

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

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

**Apologies:** J Elvidge and County Cllr Michael Harrison

**Declaration of interests in items on the agenda:** R Houseman Hew Green

**To receive parishioners questions:** None

**Minutes** - It was proposed by C Packer and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman when restrictions are lifted

**Appointment of Auditor:** John Dennis kindly agreed to audit our accounts again this year

**County Councillor's report :** No report in his absence

**District Councillor's report:** 2 Senior members of the HBC Parks Dept have retired after serving a total of 90 years between them. Tom wished them both a happy retirement and stated they would be sadly missed. The Convention Centre will be handed back to the Council from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and will be dismantled by the NHS before returning to a conference centre. A new road sign has been erected at Collin Spring Court stating 'no through road' this will hopefully stop unauthorised vehicles entering the development. The Parish Councillors' stated it was very difficult to contact anyone at the Council Offices since the Covid outbreak. Telephone calls and emails were not being answered so Tom suggested we wrote to Rachel Bowles Corporate Affairs Manager HBC explaining the situation.

**Updates regarding:**

**Playground:** Reversing hinge on gate and fixing new bench to be completed shortly. Signs will be erected once this work is done Clerk to chase Insurance Co re our claim for the Rocker Spring. Uneven ground in playground the Chairman had spoken with Jenny Love at HBC regarding this and she gave him a list of suppliers who might be able to suggest an alternative to grass possibly putting grass matting down which would allow the grass to grow through. The Chairman will meet the Parish Caretaker to see if he would be willing to undertake this job. Now the plastic sheeting has been removed from the entrance to the playground it was suggested that the Parish Caretaker may be able to either reseed or turf the area. It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that the Chairman be given permission to proceed with the work.

**Highway matters:** The footpath on Wreaks Road has been marked out for repair and the Chairman will meet shortly with the Highways Inspector re the pinch point and other areas causing concern, Elton Bank has also been marked out so hopefully work will commence shortly but regarding the Broomfield parking situation no further info to date. Sandbags filling and managing our own allocation still seems to be the best option. Clint Bank and the footpath around the corner a meeting with NYCC will take place to find out what is envisaged.

**CCTV Bus Shelter:** The painting will commence next week and the CCTV monitors will be installed

**BIB:** re: entrance to playground (see Playground notes)

**Nidderdale Greenway:** Two possible alternative routes had been discussed there are pros and

cons for both. The alternative route has the benefit of avoiding the narrow stretch of road over and approaching the bridge. It was noted by Malcolm Margolis the amount of traffic that travels along this stretch of Wreaks Road. Mr Margolis said it was not correct to describe the Greenway as a 'cycle track'. He states its a path for walking, cycling, running, scooting and where ever practicable for horse riding. He stated the Greenway will not come to Birstwith for a considerable length of time and this would be subject to landowners support.

**Insurance:** The premium for the forthcoming year will be £630.98

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

<b>British Gas</b>	Electricity a/c	DD	8.23
<b>HMRC</b>	Tax Q4	Chq 000167	2.80
<b>J Worsnop</b>	Salary Jan/Mar	Chq 000168)	537.20
<b>J Worsnop</b>	Expenses Jan/Feb/Mar	Chq 001168)	47.75
<b>J Worsnop</b>	Office Space	Chq 001168)	52.00
<b>YLCA</b>	Ann subscription	Chq 001169	309.00

**Summary of end of year accounts:** were discussed prior to final details been calculated

**Planning Application:**

**Erection of single glazed rear extension and internal alterations** 6.91.54.M.FUL 21/00442/FUL

Reynard Crag House Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith HG3 2 JQ – **No observations**

**Crown Reduction by 2m of 1 Beech Tree (T1) and 1 Cedar Tree (T2) and pruning 1 Laburnum tree of Tree Preservation Order 01/1950** 6.91.52.8.TPO 21/00717/FUL Amberley Wreaks Road Birstwith – **No Observations**

**Installation of replacement windows and doors, demolition of existing porch to rear, erection of single storey porch extension to rear and external and internal alternations** 6.91.277.FUL 21/00888/FUL Nidd House Farm Nidd Lane Birstwith – **No Observations**

**Conversion of cow shed to form a single dwelling** 6.91.276.C.FUL 20/05115/FUL Hew Green Farm Hew Green Swarcliffe Top Birstwith – **Observations: 1 Over development of site 2 In the AONB 3 Hew Green is on a junction with four narrow single track country lanes used by tractors, agricultural collections and deliveries as well as residents 4 The overdevelopment of this site would cause numerous problems with the added number of vehicles entering and exiting this new development when completed 5 The proposed site line is also causing visible displacement**

**Conversion and extension of two agricultural buildings to form two dwellings with associated alterations and gardens** 6.91.276.B.FUL 20/04856/FUL Hew Green Farm Hew Green Swarcliffe Top Birstwith – **Observations same as above**

**Planning Enforcement – Land Comprising Field at 424662 460129 Birstwith North Yorkshire**

Potential breach of condition 2 (18/01528/FULMAJ – built not in accordance with approval FFL under investigation

**Land comprising field at 523708 459083 New Road Birstwith** 21/00115/PR15 Storage of abandoned vehicles

**Planning Permission Granted subject to conditions** – Grasmere Farm High Lane High Birstwith Erection of stables, tack and store (revised scheme)

**Correspondence:** Telephone Kiosk at Collin Bank a notice to be placed in the Notice Boards asking parishioners for their suggestions as to what we should use this space for now it has been repaired and painted

Date of next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 Annual Assembly will be held later in year Meeting closed at 8.10

Signed

Dated

