

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th September 2023 in the Reading Room at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: E March (Chairperson) D Fisher P Trewitt M Worsnop Councillor Councillor Nathan Hull + the clerk

APOLOGIES: R Houseman C Packer

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – None

PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS None

MINUTES - It was proposed by M Worsnop and seconded by D Fisher and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th July and 17th August be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Nathan reported there had been two road traffic deaths one at Greenhow and the other at Brimham Rocks. The Executive member from Highways will look what can be done once the police investigation is completed. Speed limits in towns are being looked into with 25mph speed limits being introduced at 7 schools to include 400 metres at either side of school entrances. The local bus service charge from Nov will be £2.50 for a 3 year period. The cost of up keep for buses is 3 million - passenger numbers have increased but Nathan stressed once again to use the service or we may lose it. A draft housing strategy has been proposed to build 4000 more houses across West Yorkshire. A school in Scalby has been found to have a small amount of Radon which has been rectified it will be monitored regularly along with other schools. Central Government will cover the costs. Woodfield School in Harrogate is to reopen as a Special Autism school for children with this condition. Kex Gill Road will close for five weeks commencing 9th October until 11th November to shore up the old road until the new road opens. NY Council has been awarded an outstanding ratings award from OFSTED in the Childrens' services category

The Play Area - Maintenance of certain items of equipment has been done. The mill have agreed to let us have an extra small piece of land so we can purchase another piece of equipment. A zip wire has been suggested at an estimated cost of £12,000 + fitting. The Chairperson will meet with a company supplying this sort of equipment and report back to the next meeting. The mill may also be willing to help with the costs and we are looking into a Harrogate Legacy Fund. Paul has kindly rehashed the playground inspection form

Highways matters: Knot Weed on Lackon Bank problem still not resolved further investigations ongoing. Reynard Crag Lane, Swalewood Lane and Collin Bank signs have still not been repaired further emails required. Village sign placement on Clint Bank if a village sign is engraved on stone it has to be 4.5 meters from the carriageway on a 50mph road. We have now found alternative options and this information will be passed on to Ben Holmes for his consideration. A letter from NY Highways re: double yellow lines on Wreaks Road near the pinch point was read out. A site meeting and discussion took place with North Yorkshire Police and they acknowledged that the road is narrow and can become congested at times, they found it impractical to envisage the road being completely blocked by another parked vehicle. Their observations included the passage of numerous large vehicles and tractors without any issue, even with the presence of a white Hyundai owned by one of the residents. The outcome was not to pursue the installation of double yellow lines any further. Nathan asked that a copy of NY letter be sent to him and he will make further enquiries

BIB: still awaiting outcome of judging

Elton Top Bus Shelter: Work going ahead but since applying for the grant the felt roof of the shelter has been damaged and part of it has lifted. It was proposed by M Worsnop seconded by D Fisher that we accept a further quote from Backhouse Bros to replace it at a cost of £724.32 all in favour

Sustainable Birstwith: no reply to date

DD card set up at Bank: required to pay certain accounts signatures the Chairperson and the Clerk

Grass Cutting: It was agreed unanimously that the grass verges should be cut again the main road side areas by Will Benson and Elton Top and around the signs by the village caretaker – All in favour. On Nidd Rise there is a problem of weeds growing on the roadside edges and the footpaths. Edward to look into getting the Community Pay Back Team to do this work

A/cs to be approved for payment proposed by D Fisher seconded by P Trewitt = all in favour

Trophies & Engravings	Platinum jubilee plaques for trees	Chq 256	40.00
Backhouse Bros	Steel posts for jubilee trees	Chq 257	148.52
Richard Langley	Adapting bookshelves in phone box	Chq 258	45.00
Park Lane Playgrounds	Inspection	Chq 259	66.00
British Gas	Elec a/c 6.7.23 to 5.8.23	DD	14.36
British Gas	Elec a/c 6.8.23 to 3.9.23	DD	13.44
J Worsnop	Salary, expenses, office	Chq 260	507.53
Reading Room	Room Hire Mar, Apr, May, June, Jly & Aug	Chq 261	70.00
HMRC	Tax for Q2	Chq 262	198.80

Planning Application

Demolition of existing outbuilding, replacement single storey extension and refurbishment of existing garage to form additional living accommodation 6.91.194.D.FUL ZC23/03327/FUL Spring House Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2JH **Observations:** In the AONB and over development

Grant permission Stonegarth Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith – **Subject to Conditions**
Wheelhouse Barn Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith – **Subject to Conditions**

Refusal of Planning Permission: Hew Green Farm High Lane High Birstwith

Correspondence:

D-DAY 80 - 6th June 2024 – further info received and forwarded to Councillors
YLCA Law & Governance info – forwarded to Councillors

Date of next meeting Thursday 26th October 2023

Signed

Dated