

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 28th April 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall

Present: E March (Chairman) D Fisher M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk) District Cllr Tom Watson

Apologies: J Elvidge C Packer R Houseman County Cllr Michael Harrison

Declaration of interests in items on the agenda: None

To receive parishioners questions: None

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

County Councillor's report : No report in his absence

District Councillor's report: Annual report from Tom Watson - Covid 19 epidemic arrived in UK in early 2020 and all Councils carried out their meetings remotely or in person when permitted by Government guidance. Local Government in NY is to be merged into one single Council Authority from 1st April 2023. Borough and District Councils including the County Council will be abolished on the 31st March 2023. Elections for the new authority and for Parish Councils will be held on 5th May 2022 and all elected councillors will serve for a 5 year term until 2027 with elections every four years after that date. Affordable rented housing in the AONB is a major problem for young families wishing to remain in the dales. Five new build houses and one ex-council house were bought by the BC in Summerbridge last year and three more homes are nearing completion in Darley. The BC is now purchasing ex-council houses that have been sold under the Right to Buy scheme which is helping to maintain the Council's housing stock within the Borough. Tom has worked with Parish Councils and local communities to obtain unused defibrillators and cabinets from obsolete sites and these are now being relocated to Hookstone Memorial Hall, Christ Church Community Centre, Darley Playing Fields Pavilion and Heyshaw Village (defibrillator only). He thanked the Parish Councillors and residents of Nidd Valley for their support and help over the past year and he looks forward to serving his last year as Harrogate Borough Councillor for Nidd Valley

Updates on:

Play Area: EIBE price for the new panels on the tower are £1,000 before fitting and the Councillors rejected this quote. It was felt that possibly plastic plates would be better and would last longer quotes are being sought proposed by D Fisher seconded by M Worsnop. The monthly playground inspection needs addressing now J Elvidge is no longer a Councillor quotes are being obtained from various companies who are the experts in this field

Highway matters: The broken drain cover on Wreaks Road had been reported but they marked the wrong one hopefully the right one will be repaired shortly. Pot holes are once again causing concern in the village. Still no further action from the Legal Team regarding the condition of the road outside West House Gardens and D Holmes's new development. Gravel on the roads is also a major problem after heavy rainfall - the Chairman will once again look into this matter with Highways before a serious accident happens

BIB – Permission has been granted from NY TPO for Platinum Jubilee trees to be planted one on Elton Bank behind the seat, one at Clapham Green near the sign and one on Nidd Lane. The costs will be split between BIB/Show/WI and Parish Council

Accounts approved for payment proposed by M Worsnop seconded by D Fisher all were in favour:

T F Jones & Co	Payroll Management	chq 208	76.80
St James's Church	Room Hire	chq 209	20.00
British Gas	Electricity a/c	DD	14.36

Planning Application:

Retrospective application for garden building – The Old Byre Clapham Green Birstwith **Granted subject to conditions**

Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of land as domestic garden – The Old Byre Clapham Green Birstwith – **The evidence supporting the application is precise, sufficient and unambiguous. Section 191 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 has therefore been fulfilled sufficiently to grant a lawful certificate**

Shepherds Huts Nidd Lane – cannot be investigated further not a planning enforcement issue. An exemption certificate from Natural England under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 has been issued. In addition the Council have advised the owners that these temporary and moveable structures do not require planning permission

Correspondence: E-mail from resident saying that the replacement trees had been planted at Hew Green Farm although not very good specimens and she thanked the PC for their contributing efforts

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Next meeting which is the **AGM** is on **Thursday 19th May 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room**
The **Annual Assembly** will take place at 7pm on the same day prior to the AGM

Signed

Dated