

**Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Reading Room**

**Present:** R Houseman M Worsnop Edward March P Trehwitt C Packer County Councillor Nathan Hull and the clerk

**Election of Chairman** – It was proposed R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that E March be elected as Chairman all were in favour

**DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE** E March duly accepted the position of Chairman and signed the declaration made before a Proper Officer of the Council of the Parish of Birstwith.

**Apologies:** D Fisher

**Election of Vice Chairman** R Houseman proposed D Fisher seconded by P Trehwitt all were in favour - David had said he would be willing to stand if elected

**To receive any declarations of interest:** P Trehwitt for PA Stonegarth Reynard Crag Lane

**To receive Parishioners questions** – None

**Minutes** It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

**Approved Certificate of Exemption and Annual Governance Statement** proposed by C Packer and seconded by R Houseman that the statements be accepted all were in favour and signed by the Chairman and RFO

**County Councillor Nathan Hull** – Reported he had received a reply from Hashmat Ghaznawl Project Engineer NYCC Highways and Transportation regarding the pinch point on Wreaks Road. The Engineer stated they had carried out a site visit but had not informed Nathan or our Chairman about the visit. Nathan replied to the Engineer saying he noted the points regarding parking near junctions and also near to dropped kerbs and that this may constitute a parking contravention but also saying whilst the Engineer had a good knowledge of the Traffic Management Act 2004 unfortunately the same cannot necessarily be said of those who commit parking violations. Additionally, finding a Police Officer who is available to come out to a rural village such as Birstwith and move offending vehicles and/or issue a Fixed Penalty Notice is unrealistic. What we are effectively asking for here is to put down a small section of double yellow lines on the main road near the “pinch point”. The reason for this is clear in that people invariably understand that they cannot park on double yellow lines and therefore do not park on them. Unless this happens there will come a time that some inconsiderate driver parks his car at the pinch point in such a way that the road will be too

narrow for an emergency vehicle to get through. Nathan again asked for an onsite meeting with the Chairman and himself to move this matter forward. Nathan has to arrange a meeting with Mr Crowther Hirst Lane re drainage problems. The first planning committee meeting of the new council will be held in Ripon. Kex Gill well under way and the trees are being replanted. The opening date for the Hydro is now August after its refurbishment. The local 24 bus fares remain the same until October when they will be slightly increased. Nathan again urged us all to use the bus service otherwise we may loose it.

**Approval of end of year annual Finance Statements 2022/2023, Approval of accounting Statements, Approval of Internal Auditor and Exercise of Public Rights 5<sup>th</sup> June until 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023** were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk/RFO proposed by C Packer seconded by R Houseman all were in favour

**Registration of Interest forms** – No alterations were necessary

**To receive updates regarding:**

**Play Area** - Paul reported an area of ground close to the roundabout required some attention and the handles at the side of slide needed painting – this work is in hand. The caretaker has completed the work on the entrance pathway.

**Highways:** see Nathan's report above. The Reynard Crag and Swalewood Lane signs still need to be repaired. The water problem outside Grosvenor School has been rectified. Dog bin on Darley Road will hopefully be moved nearer to the post box.

HBC Housing are looking at drains one in Collin Bank, 3 at back of Broomfield and the car park the Engineers have been out to have a look at the problems and will report back

**BIB** – A cheque for £30 sponsorship for the Plant trough on Wreaks Road has been sent to BIB

**Telephone Box:** Work in progress

**Elton To Bus Shelter:** Grant form has been submitted to Two Ridings hopefully will hear result by end of June

**Grass Cutting** – Instructions to Will Benson and Caretaker to cut grass verges as last year

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

<b>John Dennis</b>	Auditor	Chq 246	50.00
<b>Vision ICT Ltd</b>	Website hosting, support and a/cs	Chq 248	173.26
<b>British Gas</b>	Electricity a/c Mar – Apr	DD	14.36
<b>BIB</b>	Sponsorship for Plant Trough Wreaks Road	Chq 247	30.00
<b>British Gas</b>	Electricity a/c Apr – May	DD	13.89
<b>HBC 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of precept</b>	= £7,500		
<b>VAT to reclaim</b>	= £759.03		

**Bank Mandates:** A new Bank Customer Mandate has now been filled in the signatures are E March, R Houseman, M Worsnop, D Fisher and the Clerk

**Commuted Sums:** The following Commuted Sums available for the Nidd Valley Ward are as follows: From the development Land comprising Field at 424874 459814 Clint Bank Birstwith £3,840 to be used

for the verge adjacent to Clint Bank, near Nidd Lane and from the same development £15,925.22 for Birstwith Village Hall St. James's Church Hall the spend date is 01/02/32. The PCC have been informed of the Commuted Sums they have been awarded

**Planning Application:**

**Part conversion/part new build of agricultural building etc** ZC2301498/FUL Hew Green Farm High Birstwith – **no observations sent in after meeting**

**Placement of 20 ground mounted solar panels (retrospective application)** – 6.91.286.FUL. ZC23/01699/FUL Hew Green Farmhouse High Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JL - **No observations**

**Erection of new garage with ancilliary accommodation over. New Juliett balcony to existing house -** 6.91.205.C.FUL ZC23/01760/FUL Knowle House Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2JG – 1 **Over development 2 In the AONB**

**Grant Permission** – Alterations to roof of dwelling conversion of roof to form additional living accommodation Elden Lea Staupes Road High Birstwith - **subject to conditions**

**Correspondence:**

**Dales & Bowland Community Interest Group – Dales Bus 24 Harrogate – Pateley Bridge** - This important all year public transport link along Nidderdale is currently being maintained on Sundays and Bank Holidays by D&BCIC with support from local NYC Councillors' Locality Budgets and the Jaytee Charitable Foundation. This funding is however only short-term, and will need additional funding to allow this service to continue through Winter 2023-2024 and beyond. The Group would like NYC to recontract this service with an improved timetable seven days a week from April 2024 when it is understood the current contract for the weekday service expires

**North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire and York:** As from 1 June 2023 the address will be: Harrogate Police Station, Beckwith Head Road, Harrogate HG3 1FR

**Temporary Closure of Menwith Hill Road** – from 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 for approximately 17 weeks ending on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 – Notice in village board

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

*Signed*

*dated*

