

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd September 2021 in the Church Hall at 7.15pm

- 1 **Present:** E March (Chairman) D Fisher R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk)
District Councillor Tom Watson + 4 visitors
- 2 **APOLOGIES:** County Councillor Michael Harrison, C Packer and J Elvidge
- 3 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – M Worsnop Re: The Old Byre Clapham Green
- 4 **PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS** Major concerns were put forward to the Councillors regarding the traffic on Wreaks Road particularly at the pinch point, also signage and the safety of children attending Birstwith School along with other pedestrians. They made many suggestions of solutions which could help most of which the Parish Council had already put forward to NYCC Highways over a long period of time without any success
- 5 **MINUTES** - It was proposed by D Fisher and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th August be confirmed as a correct record with one amendment on Tom Watson's report and was signed by the Chairman
- 6 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** No report in his absence
- 7 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – District Councillor Tom Watson informed us that the staff freeze at HBC had ended. There is a shortage of drivers for bin and recycling collections and sometimes these services may be a day late. It is the 3rd B-day of the Lotto and it has raised £160,000 for local good causes. Leisure centres opened from 7th Sept no need to book on line but probably safer to check before attending. Local Government reorganisation plans have been submitted and a proposal has been sent to Central Government. If approved there will be 90 seats and 300 councillors will be lost leaving one member to cover from Middlesmoor to Hampsthwaite. Knaresborough Town Council now have their own street cleaning equipment and it may be possible for them to work with other Parishes in future however further investigation is required
- 8 **UPDATES:**
The Play Area - The playground annual inspection will take place this month.
Highway updates: planned road closure Back Lane High Birstwith 27th Sept to 29th (Notice in notice board) No report from Michael Harrison in his absence regarding road surface outside Doctors Surgery and removal of 30 mph signs on stretch of road outside new development. Visitors questions re: road safety on Wreaks Road, pinch point etc were again discussed at length it is our intention to talk again to Michael Harrison. We stated also that letters from groups in the village to Michael Harrison (email address: cllr.michael.harrison@northyorks.gov.uk) might give us more power to our elbow to try and sort this long standing major problem in our village. We also need to ask Michael if there any sandbags available or will we have to buy sand and fill our own bags. There is a load of debris including dead trees/shrubs etc under the river bridge which need to be cleared before winter to allow the river to take more rainfall and stop the flooding in Broomfield. Clerk to enquire from Shaun Wright HBC re: commuted sum payments for West House Gardens and D Holmes development.
Car Park: It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman, Clerk and D Fisher should write to Glenn Levison at HBC to state our reasons for retaining the village car park in it's present form and for it not to be sold for development.
- 9 **A/c's approved for payment proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman all were in favour**

Richard Langley	Grass strimming	chq 189	£ 45.00
J Worsnop	Salary Jly/Aug/Sept	chq 188	£540.00)
J Worsnop	Expenses and Room hire		£112.23)
British Gas	Elec a/c	DD	£ 9.11

- 10 Grass verge and tree cutting** – It was agreed that Will Benson should be asked to cut the grass verges as usual and Skeltons to cut overgrown trees/saplings on Reynard Crag corner, Grosvenor park gate down to village, New Road and Sleights Lane. The village caretaker to trim round village signs at Clapham Green, Hampsthwaite Lane and Darley Road areas.. Proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman all agreed
- 11 Planting of trees and public footpath** – at Nidd House Farm produced by the Woodland Project Officer for Nidderdale AONB. The Parish Council support this plan along with the public footpath however concerns were expressed re: barbed wire
- 12 Planning Applications:**
Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 18/01528/FULMAJ – to allow for revised site plan, floorplans and elevations to plot 17. PP 18/01528/FULMAJ permitted the erection of 33 dwellings with access and associate landscaping 6.91.21/03603/DVCMAJ – Land comprising field at 424662 Birstwith
Observations: 1 Over development of site from original plans 2 Overlooking adjacent footpath
Laternal reduction of 1 Oak Tree by 1 metre with removal of heavy limbs. Within W33 of Tree
Preservation Order 01/1950 – 6.91.234.D.TPO 21/ 03808/TPO Land known as Collin Wood Collin Spring Court Birstwith – **No Observations**
- Planning Permission Granted:**
Demolition of existing stables, erection of stables, tack and store (revised scheme) Holly Garth Barn Swalewood Lane High Birstwith -**granted subject to conditions**
Single storey conservatory to rear – Amberley Wreaks Road Birstwith – **Granted subject to conditions**
Conversion of existing garage/outbuilding into home office and gym to include; a single storey front extension and alterations to fenestration – The Old Byre Clapham Green – **Granted subject to conditions**
- Planning Enforcements:**
Potential breach of condition 2 (approved plans) - 16 West House Gardens Birstwith
- Erection of 2 bay open building** – The Old Byre Clapham Green Birstwith. **The outcome of investigation is that the site had been visited regarding the newly constructed agricultural building and the owner has been requested to submit a Planning Application to HBC**
- Tree Preservation Order Notice of Confirmation:** TPO 42/2021 Tang Beck Cottage Tang Road High Birstwith - **Confirmed without modification the Tree Preservation Order made by the Council on 15th April 2021**

- 13 Correspondence:** Action for Yorkshire Transport – sent to PC's

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Date of next meeting Thursday 28th October 2021

Signed by Chairman

Date

