

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) C Packer P Trehwitt M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk) District Cllr Tom Watson

APOLOGIES: D Fisher and R Houseman

Declaration of interest: None

To receive parishioners' questions – none

Minutes - It was proposed by C Packer and seconded by P Trehwitt and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24th November 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 – Tom reported that NYCC will meet in February to discuss the constitutional basis for planning after the new authority takes over in April. It is probable that Birstwith will be in Skipton and Ripon and Hampsthwaite in Harrogate and Knaresborough. The street light at entrance to Broomfield is still not repaired but has been reported. The Chief Constable visited Harrogate Council Offices and discussed levels of staffing at NY Police and informed that a considerable number of additional police have been employed. Answering 101 calls is still a problem and parking on footpaths the police can only intervene if vehicles are causing an obstruction. 8 Councils in the County have staffing issues as a number of staff have already moved over to the new authority. Tom stated we should follow through the community sums from West House Gardens and David Holmes's developments prior to the new authority taking over.

UPDATES:

Playground: ROSPA inspection report has now been carried out and most of their recommendations have been dealt with however the climbing frame roofs need attention and the Chairman is seeking quotes for the work. Also the path to the playground is uneven and needs attention. It was suggested we try to obtain a micro grant from the Wind Farm

Highway Matters: The Clint Bank sign has been damaged by the building contractors and will need replacing and a meeting with the Highways Authority Officer is needed to establish the siting as it will have to be on the other side of Clint Bank. If a new sign has to be purchased it will have to be illuminated and the Parish Council will have to apply for a street furniture licence.

Grit bins – After numerous attempts to get the bin filled on Birstwith Grange we have still not been successful despite the fact they inform us it has been done. Pot holes still causing problems and now there is one outside the Post Office/ Shop which has just appeared.

BIB – Platinum Jubilee trees have been planted one on Elton Bank and Elton Top and the PC tree on Nidd Lane we are still awaiting the plaques

Litter Bins: The siting of a small bin on Darley Road near to Fountains Bent. Hopefully the resident who wrote to us will be happy with this outcome

A/c's to be approved for payment proposed by M Worsnop seconded by C Packer all in favour

Park Lane Playgrounds	Repairs to Playground equip	Chq 229	1854.00
SLCC	Annual subscription	Chq 230	80.00
Resolve It Systems	email problem	Chq 231	30.00
G Scruton	Repairs playground fencing	Chq 232	485.00
Birstwith Reading Room	Room hire Oct and Nov	Chq 233	34.00
HMRC	Q3 Tax	Chq 234	6.00
J Worsnop	Salary, Office, exps etc Q3	Chq 235	828.50
Brit Gas	Electricity a/c 5 Oct to 5 Nov	DD	14.82
Brit Gas	“ 6 Nov to 5 Dec	DD	18.23
Brit Gas	“ 6 Dec to 5 Jan	DD	22.13

Renewal of Birstwith C of E School Clock Service agreement – It was proposed by M Worsnop seconded by C Packer to accept the 3 yr contract from Smith of Derby at a discounted rate of £520 net plus VAT and payable in advance of the first service – All were in favour

Bus Shelter - Estimate for repairs to shelter at Elton Top received from one contractor two further quotes required before applying for a Wind Farm grant

Nominations for parish council representatives to join the AONB Joint Advisory Committee - P Trehwitt may be interested clerk to forward further info to him

Update on Parish Council policies - All agreed no alterations to present policies required at present proposed by C Packer seconded by M Worsnop

Planning Applications:

Single storey rear extension. Lower ground rear extension. New front porch. Alterations to roof including new dormer windows and internal alterations (revised scheme) 6.91.62.E.FUL 23/00072/FUL Heron Bank Tang Road High Birstwith HG3 2JU (**see below under planning enforcement**) **Observations:**
1 Would agree with the Principal Planning Enforcement Officer decision. 2 Over development of site

Grant permission subject to conditions:

Change of use of outbuilding to form single storey one bedroom dwelling to include: replacing rendered blockwork with stone, the installation of a fence and alterations and additional fenestration – **Holly Garth Swalewood Lane for Mr & Mrs M Williamson**
Reserved matters application for erection of 2 dwellings (appeal APP/E2734/W/19/3219604) with access, appearance, layout, landscaping and scale considered **Land comprising Field at 424270 459949 Nidd Lane Birstwith for C/O Agent**

Planning Enforcement: Case no.22/00450/PR15 Planning ref: 19/03487/FUL **Heron Bank Tang Road High Birstwith** Roof extension not in accordance with plans – **Result of investigation the roofline is not constructed as shown on the approved plans.** This is unauthorised and a breach of planning control. Householder will submit further PA seeking to gain consent for the development as constructed - At this time the enforcement Officer is unable to provide a view on the likelihood of the necessary planning consent being granted

Planning Refusal – Application to vary condition 2 (drawings) of planning approval 20/05115/FUL due to change of design and extent of rebuild **Hew Green Farm Hew Green Swarcliffe Top for Mr P Saddington**

Extension of rear basement and rear ground floor and erection of two rear dormers (retrospective) **Coachmans Cottage, New Road High Birstwith** – Reason for refusal – The 2 dormer windows, due to their size, design and position dominate the roof slope of the central section of the dwelling in a manner that detracts from the simple roof forms of the dwelling and appear visually prominent and intrusive, detrimental to the character of the ANOB is it contrary to Harrogate District Plan and the Council's Guidelines

Correspondence:

Letter from local resident regarding the proposed Nidderdale Greenway – The letter was discussed at the meeting and is recorded in the minutes. We have no further information at present

Bus Service: News hot off the press NYCC have now secured continuation of the Pateley Bridge service 24 until April 2024 with Transdev The Harrogate Bus Company. The timetable will continue unchanged, although all Monday to Saturday journeys operate with financial support except the following: 06.30 hours Hgte to PB, 7.20 hours PB to Hgte, 16.05 hours Hgte to PB and 17.05 hours PB to Hgte

Date of next meeting 23rd February 2023

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed

Dated

