

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) D Fisher R Houseman C Packer P Trehitt M Worsnop
J Worsnop (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Nathan Hull

Declaration of interest: None

To receive parishioners' questions - None

Minutes - It was proposed by D Fisher and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28th September 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – No report in his absence

UPDATES:

Playground: The annual ROSPA inspection report has now been received there are few minor problems to be resolved. The Chairman will liaise with Park Lane Playgrounds re inspection issues. New equipment ideas were discussed and it was decided to invite another company to give their ideas on what they would suggest forwarded to next meeting for further discussion

Highways: The Chairman reported on his meeting with Highways re: the pinch point. He suggested flashing lights on the give way signs – this would not be approved. A suggestion of a NO PARKING sign on the goit was thought to be a good idea and will be discussed with Kerrys and prices obtained before next meeting. An area of footpath has been completed by Newbys at the entrance to West House Gardens but the continuation in front of the Doctors Surgery has to be done by a Highways Contractor. The Chair has also spoken with Sarah Wood the Practice Manager at the Surgery regarding making a parking area for staff on the grassed area in front of their building ongoing. Village sign Ben Holmes has removed stone sign and has been given information on the type of sign we would like in its place ongoing. The 30mph sign on the verge outside David Holmes's development has been moved without a traffic order - PC investigating the issue. Signs on Reynard Crag Lane and Collin Bank have still not been replaced. Some controversy regarding street lights on the West House Garden development residents not happy with this proposal want it to have a rural feel – ongoing. Menwith Hill Road will not be open until 15th December 2023 at the earliest. Nidd Rise weeds growing on the roadside edges and footpaths – Community Pay Back team could be organised to do the work but would need a resident to manage them. NY Highways have been sent another communication asking them to do the work

BIB – Results of Yorkshire in Bloom congratulations on being given a GOLD award and a joint category winner for their class along with Spofforth. They were also given a discretionary award for “Best Small Community” for the way they work alongside other groups in the village. The Clerk to write to the committee. They would like to use the stone village sign in their community garden and the PC are looking into this possibility. It was also suggested that an additional seat on Nidd Lane was a good idea and that BIB next Spring will look at the condition of the other benches in the village. However the one on Elton Bank needs special treatment – details held by the clerk. The group are also looking for more volunteers so if you are interested in joining their team please contact Ruth Fisher

Elton Top Bus Shelter – work progressing

Sustainable Birstwith – Thank you for a copy of the contract between NYCC and Sustainable Birstwith for the VAS sign near the School and we note the change of location a little further down the road. We now seem to have the information which was requested by the PC. With regard to the transfer of our contribution to Sustainable Birstwith we stipulated in our letter to you dated 31st July 2023 that the PC would be willing to give a third of the cost only when Sustainable Birstwith had raised the other two thirds of the costs involved and this has not changed.

Grass Cutting - 2nd verge cut almost complete

Christmas Tree Lights – MW checked the electricity supply to the tree and found that only one set of lights were working. An electrician is being organised to repair the fault.

A/c's to be approved for payment proposed by D Fisher seconded by C Packer all in favour

Richard Langley	Grass Strimming etc	Chq	263	68.25
British Gas	Electricity a/c to 1 st Oct	DD		12.96
HBC	Garage Rental	DD		60.00
HBC	Notice Board rental	DD		15.00
2nd instalment of Precept received - £7,500				
Transfer of £7,000 from current a/c to Deposit a/c				

Planning Applications:

Extension of rear basement and rear ground floor (retrospective) Removal of existing rear dormer windows and installation of rooflights – 6.91.123.F.FUL ZC23/03692/FUL Coachmans Cottage New Road High Birstwith HG3 2JF – **Observations: The footprint of this property has been extended to its limits**

Demolition of rear conservatory. Erection of side extension. Removal of Hipped end to roof and erection of gable end. Alterations to access point 6.91.58.FUL ZC23/03671/FUL Sunnyside Back Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JS **No observations**

Correspondence

Letter from local Citizens Advice - Citizens Advice they are not a popular charity for public donations as most of the public think they are a statutory body which is not true. Demand for their service is at crisis point at the current time. They are asking that we help their service on the ground and face to face. All donations received, no matter how small will be spent delivering their service to people in our area. If you would like further info contact sarah.f@northyorksica.org.uk

Housing Strategy Consultations – info forwarded to Councillors

Nidderdale Greenway Survey - Paul Trehitt forwarded this information to our Councillors. The survey covered Pateley Bridge and Hampsthwaite and from this survey 96% would like to see a Greenway. It was suggested that Birstwith should also carry out a survey and PT will liaise with Hampsthwaite on how they ran their survey.

Footpath from Birstwith to Hampsthwaite – again brought to our attention by PT. Hampsthwaite is a larger village than ours but they do not have a Post Office or Doctors Surgery. The existing footpath covers a river side walk which in bad weather is very slippery and a walk on Elton Lane which is dangerous because of the traffic. Paul and Rob Lloyd from Hampsthwaite would like to call a meeting between our two Councils to see whether a new footpath could be formed. It was agreed we would arrange a meeting

Meeting closed at 9 pm

Date of next meeting Thursday **23rd November 2023**

Signed

Dated

