

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th October 2022 in the Reading Room at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** E March (Chairman) D Fisher M Worsnop County Councillor Nathan Hull District Councillor Tom Watson + the clerk

**APOLOGIES:** Reg Houseman C Packer and P Trehitt

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None

**PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS** None

**MINUTES** - It was proposed by D Fisher and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September be confirmed as a correct record with one amendment relating to Tom Watson's report it should have read NYCC and not Harrogate Council they were then signed by the Chairman

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - Due to new boundary changes next year our Council Tax will be a little bit less for 2 years but Hambleton will pay a little bit more but after two years it will even itself out. People needing care who are sharing accommodation will get a 50% reduction in Council Tax which will help them stand on their own two feet. County Hall premises will be retained to house the large number of councillors (90). Good premises in and around the area will still be retained but some will be sold. Planning Committee will cover the whole of N Yorkshire with Skipton making the decisions. After the change over there will be an increase in investment zones and the Government may take over the Conference Centre.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – A meeting with North Yorkshire Senior Police Officers was held and anti social behaviour, hate crimes, thefts, criminal damage etc were discussed but they were told this was still a safe place to live. Parish lighting repairs are being carried out but any units which need to be replaced will be passed on to the new authority. Tom reported 'Street Aid' has been very successful.

**Updates:**

**The Play Area:** The playground annual inspection has still not taken place as yet. Park Lane Playgrounds will repair the tower as soon as the HDPE panels arrive. Repairs to fencing one written quote has been received but we are still awaiting 2 more. The wording of the new sign in the playground will read: **Please report any damage or faults regarding playground equipment to: [birstwithparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:birstwithparishcouncil@gmail.com)**. The Chairman is organising for this sign to be made.

**Highways:** Nathan stated he had still not heard from Chris Blackburn NY Highways regarding many issues in our village. He is hoping to meet with Chris next week. Amanda Barry HBC is monitoring the problem with rubbish etc at back of Broomfield. A new delivery of sand bags has arrived. Re-siting of footpath on D Holmes' development no further forward

**BIB:** The Chairman of BPC reported he had bought a Platinum Jubilee tree for Nidd Lane and is arranging for a commemorative plaque and BIB are planting a tree on Elton Bank and at Elton Top. Siting of shed at back of Broomfield - Tom stated HBC will be writing to Amy to inform her what terms relate to this shed as the person who gave the initial authority does not work for the Council

**Litter Bins** – The litter bin on Wreaks Road has now been moved and sited in the playground area. The clerk to write to resident re concerns of the bin next to bus shelter and near to the shop. The bin at entrance to Broomfield needs re-siting it blocks vehicles view onto Station Road. Hopefully a bin will be placed on a post near Fountains Bent

**Grass verge** : 2<sup>nd</sup> verge cutting now complete

**Christmas Tree Lights:** The Christmas tree lights will be lit from 7.30 am – 9 am and 3.30pm to 10 pm commencing at Advent

**Proposed Nidderdale Greenway** : The Parish Council had received several emails from local residents both for and against the cycle track. A flyer had been put through residents doors and named Edward March Chairman of Birstwith Parish Council and Tom Holliday requesting support against the Nidderdale Greenway. This flyer was produced without any input from the Parish Council who cannot make any judgement either for or against the project until official written documentation has been received and then the public will be able to have their say before the Parish Council deliberate their response. Clerk to reply to emails received

**A/c's approved for payment proposed by D Fisher seconded by M Worsnop**

<b>Richard Langley</b>	Grass strimming etc	chq	224	60.00
<b>WE Benson</b>	Verge mowing	chq	225	708.00
<b>British Gas</b>	Electricity a/c	DD		15.75
<b>HBC</b>	Notice Board rent	DD		15.00
<b>Birstwith R Room</b>	Room hire May/June/July/Sept	chq	226	68.00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Precept received - £5,250</b>				
<b>Transfer of £4,000 from current a/c to Deposit a/c</b>				

**Planning Applications:**

**Works to trees within Tree Preservation Order No. 14/1999 Crown lift trees within G1 from 4m to 6m**

**Crown lift trees within G2 from 6m to 9m.** 6.91.28.D.TPO 22/03861/TPO The Spinney The Allotments Birstwith HG3 2NQ – **Observations no quorum**

**Erection of a Summerhouse** 6.91.67.D.FUL 22/03704/FUL Wesley Cottage 1 The Allotments Birstwith HG3 2NQ – **No observations**

**Planning Enforcements:**

**Reynard Crag Holiday Park** Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JQ – Erection of additional units – possible breach of planning control

**Hew Green Farm** High Birstwith HG3 2JL – Demolition of agricultural building not in compliance with approved conversion – **Outcome:** Andrew Lancashire has been in contact with the developer/owner and he has been assured that any further development of this building will cease pending a new application to seek permission to re-build the walls of the barn

**Let's Talk North Yorkshire** - Councillors' were sent email

**Review of North Yorkshire recently subsidised Local Bus Services** – OK until after April 2023 when it will be reviewed

**Nidderdale Plus AGM 2022** on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6 pm – Councillors please let the clerk know if you wish to attend

Date of next meeting **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Signed by the Chairman**

**Dated**

