**BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL 174**

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held in the Reading Room on Thursday 27th July 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** E March D Fisher R Houseman C Packer P Trewhitt M Worsnop County Cllr Nathan

 Hull & J Worsnop (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:**  None

**To: receive any declarations of interest:** C Packer relating to enforcements - Development Clint Bank and

West House Farm

**To receive Parishioners questions –** Parishioner asked a Councillor about getting a Notice Board on Tang Road

and regarding an old farm building at Grange Farm – is it being used as an office etc because there is an outflow

for a toilet? Clerk to enquire

**MINUTES -** It was proposed by D Fisher and seconded by M Worsnop and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes

of the proceedings of the Meeting held in the Reading Room on 22nd June be confirmed as a correct record and

signed by the Chairman

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT -** Nathan reported that the problems with Hampsthwaite Bridge had

been resolved and it should be open again by September. Kex Gill a 40mph speed limit has been enforced due to

poor road surface and the road might be closed for a 4/6 week period. The steering committee are on schedule with their budget for this work. Speed reductions outside schools for safety purposes have been discussed but are not going ahead. Investigations to the cause of pollution in the River Nidd are supported by North Yorkshire and

are ongoing. Nathan reported there were lots of job vacancies at North Yorks council. The Hydro is due to open in September.

**Updates on the following:**

**Playground –** Paul reported a loose bolt on a piece of equipment which the Chairman is looking into. Paul also

stated he wished someone to take over the checking management and we are looking for volunteers. A letter

from our insurance company was read out regarding playground management to create a safe play environment -

the Councillors’ felt our current safeguarding measures were being implemented satisfactorily.

**Highways –** Giant Hogg Weed is still a problem on Lackon Bank the clerk to contact Environmental Health to

see if they will arrange for its removal. The Reynard Crag Lane, Swalewood Lane and Collin Bank signs have

still not been fixed after numerous emails etc. Drains still blocked bottom of Lackon Bank and outside the shop.

Footpath outside Doctors Surgery should have been completed by the end of July but the builder has still not

finished the development. Nathan is looking into whether a 38 agreement was put on this development initially

if so, the developer will have to construct the footpath whenever the site is completed. As numerous attempts

have failed to get answers as to where the Birswith sign should be sited on Clint Bank the clerk to send a letter

to North Yorkshire with a site plan showing where the Birstwith sign will be sited on Clint Bank outside David

Holmes’s development in the hope they will respond with a positive reply

**BIB –** The results of the judging will be announced in September

**Elton Top Bus Shelter –** We have been successful with our application for funding from The Knabs Ridge

Wind Farm and the work will commence shortly to improve this bus shelter. Proposed by R Houseman

seconded by D Fisher all in favour

**Sustainable Birstwith –** The Councillors’ were in principle willing to support the VAS sign outside the

School. They are willing to give a third of the cost but will require all legal documents to support this

venture, written approval from School Governors and information.where this sign will get its electrical

supply from. This money will only be given when Sustainble Birstwith have raised the other two thirds

of the costs involved proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman all were in favour. The clerk to

write to Sustainable Birstwith with this information

**Telephone Box Collin Bank –** The clerk to send a letter to Ann and Richard Lilley thanking them for

supplying the book shelves which have been put into the telephone box to house the Childrens’ Books.

Our grateful thanks to them for agreeing to run this venture and supplying the books it is a great success -

what a brilliant idea

 **175**

**Accounts to be paid proposed by M Worsnop seconded by R Houseman all in favour**

**W E Benson** Verge mowing chq 253 666.00

**Vision ICT** a/c’s to website chq 254 96.00

**Richard Langley** Village Caretaker chq 255 137.25

**British Gas** Electricity a/c 6.06.23 – 5.07.23 DD 13.89

**Planning Applications:** Alterations to door and window openings to rear elevation – 6.91.63.E.FUL

ZC23/02321/FUL Wheelhouse Barn Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith **No observations application**

**received too late to go on previous agenda**

**Grant Planning Permission subject to conditions:**

**32 Birstwith Grange Birstwith**  - Single storey side extension

**Knowle House Back Road High Birstwith** -Erection of new garage with ancilliary accommodation over. New Juilett balcony to existing house

**Hunter Boxes Back Road High Birstwith**  - Installation of two new windows on the rear elevation to replace

existing windows/doors

**Planning Enforcements: Development Clint Bank Birstwith –** West House Gardens Residential Development – Alleged breach of Root Protection area adjacent to plot 17 (condition 4 21/036003/DVCMAJ)

**West House Farm Birstwith –** 23/00236/BRPC15 – Potential non-compliance with Condition 2 (Approved

Plans) regarding obscure glazing

**Correspondence:**

**D-DAY 80 -** 6th June 2024 - To be discussed at a later later date

**St James’s Church Fabric Committee -** Thank you letter for commuted sums

**Birstwith CE School -** The clerk read out a letter from Linda Turvey Chair of Governors informing us that

Victoria Kirkman would be leaving the school at the end of this term. It has been agreed that the new Executive

Head of Birstwith CE School will be Mrs Rebecca Lyman. Rebecca is currently Head of Markington CE School she will be at Birstwith two days a week and available all the time for emegencies. The current Assistant Head Teacher is Mrs Jamie Willis, who presently shares her time between Birstwith and Admiral Long Schools, she will in future be at Birswith for three days each week so a member of the Senior Leadership Team will always be at

school from the Autumn term

**NYC -Playground Inspection –** Due to different organisation now we are in North Yorks CC we need to set up

a DD to pay for the annual playground inspection. The clerk to sort out

**N Yorks -** The Parish Charter forwarded to Councillors

Meeting closed at 9 pm

Date of next meeting28th September 2023

Signed Dated