

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held in the Reading Room on Thursday 22nd June 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: E March D Fisher C Packer M Worsnop County Cllr Nathan Hull & J Worsnop
(Clerk) + 5 visitors

APOLOGIES: P Trehwitt

To: receive any declarations of interest: None

To receive Parishioners questions – 4 parishioners were very concerned about the planning application for Grange Farm High Birstwith including an email received by the clerk on the same subject. In particular it's size, placement and the planning statement which accompanied the application. It was suggested that all the residents who were concerned should write in individually to the HBC stating their planning concerns. Amy Howard also attended the meeting to give a report from the Sustainable Birstwith Charity which had just been set up to help achieve speed calming measures outside Birstwith School – see under correspondence below.

MINUTES - It was proposed by D Fisher and seconded by R Houseman with one amendment to Nathan's report and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting held on 25th May be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Nathan reported that work at Kex Gill had stopped due to problems with the ground works contractor however a new contractor has now been employed and this should not delay the work.

Updates Regarding the following

PlayArea: The caretaker has inspected the ground near the roundabout he will take up the turf and will hopefully rectify the problem and the handles at the side of the slide are self coated so cannot be repainted

Highways: It was suggested by Nathan that we contact the Highways Footpath Enforcement Officer who would be able to help us regarding several problems – one being weeds growing in footpaths/verges on Nidd Rise, cars parking on footpaths and damage to a tree with a TPO on it in West House Gardens caused by the builders

BIB The judging day for BIB is Wednesday 12th July. They would like the PC to arrange for the grass cutting to be done on 10th or 11th July. BIB thanked the PC for their sponsorship of £30 for the trough on Wreaks Road
Telephone Box - The cost to engrave the glass panels would £140. Appropriate interior shelving still to be found
Bus Shelter Elton Top Our grant application is progressing and an answer as to whether we have been successful should be received by the end of June

Grass Cutting: Verges had been cut by Will Benson, the village caretaker Skeltons. The Chairman to have a word with Skeltons regarding the areas they cut for us

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

R Langley	Parish Caretaker	Chq 249	141.50
J Worsnop	Q 3 salary, Exps and Office	Chq 250	738.18
	Cheque cancelled	Chq 251	-----
Birstwith Reading Room	Hire of room Mar/Apr/May	Chq 252	51.00

Transfer from current a/c to Deposit A/c £7000

Planning Applications:

Demolition of existing covered carport to side of existing outbuilding (garden store). Erection of single storey extension to side of the existing outbuilding – 6.91.278.A./FUL ZC23/01719/FUL -

Stonegarth Reynard Crag Birstwith – **No observations application received too late to go on previous agenda**
Erection of agricultural dry storage building and formation of hardstanding – 6.91.126.I.FUL ZC23/01959/FUL Grange Farm High Birstwith HG3 2JT – **Observations: 1 Not sympathetic to the landscape**

in the AONB 2 The proposal would not be in keeping with the character and form of its surroundings

3 A huge building in the wrong place 4 The applicant states it will assist his need of an agricultural enterprise and grown his business – no business plan included to back up this statement 5 No supporting evidence to back up proposed stock numbers to warrant a building of this size 6 No slurry or muck disposal is mentioned effluent will seep into the nearby beck and eventually into the river 7 Planning statement says to store a wide range of farm machinery. A horsebox wagon and horsebox trailer are not classified as farm machinery 8 7.5 T weight restriction on Tang Road 9 The PC would like this application to go before a full planning committee meeting

Installation of two new windows on the rear elevation to re-place existing windows/doors 6.91.140.J.FUL ZC23/02073/FUL – Hunter Boxes Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2JG – No observations

Single Storey Side Extension - 6.91.279.A.FUL ZC23/01995/FUL 32 Birstwith Grange HG3 3AH – No observation

Decision notification Part approved and part refused – 23/00831/TPO 2 Station Plantation Birstwith

Correspondence:

Sustainable Birstwith – is a newly set up charity the members being Amy Howard, Ben and Charlotte Holmes and Thomas Cuthbert who are hoping to fund raise for a Vehicle Activated Sign located near Birstwith School and they asked if the Parish Council would be able to support this project which is estimated to cost in the region of £10,000. Amy is to send the Clerk the relevant documentation she has in order that the Parish Council can consider their request. To be discussed at the next PC meeting in July

Email from Birstwith School re parking for Summer Fair – Saturday 24 June

Dogs Trust Community Hubs – Training or behaviour support see website: dogstrust.org.uk/discounted-dog-school

Consultation on developing local partnerships for onshore wind in England – info forwarded to Councillors prior to meeting

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Next meeting 27th July 2023

Signed

Dated

