

BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2022 in the Reading Room at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: E March (chairman) D Fisher R Houseman C Packer P Trehwitt M Worsnop
District Councillor Tom Watson + the clerk

APOLOGIES: Nathan Hull

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: M Worsnop – Clerks Salary

PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS: None

MINUTES: It was proposed by D Fisher seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: No report in his absence

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: After April next year the new authority takes over planning decisions for Skipton and Ripon areas and will be based in the Admin Centre in Skipton. However initially Richmond and Harrogate will be on their own. Re-cycling black boxes will be replaced with slightly smaller blue lidded bins. 6000 bins have already gone out and **residents are asked to wash out containers before putting them in the re-cycling bin as the cost of disposing contaminated waste is astronomical.** Electric charging points (ECP) are now available in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon. The light outside Broomfield is going to be sorted at long last by the Electric Board. The new Authority is proposing to replace all street lights with LED heads these lights will be turned off at midnight until 5 am

Updates:

The Play Area: The ROSPA annual inspection has taken place but we are awaiting their report. The replacement HDPE panels for the tower have now been fitted along with several other repairs. 3 quotes were applied for to replace the faulty fencing around the playground 2 were verbal quotes and 1 written. It was proposed by D Fisher seconded by M Worsnop to take the written quote of £485 all were in favour. The Chairman will meet the contractor on site prior to the work commencing. It was also decided the current playground information sign was adequate so no further action will be taken.

Highways: We are glad to say the potholes which had been reported have now been repaired by NY Highways. The village sign which had been taken away by D Holmes whilst his building work was undertaken has been damaged. When it is reinstalled it will have to be sited in a different position and this will entail getting a street furniture licence. Problems with speeding on Darley Road and Elton Bank are being looked into.

Christmas Tree Lights: The connection is working ok but the timer needs to be adjusted as it had been agreed that the lights will be lit from 7.30 am – 9 am and 3.30 pm to 10 pm

BIB: The Chairman had met the Tree Preservation Officer and he agreed that a tree could be planted behind the seat on Elton Bank and one at Elton Top. The Platinum Jubilee tree on Nidd Lane which was provided by the Parish Council has been planted but is awaiting a plaque. Tom reported that BIB can have a shed behind Broomfield to store garden equipment and they have obtained a grant from the Wind Farm. Permission has been given to BIB to place a planter on Wreaks Road where the litter bin used to be so long as it does not encroach onto the footpath

Litter Bins: The bin at the entrance to Broomfield has now been re-sited. Also permission has been granted for a dog fouling bin near Fountains Bent but it will not be placed on the footpath

Precept for 2023/2024: It was proposed by M Worsnop seconded by R Houseman that we request a Precept of £15,000 all were in favour and it was a unanimous decision.

A/c's approved for payment proposed by D Fisher seconded by M Worsnop all were in favour

Daleside Nurseries	Platinum Jubilee Tree	chq 227	54.95
HBC	Ann playground inspection	chq 228	73.20
draft accounts from April – November 2022			

Planning Application: Extension of rear basement and rear ground floor and erection of two rear dormers (retrospective) 6.91.123.E.FUL 22/04133/FUL Coachmans Cottage New Road High Birstwith HG3 2JF -

No Observations

Planning Enforcements: Reynard Crag Holiday Park ref 21/02857/FUL Erection of additional units

Outcome The development of units is being carried out in accordance with the approved planning permissions

Planning approvals: Lister Barn Back Road High Birstwith **granted subject to conditions**

Wesley Cottage 1 The Allotments Birstwith **granted subject to conditions**

Refuse consent: TPO work at The Spinney The Allotments Birstwith – 1. proposed works would significantly harm the health of the tree and visual amenity of the locality 2. No technical justification which outweighs the amenity value of the tree has been submitted to justify the proposed works

NALC -2022 -2023 National Salary Award – In accordance with NALC information the Clerk's hourly rate has been increased by one pound ph and will be back dated to April 2022 proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman all were in favour.

Appointment of an External Auditor for the Period 2022 to 2027 - we will continue to have PK -F Littlejohn as our external auditor for the above period

Correspondence

e-mail from Future Form - info on purchasing a Queen Elizabeth 11 Memorial bench - the Councillors decided not to pursue this matter

Invitation to submit expressions of interest in managing services and assets on behalf of NorthYorkshire Council – The clerk to reply on behalf of the Councillors expressing interest in managing services ie: rural verge grass cutting, sweeping roads and cleaning of gullies etc proposed by C Packer seconded by D Fisher

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Date of next meeting 26th January 2023

Signed by the Chairman

Dated