

BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

APOLOGIES: E March and Dist Cllr Tom Watson

Declaration of interest: None

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting to give thanks to our retiring Dist Cllr Tom Watson. He for many years had attended our meetings, given us valuable support and advice and he will be sorely missed. Once again THANK YOU Tom

To receive parishioners' questions – A Councillor had been asked why the precept on the HBC Council tax bill had increased so much – this will be discussed at our April meeting

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 23rd February 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Vice Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Nathan reported he still has not had an answer regarding the salt for the bin in Birstwith Grange. Pot holes there is a budget pot of 6 million being awarded to NY but that covers a very large area. A robotic machine to fill the holes has been purchased by NY and this speeds the job up considerably but one machine is not the answer to this major problem. Kex Gill may go over budget but if the material charges increase NY will not pick up this bill. A considerable number of trees are being removed from the site to allow the work on the road to go ahead but more will be planted in their place. An increase of 7% on rent for Council property is causing concern for many householders. This increase is required to update older properties which are in a state of bad repair but the Council do not want to dispose of any properties as more housing is desperately required. Nathan suggested people should go on line onto 'The local development' plan and state that more affordable housing in local areas is needed

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - No report in his absence

Updates on the following:

The Play Area - One of our Councillors has kindly donated aggregate which will be used to improve the entrance to the playground. Our village caretaker will undertake this work shortly. Regarding the roof to the playground tower it will be left for the time being.

Highway matters – The Chairman has met with an engineer from NYCC Highways team regarding the path in front of the Doctors Surgery which is going to be completed in July when the final house has been finished on West House Gardens. The Chairman asked if bollards could be incorporated into this path because it is such a dangerous stretch of road but it is very unlikely because of the costs involved. The standing water outside the Surgery and the Birstwith sign were also discussed but the engineer would have to report back to Melisa Burnham Area Manager NYCC. 20 mph signs outside the play area and over the bridge as well as yellow lines were discussed but a study report will come out in May when NYCC will find out if the police can be involved with 20 mph signage. At the present time the police cannot intervene as it is out of their jurisdiction but if report changes it is possible that fixed speed cameras and mobile speed cameras may eventually be installed

Bus Stop Elton Top: Two quotes had been received for repairs to this bus shelter both were very similar and the Councillors decided to take the quote from Backhouse Bros on a proposal by R Houseman seconded by C Packer. However a grant application will have to be completed before the project can proceed further to see what monies might be available from Knabs Ridge

King Charles Coronation: It was proposed by C Packer seconded by R Houseman that the PC donate £250 to BHS towards the cost of the band which will play at the celebrations due to take place on Sunday 7th May in the field opposite Broomfield

BIB are in the process of purchasing a planter to go into the recess near the School Playground. Several of the pots around the village are sponsored by different organisations and the PC have been asked whether they would be willing to be a sponsor - forwarded to next meeting

Appointment of Auditor: John Dennis has once again kindly agreed to do our audit it was proposed we accept his offer by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop

Accounts approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer all in favour

Birstwith Reading Room	Room Hire Jan/Feb	chq 239	34.00
J Worsnop	Salary, Exps Office	chq 240	696.64
HMRC	Tax	chq 241	3.00
British Gas	Electricity Feb to March	DD	12.96

Summary of end of year accounts – handed out to Councillors

Insurance Proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that the insurance premium of £748.51 be paid to Gallagher Ins in May

Planning Applications:

Alterations to roof of dwelling conversion of roof space to form additional living accommodation

6.91.14.C.FUL 23/00743/FUL Elden Lea Staupes Road High Birstwith HG3 2LF **no observations**

Works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order no. 63/2008 G1 – 1 Elm and 2 Sycamore-Crown lift by 4m Lateral reduction by 3m 6.91,246.G.TPO 23/00831/TPO 2 Station Plantation Birstwith HG3 3AQ – **no observations**

Works to 1 Oak of Tree Preservation Order No. 09/2010 T5 Vertical fracture in the stem from circa 8 m to 10m. Proposal is to reduce the height of the canopy supported upon the fractured stem) by 5 meters and reshape in order to lessen canopy weight and localised loading imposed upon that structurally defective area 6.91.273.G.TPO23/00956/TPO 18 West House Gardens Birstwith – **no observations**

Planning Appeal

Coachmans Cottage New Road High Birstwith HG3 2JF – Extension of rear basement and rear ground floor and erection of two rear dormers (retrospective) Council ref: 23/00012/Houser

Planning Enforcement

Siting of solar panels 23/00060/PR15 The Cow Shed Hew Green Farm High Birstwith HG3 2JL

Amendment 21/03137/FUL Non material amendment to planning permission – Conversion of existing garage/outbuilding into home office and gym to include a single storey front extension and alterations to fenestration - The Old Byre Clapham Green Birstwith

Correspondence:

Resident in the village requests the possible use of the telephone box at Collin Bank to be used as a childrens' library. Further suggestion of using the glass panels to record historical events relating to Birstwith. The Chairman to meet resident at the kiosk to discuss how this would work and what relevant work would need undertaking regarding shelving etc this would then be brought back to our next meeting along with further discussion on the historical panels

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of next meeting 27th April 2023

Signed

Dated

