

Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 19th May at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Present: D Fisher R Houseman M Worsnop Edward March P Trehitt County Councillor Nathan Hull and District Cllr Tom Watson the clerk

Election of Chairman – It was proposed D Fisher 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. The Chairman welcomed the new Councillors

Apologies: C Packer

Election of Vice Chairman R Houseman proposed D Fisher seconded by M Worsnop all were in favour

To receive any declarations of interest: D Fisher regarding PA for Holly Cottage The Allotments

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 28th April 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Approved Certificate of Exemption and Annual Governance Statement proposed by R Houseman and seconded by D Fisher that the statements be accepted all were in favour and signed by the Chairman and RFO

County Councillor Nathan Hull – Attended his first meeting since been elected and was welcomed by the Councillors. He stated he had one child that attended Birstwith School. At the moment he is attending induction meetings so had little to report at present.

District Councillor Tom Watson – Recycling is still causing problems but a trial is going to be carried out in Knaresborough before any further action takes place. Councillors met the Chief Constable and District Commander for NY. There are two divisions East and West with 156 police officers however recruitment is taking place to recruit a further 74 some with be new officers and some recruited from other areas. Litter bin review across the Harrogate District is taking place. The Chairman, D Fisher and the clerk will look at our area and report their findings back to HBC by 13th June. It was felt that the placings of litter bins shown on the map were inaccurate particularly relating to Dog Fouling bins which will be replaced by wheelie bins and collected at the same time as household bins.

Approval of end of year annual Finance Statements 2021/2022, Approval of accounting Statements, Approval of Internal Auditor and Exercise of Public Rights 6th June until 15th July 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk/RFO proposed by

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Updates

Play Area We are no further on with the repairs to the tower Backhouse Bros have inspected and are going to give us recommendations and a quote. EIBE quote for panels was £1,000 without fitting. It is highly unlikely the equipment warranty will cover this repair because it is over 5 years old. H & S checks still trying to find an approved company to undertake this task this is in addition to the annual ROSPA check

Highways - Still the usual saga of Highway maintenance problems. The footpath/road outside West House Gardens has still not been done even though the Legal Team at Harrogate are investigating. Nathan will look into whether a Section 38 Highways Agreement had been lodged when the initial planning application was granted and if so the money should be available. The Harrogate Surveyor is looking into whether the river could be dredged to help stop the flooding in Broomfield. Car parking on the grass verge Broomfield discussion as to whether wooden posts would help solve the problem Problems again at the pinch point the service bus could not get down the village because of a parked car on road side maybe a yellow line is required all else seems to have failed

BIB – Are tidying around the Birstwith signs to stop the weeds growing. The Platinum Jubilee trees are in the process of being purchased and the cost will be divided between the PC, BIB, WI and BHS

Grass Cutting It was proposed by D Fisher seconded by M Worsnop that Will Benson should cut the grass verges as usual, and that Robin Langley cuts in front of the sign on Hampsthwaite Lane and Elton Top area once a month during the summer proposed by D Fisher seconded by M Worsnop

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

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| Vision ICT Ltd | Website hosting and support + a/cs to website | Chq 210 | 173.26 |
| John Dennis | Auditor | Chq 211 | 50.00 |
| Came & Co | Insurance | Chq 212 | 764.70 |
| HBC 1st instalment of precept | = £5,250 | | |
| VAT to reclaim | = £535.68 | | |

Planning Application:

Erection of two storey side extension 6.091.283.FUL 22/01547/FUL Holly Cottage The Allotment Birstwith HG3 2NQ – **No observations**

Demolition of existing conservatory, replacement with garden room rear extension 6.91.283.FUL 22/01654/FUL High Nuek Hirst Lane High Birstwith HG3 2HZ - **No Observations**

Planning Permission granted: Removal of existing garage/store building. Erection of single storey oak framed annexe with store Ulverston House Staupes Road High Birstwith – **Granted subject to conditions**

Planning Appeal: The Old Chapel Sleights Lane High Birstwith HG3 2LE Alterations to existing attached external store to create additional kitchen space. Installation of rooflight and french doors. Demolition of car port and store. Erection of a side extension to create

additional living accommodation. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against HBC's refusal of planning permission for householders development

Update of Parish Councils Policies – Security Interest Policy, Privacy Notice Policy, Data Protection Policy and General Privacy Notice Policy all the Councillors agreed no updates were required at present

Two Ridings Community Foundation grant application form now received re: possibility of new wooden bus shelter at Elton Top to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. D Fisher and the clerk to research and report back to the Parish Council

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Date of next meeting 23rd June 2022

Signed

Dated