

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held in the Reading Room on Thursday 28th July 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: E March D Fisher R Houseman P Trehitt M Worsnop Dist. Cllr Tom Watson & J Worsnop (Clerk) + 1 visitor

APOLOGIES: C Packer

To: receive any declarations of interest: None

To receive Parishioners questions – Michael Bartholomew Chairman Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance attended the meeting. He gave a short summary of what YDGLA was about stating the Alliance were campaigning to free Green Lanes in the Dales from recreational motorbikes and 4 x 4s. He stated the only motors that should use green lanes are those driven by farmers and others with a legitimate need for access such as residents and their visitors and the emergency services. His email arrived too late to go on our agenda this month but will be discussed in September.

MINUTES - It was proposed by M Worsnop and seconded by D Fisher and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting held in the Reading Room on 23rd June 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 informed the meeting that there were 180 residents in the AONB looking for housing. He stated the Council had bought back two Council houses using funds from the Housing Revenue Account and they had been rented back out within the AONB. Another 14 houses have been purchased by the Council on Whinney Lane Pannal but in 5 years these properties can be bought by the tenants for a much reduced figure. This year it is 125 years since the Harrogate Turkish Baths opened. On the 18th July Yorkshire Water recorded the highest amount of water ever used due to the extremely hot weather conditions. Reservoirs are 20% lower than expected at this time of the year.

Updates on the following:

Playground – An inspection by Park Lane Playgrounds suggest that certain maintenance should be carried out on the play equipment including fencing etc. The Councillors' have asked for itemised estimate from Park Lane Playgrounds for each section that needs attention. The Chairman is still dealing with EIBE regarding warranty on the tower panels and roof. We are going to apply to Knabs Ridge Wind Farm for a grant and to check if our insurance would accept thermo plastic panels on the tower as these would last much longer.

Paul Trehitt has kindly agreed to be our representative to check the playground equipment on a fortnightly basis and report back to the clerk. It was also suggested a sign should be placed in the play area asking anyone who notices any faults to report back immediately to the Parish Council

Highways – Our County Cllr Nathan Hull along with a colleague attended a meeting with our Chairman regarding the Pinch Point. It was suggested that the 20 mph sign should be extended from the school as far as Broomfield to help resolve the problems with speeding vehicles. Another suggestion was double yellow lines near the goit to stop unauthorised parking. The school had done some speed checks on Wreaks Road and they thought speed activated signs would be a good idea but would need Highways and Police approval. The Chairman met Amanda Barry HBC regarding the state of the land behind Broomfield which is overgrown and with large branches just dumped in the hedgerow, along with junk, bicycles, trolleys etc. and is in fact covering a drain preventing the dispersal of water which does not help the flooding situation.

BIB – proposed new shed at back of Broomfield – ongoing investigation BIB had apparently received the OK from a HBC council member Tom had forwarded this letter to another dept at HBC and is awaiting a reply.

Bus Shelter – On going nothing further to report at present

Litter Bins – The reply stated due to the limited number of replacement bins they were unable to add additional bins at this time.

Grass Cutting – The Councillors' decided a second cut should take place either late August or early September

Accounts to be paid proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman all in favour

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| British Gas | Electricity a/c June to July | DD | 13.89 |
| Park Lane Playgrounds | Inspection of playground equipment | Chq 216 | 66.00 |
| Resolve IT Systems | G-mail Access Problem | Chq 217 | 40.00 |

Planning Applications:

Removal of rear conservatory and the erection of a single storey rear extension 6.91.284.FUL 22/02453/FUL Monksway Nidd Lane Birstwith HG3 3AL – **No Observations**

Demolition of car port and store. Erection of single storey side extension to create additional living accommodation 6.91.235.F.FUL 22/025550/FUL The Old Chapel Sleights Lane High Birstwith HG3 2LE - **Observations Detrimental to the look of the Chapel**

Planning Permission granted

Erection of single storey rear extension and first floor extension. Alterations to front bay window. Alterations to car port. Engineering works to alter existing rear terrace (amended plans received). Grasmere House High Lane High Birstwith HG3 2BF - **Granted subject to conditions**

Erection of two storey side extension – Holly Cottage The Allotments Birstwith HG3 2NQ **Granted subject to conditions**

Demolition of existing conservatory replacement with garden room High Nuek Hirst Lane High Birstwith – **Granted subject to conditions**

Notice of Decision on request to discharge planning conditions:

Approval of details in respect to Barn 1 under conditions 3 (stonework), 4 (window frames), 5 (external materials), 6 (rooflight), 12 (remediation) and 13 (remediation) of planning permission 20/04856/FUL – Conversion and extension of two agricultural buildings form two dwellings with associated alterations and gardens – Hew Green Farm High Lane Birstwith HG3 2JL – **You can see the Officer’s report on the application at www.harrogate.gov.uk/publicaccess – Clerk to write to Enforcement Officer asking if properties have been built to agreed footprint request a site visit**

BPC Records Management Policy – Reviewed no changes – all in favour next review in four years or earlier if required

Correspondence: Email received from a walker stating that a gate on the walk around Birstwith is not user friendly. Clerk to reply suggesting he contacts the Footpath Officer at Northallerton

Meeting closed at 9 pm

Date of next meeting 22nd September 2022

