

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th March 2022 at 7.15 pm in the Church Hall

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

APOLOGIES: J Elvidge

Declaration of interest: None

To receive parishioners' questions – A councillor had been asked who was now responsible for re planting the trees opposite Hew Green as the original owner had now sold his property. The Chairman to make enquiries

Minutes - It was proposed by D Fisher and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24th February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – A County Cllr elected will serve a 5 year term initially due to the pending boundary changes. Michael also stated 5 councils will be involved in a pilot scheme for adult social care starting from October next year and our area had been included. Gully carts are in our area now so hopefully once the gullies are cleaned out it will improve the flooding situation. However the Council are trying to catch up with the backlog and so this work is a little spasmodic at the moment. The Legal team are now taking action regarding the road condition outside West House Gardens and David Holmes's new development. The Chairman is going to forward to Michael who has a weekly meeting with Chris Blackburn- Highways all his messages that are never acknowledged in the hope of getting a meeting with him to sort numerous problems. Michael Harrison informed us he would be standing as a candidate for County Councillor in local elections but that it would not be for our area. The Councillors' thanked him for his work over the past years and wished him well.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Tom is looking into getting a scheduled clean for our village. After heavy rain the roads are left with a considerable amount of silt in the gutters. Tom stated a new Chief Executive will be appointed in Autumn 2023/2024. The new authority will set the budget for Council Tax this varies and they may bring them all in line when the new boundaries take place. The Hydro will have a new gym, cafe and entrance but will be closed from Friday 8th April until work is completed. A new pool will be built in Knaresborough the present one is around 40 years old and the new one will be sited behind the present one.

Updates on the following:

The Play Area - still awaiting quotes for repairs to the panels on the tower

Highway matters – the Chairman thanked the mill for handing out blue bags to residents during the recent flooding. The drain cover at the Pinch point is broken and this has been reported along with other matters previously mentioned

BIB – a meeting took place recently with BIB and PC and the following was agreed Darley Road

Boundary stone – agreement reached to build a low retaining wall to create a bed (roughly the same size as the stone itself) to sit in front of the boundary stone. To be planted with low growing plants. Lolly Bogs Boundary Stone – agreement reached to plant up a small bed in front of the stone. Also agreed for Cllr Fisher to prune the hawthorn tree near to where the stone is situated.

Platinum Jubilee trees – Clarification to be obtained from N Yorkshire TPO to ascertain if we can plant trees in verges. Various areas have been suggested further details later. It was proposed by

C Packer seconded by R Houseman that the PC would plant a tree with comenorative plaque on Nidd Lane in line with the other Jubilee trees. The Queens Platinum Jubilee Community Grants scheme was

read out and Cllr Fisher will pass information on to BIB

Insurance – It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that we accept Hiscox Insurance on a 3 year binding contract Long Term Agreement which will expire 3 years from the original inception date. The premium this year will be 638.12 + admin charge of £50

National Salary Awards – In accordance with the NALC information the Clerk’s hourly rate has been increased by 21p ph and will be backdated to April 2021 proposed by D Fisher seconded by E March all were in favour

Appointment of Auditor – It was agreed that John Dennis should be appointed as Auditor proposed by M Worsnop seconded by C Packer all were in favour

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

Shaw & Sons Ltd	Accounts book + postage	chq 204	86.34
J Worsnop	Quarterly salary + expenses etc	chq 205	736.61
British Gas	Electricity a/c	DD	10.43
St James’s Church	Room Hire	chq 206	20.00
YLCA	Ann subscription	chq 207	313.00

Summary of year end accounts – copies given to parish councillors

Planning Applications:

Removal of existing garage/store building. Erection of single storey, oak framed annexe with store 6.91.262.A.FUL 22/01034/FUL Ulverston House Staupes Road High Birstwith – **No observations**

Planning approvals:

21/04405/FUL RAF Menwith Hill Main Street **Granted subject to conditions**

Revised Application for proposed detached out building forming storage, garage/cart shed Grange Farm Sleights Lane High Birstwith – **Granted subject to conditions**

Proposed Garage Conversion to a Gym with link extension to dwelling West House Farm Birstwith **Granted Listed Building consent subject to conditions**

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Re-roofing and extension of garage to form double garage with garden store Cragg Hall Farm High Birstwith – **Granted subject to conditions**

Planning Enforcements: 22/00010/PR15 **14 Broomfield Birstwith** siting of metal container in front garden - **Outcome:** the container is being moved to the side of the dwelling by the end of month. Providing that the container is moved backward of the front of the building no planning permission will be required

22/00101/PR15 **Coachmans Cottage** New Road High Birstwith extension potentially not in compliance with approved plans and formation of dormer windows – No outcome to d

Correspondence – Yorkshire Challenge 2022 - Event overview can be found @ www.actionchallenge.com

Election Notification info has been placed in Notice Boards – Nomination papers must be delivered to HBC from the date stated on the notice of Election up to 4 pm on Tuesday 5 April

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Date of next meeting 28th April 2022

Signed

Dated

