from local resident** – re planning applications for Hew Green. The clerk will reply

**Pateley Bridge Police Station is moving** within The Old Workhouse, King Street Pateley Bridge HG3 5LE The office is currently under construction and should be ready by the end of February

**Local Government reorganisation update:** The detailed proposal can be found at:

[www.get-change-right.com/about-our-bid](http://www.get-change-right.com/about-our-bid). Our views are important and it is hoped that we will take part when it is launched by government – It is crucial that they get it right

**Letter from Cllr Carl Les Leader of NYCC Northallerton** – read the full proposal at

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/strongertogether](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/strongertogether)

Date of next meeting 25th March 2021

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed

Dated