

Minutes of the AGM held in the Church Hall on Thursday 27th May 2021 at 7 p.m.

Present: J Elvidge D Fisher R Houseman E March M Worsnop County Cllr Michael Harrison
Dist. Cllr Tom Watson & J Worsnop (Clerk)

NOTICE OF MEETING Public Notice of the AGM had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – It was proposed by M Worsnop seconded by R Houseman and **RESOLVED** that E March be elected as Chairman all were in favour

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE – E March duly accepted the position of Chairman and signed the declaration made before a Proper Officer of the Council of the Parish of Birstwith

APOLOGIES: None

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN – It was proposed by D Fisher and seconded by R Houseman and **RESOLVED** that M Worsnop be elected as Vice Chairman all were in favour

To receive Parishioners questions – None

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 via virtual teleconference on 29th April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record along with previous minutes dated 27th February 2020, 16th July 2020, 20th August 2020, 24th September 2020, 22nd October 2020, 26th November 2020, 28th January 2021, 25th February 2021, and 25th March 2021 were signed by the Chairman

APPROVED CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT
Proposed by R Housman seconded J Elvidge that the statements be accepted all were in favour and signed by the Chairman and Clerk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Michael reported no more remote HBC meetings can take place however recommendations will be made to the Chief Executive and he makes the final decisions. He stated Covid cases were low in our area and in particular in Care Homes due to the vaccination programme. Cllr Harrison stated Social Care is being restructured and they will now work 7 days a week. The Local Government re-organisation is due to take place in July. As there were no elections this year Michael will remain our County Cllr for the forthcoming year. The new company for delivery of operational services, NY Highways will be launched on Tuesday 1 June 2021. The Company has been formed as a Teckal company which means that, whilst the County Council's highways work will form the main workload of NY Highways, there will be opportunities going forward to the company to work for other public and private sector clients providing the opportunity for additional income to underpin other County Council services. However this new company will take on a debt of 14 million pounds from its predecessor. The A59 re-route the funding has been secured and is out to tender at the moment. Highway matters discussed at length see below under updates

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – District Cllr Tom told us the Dragon Road Vaccination Centre is now closed but there is a mobile unit in the Multi Storey car park on West Park. He stated that 97.5% of Council tax had been paid into HBC during the last financial year. Face to Face meetings are taking place but briefings are on line.

Approval of end of year annual Financial Statements 2020/21 Approval of Accounting Statements Approval of Internal Auditor Exercise of Public Rights - 7th June until 16th July 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk/RFO proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer all were in favour

PlayArea: Rocker unit delayed due to manufacturing problem will be fitted a.s.a.p when received. The village Caretaker had been approached re: uneven entrance to playground possible solution would be to use sand or gravel ongoing.

Highway Matters: Wreaks Road problems with speeding traffic and large vehicles causing road blockages and several accidents. The Chairman has tried to arrange meetings with Highways but to no avail never return his calls. Michael asked the Chairman to forward all the areas causing concern including road surfaces to him and he would look into the matter. People using the Tennis Club are causing problems with traffic as they park on Wreaks Road. We understand permission had been granted some time ago from Kerrys to use their car park and the Clerk will look into whether this facility is still available and if so write to the Secretary of the Tennis Club requesting their members use this car park. Trees on roadside verges still being investigated with NY Highways. The clerk to write to HBC Planning Department to ask whether TPO's can be put on trees included in the new landscaping plan for the West House Gardens development.

BIB: Entrance gate from playground to their new Community Garden. Lengthy discussion took place with the Councillors as to whether the PC should open this gate to allow access. A vote was taken and the outcome was 3 for and 3 against and with the Chairman's casting vote it was declined. However a meeting will take place tomorrow as the Chairman had an alternative solution which he thought would solve the problem. The clerk to check with our insurance company regarding shared access.

Virtual meetings: One Councillor was not happy with telephone conference meetings as he said it cost him a lot of money on his quarterly account. As we are now back to face to face meetings it was decided that should a similar situation arise in the future it should be discussed, agreed and minuted whether the PC would cover these costs. The risk assessment for face to face meetings has been filed

Grass Cutting: The clerk to contact Will Benson and it was agreed he should go ahead with the cut proposed by D Fisher seconded by C Packer all were in favour

Accounts were approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Fisher all were in favour

Whitemere View Ltd	Making good ground next to play area and reseeding	Chq 176	£100.00
British Gas	Electricity a/c Mar.April	DD	9.11
“	“ April/May	DD	8.82
Vision ICT	Website hosting & website a/cs annually	Chq 177	162.00
John Dennis	Audit year ending 31 st March 2021	Chq 178	50.00
Precept received for 1 st half of year £5,250			
VAT to reclaim £610.47			

Planning Application:

Erection of stables with agricultural store. Creation of new access to include a new drive and the installation of a gate 6.91.235.C.FUL 21/01779/FUL The Old Chapel Sleights Lane Birstwith HG3 2LE

Observations: No supporting evidence to justify the erection of this building

Planning Applications Approved : 2 Station Plantation Birstwith – **Subject to conditions**

Grange Farm Sleights Lane High Birstwith -**Subject to conditions**

Hew Green Farm Hew Green – Conversion and extension of two agricultural buildings to form 2 dwellings with associated alternations and gardens – **Approved Subject to 17 conditions**

Planning Refusal: Rose Cottage Crow Hill Lane High Birstwith

Planning Enforcements: The Old Chapel held in abeyance until outcome of above planning application
TPO Felling of trees at Hew Green - Further investigations being carried out. Clerk to write a letter to owner of Hew Green Farm who lives at Carr Well

Coachmans Cottage New Rd – The house extension has been completed and the tree protective fencing was removed and then landscaping works carried out within the curtilage of a residential garden. This is permitted development therefore the PEO does not consider this to be a breach of the planning permission

Land comprising field at 423708 459708 New Road – Storage of abandoned vehicles according to historical aerial and street view images the two Range Rover vehicles in the field have been present for over 10 years. The Local Planning Authority do not consider that a material change of use has taken place and as such there is presently no breach of planning

Planning Application Withdrawn – Conversion of redundant barn to form a single dwelling – Hew Green Farm High Birstwith 6.91.276.D.FUL 20/05120/FUL

Correspondence:

AONB – Clerk to thank Sue Welch for the info on Public Rights of Way and the Councillors thought an open meeting should be arranged sometime in the future to show this presentation document

NYCC Street Name Consultation – Land comprising Field at 424874 459814 Clint Bank Birstwith
The Councillors' preferred name would be 1-8 Collin Wood

Yorkshire Challenge 17/18th July 2021 – Info on Notice Boards

Nidderdale Summer Sunday and Bank Holiday Bus Services – Info on Notice Boards

NYCC – Planned road closure **White Wall Lane** between 10th May and 21st June 2021 to allow Northern Powergrid to undertake an urgent cable diversion – info in Notice boards

North Yorkshire Water – Work at Hurst Lane, Clapham Green – Info in Notice Boards

Arthritis Self Management Event for Yorkshire – Special event for adults living with arthritis in Yorkshire. To take part please email: ruth@arthritisaaction.org.uk or telephone 0203 781 7120 and they will email you the joining details to use on the day

NYCC -Skipton & Ripon Area Constituency Committee – A remote live broadcast will be held on 27 May at 10 am – details in Notice Board

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting 24^h June 2021

Signed

Dated

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Date of next ordinary meeting Thursday 27th June 2019

Signed

Dated