

BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) D Fisher R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk)
County Cllr Nathan Hull

APOLOGIES: P Trehwitt and Dist Cllr Tom Watson

Declaration of interest: None

To receive parishioners' questions – Hew Green Farmhouse a query regarding solar panels in the back garden on gravel beds - Is Planning permission required send query to Enforcement Officer?

Minutes - It was proposed by C Packer and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th January 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Nathan reported the 24 Bus will definitely run for another year however it is loosing £80,000 a year. Suggestions have been made to use smaller buses or even mini buses during quieter times of the day. He stated he is using the service himself whenever possible and asked residents to do the same even if it was only once a week/month this could help to bring the deficit down and keep this valuable service. Council Tax has increased for the on coming year ie a band D property will now cost £1,760. A considerable amount of land and buildings owned by the Council maybe utilised in the future for low cost housing. Kex Gill – work has started to clear the site and there will be little disruption until the final stages of completion sometime in the future. After the new boundaries come into place 1st April and although the main Planning Office will be based in Skipton it is hoped that we will have more officers situated in our area due to the vast area they will have to cover and hopefully the adminstration side will remain in Harrogate
Deregulation of Taxis - this could cause a problem in rural areas because Taxi drivers will base themselves where they can achieve the most revenue. Out of Nathan's allocated County Cllr budget of £10,000 – he has kindly allocated £300 to Birstwith Junior Cricket Club and £1,200 to Birstwith School for play equipment.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – No report in his absence

UPDATES:

Playground: Now the weather has improved quotes are being sought to repair the climbing frame roofs and the entrance to the playground. E March has inspected the playground in the absence of Paul Trehwitt

Highway Matters: Nathan reported that Area 6 Highways maybe split into two sections after the boundary change – hopefully this would help to speed up queries. Clint Bank sign still awaiting meeting with Highways Authority Officer.

Grit Bin Birstwith Grange – We have now been informed by N Yorks that this is not a core bin serviced by the County Council. This is strange as it was supplied by CC. Nathan is going to follow up this on our behalf.

BIB – The jubilee plaque for the tree is in the process of being engraved. Permission by the PC has been given to BIB to extend the planting area near the notice board on Wreaks Road – all were in favour
A litter pick will take place on the first Saturday in April everyone is welcome to join in. The In Bloom Team Award inspection will take place in July

Dog Litter Bin – still awaiting this bin on Darley Road

Footpath & Road entrance to West House Gardens and D Holmes Development/Commuted Sums – Newby are still operating on the development at West House Gardens and gave the following update:
We plan the heavy construction works to plot 17 (last plot in build at the top site) to be complete by the end of May. Following this we will then programme the works to complete the road (Entrance 278, top coat and kerb rectification. This will be in July 23. Awaiting letter re: commuted sums relating to these developments

Bus Shelter: One quote received awaiting a second

NYCC – Urban Grass Cutting – It was proposed by D Fisher seconded by C Packer that for this forthcoming year 2023/24 that the CC carries out urban visibility grass cutting in our Parish. The clerk was asked to try and obtain a plan of the areas the CC cut All were in favour

Payroll Services: Has increased from £76.80 to £84.48 per annum from March 2023 proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Fisher all were in favour

A/c's approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop

Resolve IT Systems Ltd	Scanning/Printing problems	chq 236	30.00
Smith of Derby	Birstwith CE School Clock service agreement 3yrs	chq 237	624.00
British Gas	Electricity a/c 6.01.23/5.2.23	DD	14.36
Vision ICT Ltd	Telephone training	chq 238	90.00

Planning:

Grant permission (subject to conditions) Single storey rear extension. Lower ground rear extension. New front porch. Alterations to roof including new dormer windows and internal alterations (Revised Scheme) Heron Bank Tang Road High Birstwith HG3 2JU

Planning enforcement: Case No 23/00027/BRPC15 Planning ref: 21/04124/DVCMAJ West House Gardens Residential Development Clint Bank Birstwith – **Potential breach of condition 26-21/04124/DVCMAJ (paving and footway)** see above in commuted sums

King Charles Coronation - Clerk to ascertain if the PC are allowed to donate monies to any organisations who intend to run an event

Correspondence:

NYCC Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 45(3) of the Local Government (miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 ('the 1976 Act'), that it is intention of NYCC ('the Council'), the pass a resolution at a meeting of its Executive on the 7th February 2023 that the provisions of Part 11 of the 1976 Act (other than section 45) shall be adopted and shall apply within the County of NY with effect from 1 April 2023

Date of next meeting ?