BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held in the Church Hall on Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7.15 p.m.

PRESENT: E March J Elvidge R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop Dist. Cllr Tom Watson & J Worsnop (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: D Fisher

To: receive any declarations of interest: None

To receive Parishioners questions – None

MINUTES - It was proposed by C Packer and seconded by R Houseman with an amendment to Planning Enforcement for TPO's at Hew Green owner lives at Carr Well and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the AGM Meeting held in the Church Hall on 24th May be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - No report in his absence

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – District Cllr Tom told us the Coronavirus had now reached our area particularly Pateley Bridge. Knaresborough Swimming Pool should open in time for the school holidays. The Bus review to be looked at. PA to go to planning committee these are only recommendations apparently there are views for and against. Freedom of Information to BC 800 requests by members of the public slightly down on last year. Wind Farm grants – 2 bids from BHS and Birstwith School request for marquee/lean to for craft classes and repairs to storage shed. BIB – notice board deferred further info required. Adrian Dixon wanted to know if anybody wanted to take his place on the Wind Farm committee as it should go on a rotational basis.

Updates Regarding:

PlayArea: Uneven entrance to playground the Parish Caretaker suggests putting matting down with soil underneath and it was proposed by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge that this work should go ahead at a cost of £75. The rocker spring unit has now been repaired. Discussion took place regarding the infrastructure of the playground and entrance area. It was felt that a 3 month inspection should be done by Park Lane Playgrounds the last quarter would be done by ROSPA on their annual inspection. After lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided to wait until Rospa's inspection in September before any decisions were made.

Highway Matters: Wooden posts and red tape on Tang Road bottom of Sleights Lane need removing been there for sometime. Opposite White Wall Lane on Tang Road large stones on grass verge causing concern when turning and Tang Road laurel bush needs pruning. Tennis Club parking on Wreaks Road clerk in contact with their secretary further info later.

BIB: Outcome of meeting with BIB it has now been decided that 3 rails will be cut out of the playground entrance fence to allow access to the Community Garden This is for a trial period proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer all were in favour

Grass Cutting: The first grass cut has now been completed

High Lane verge – the unauthorised felling of 4 trees – This matter has finally been resolved NYCC are in dialogue now with HBC re: replanting of the said trees

North Yorkshire Senior Engineer - Re: new Vehicle Activated sign on Clint Bank. Permission has been received from HBC to erect a developer funded activated sign on the new lighting column just before West House Gardens entrance drive with mains supply. The sign will be a speed reminder type with a 30/SLOW DOWN message when the speed limit is exceeded. The sign will be classed as temporary so although it will remain permanently on the column it will occasionally be turned round to face the opposite direction. The PC thought the sign should be on the opposite side of the road between Collin Spring Court and David Holmes's new development Discussion is taking place with Highways and David to ascertain whether his new lighting could incorporate a lamp post on Clint Bank at the other side of the road.

Accounts were approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by E March all were in favour

Vision ICT		Adding finance documents to website	Chq 179	36.00
J Worsnop		Q 1 salary	Chq 180	540.00)
"	"	Expenses	Chq 180	104.53)
"	"	Office space Q1	Chq 180	52.00)
British Gas		Elec a/c	DD	9.11
St James's Church Hall		Room Hire	Chq 181	20.00

<u>Planning Applications</u>:

Proposed Double Garage (revised scheme) 6.91,53.L FUL 21/02425/FUL Rose Cottage Crow Hill Lane High Birstwith HG3 2LG – **Observations – Over development of site**

Alteration and extension to existing single storey rear extension 6.91.278.FUL 21/02186/FUL Stonegarth Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JQ Comment: Potential surface water problems into a foul water system

Erection of a two storey extension: 6.500.134.D.FUL 21/01093/FUL Dinmore Barn Tinkler Lane to Dinmore House Winsley HG3 3ET **Not in our Parish**

Planning Enforcement 21/00278/BRPC15 Land comprising field at 424662 460129 Birstwith -Breach of condition 19 of planning permission 18/01528/FULMAJ Construction not in accordance with the approved materials

Correspondence: Email from Birstwith School – Sports Day has now been restricted to children only this year. The Head Teacher Liz Bedford is retiring in July we wish her a happy and healthy retirement. Their new Executive Head Teacher is Miss Victoria Kirkman. Also their chair of Governors, Matt Walker is stepping down. The Governors will decide on a new Chair shortly

Parishioner – concerned about Japanese Knot Weed on Lackon Bank – NY Highways to be informed **Annual Assembly** – **PC** do not have to hold an Annual Assembly but the Chairman of the PC can convene such a meeting or alternatively 2 Parish Councillors

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date of next meeting 22nd July 2021

Signed

Dated

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