

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room**

**Present:** E March (Chairman) D Fisher R Houseman C Packer P Trehwitt M Worsnop  
J Worsnop (Clerk) County Cllr Nathan Hull

**APOLOGIES:** None

**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 23rd November 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Nathan reported on Kex Gill more road having collapsed leaving a void at the side of the road – traffic lights might have to be erected. Local Authority Budget will probably see a 4.99% rise in Council Tax. The Crime budget will be increased in the short term but will then be taken over by the newly elected Mayoral office. There are massive shortfalls in the Local Authority Budget the main areas include 1. Above inflation pay rises 2 Adult services cost increases 3 School transport causing a strain on services and a special needs plan needs to be drawn up. Resources to fill gaps could involve selling estate housing and derelict buildings. Nathan reported having reserves is a positive thing and stated the financial team are doing a great job. The new Mayoral Office will have their own funds. He stated there will be no reduction in the current Highway budget. To run the Conference Centre it costs 20 million a year and it is in need of upgrading. They are looking into the possibility of bringing in a private company but it needs to be 'state of the art' to attract new custom and keep the old ones

**UPDATES:**

**Playground:** Nathan was thanked for his allocation of £1,000 from his Local Locality Fund which will go towards repairs to the playground equipment required by the ROSPA report. The work is almost complete barring two new shackles on the swing basket. The NYCC monitoring form will be filled and sent back as soon as the work is complete. The additional pieces of equipment will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Highways:** The pothole near the pinch point has been repaired. The raised footpath outside The Gables has not been repaired even though several requests have been made to Highways telling them it is dangerous. Still awaiting contact from Darren Griffiths re flashing sign at pinch point. Fallen tree in weir not causing any problems at the moment but is being monitored. Footpath outside Doctors Surgery has still not been done

**BIB** – The Clint Bank stone sign is not wanted by BIB and will remain at Ben Holmes for the time being. The wooden seat on Elton Bank can be cleaned but only with soap and water. It was suggested by BIB that the seat outside the Vicarage and the WI seat on Lackon Bank could be removed for cleaning but the majority of the PC did not agree to this proposal

**Elton Top Bus Shelter** The clerk has now forwarded the relevant paper work to Two Ridings on completion of the bus shelter

**Sustainable Birstwith** – the PC agreed that now all the relevant paper work had been received that they would pay the one third share towards the VAS amounting to £1,972.08 proposed by D Fisher and seconded by R Houseman all were in favour. The clerk to write asking if payment is needed now or when the work commences.

**Nidderdale Greenway** – left until later in the year

**Footpath from Birstwith to Hampsthwaite** - The clerk is liaise with HPC to arrange an informal meeting

**School Clock** The parts to repair the School Clock have been ordered by Smith of Derby and the work should be completed in the next month

**Blue lidded wheeled bins** – Some people in the village have now got their blue lidded wheeled bins and the rest are on a rolling programme

**Christmas Tree** - The clerk to get quotes to prune the Christmas Tree on the roundabout

**A/c's to be approved for payment proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman all in favour**

<b>Backhouse Bros</b>	Bus Shelter repairs	chq 268	£2883.38
<b>Smith of Derby</b>	New motor for school clock deposit	chq 269	£1378.80
<b>Broadley &amp; Hazell Ltd</b>	Repairs to Christmas Tree lights	chq 270	£94.80
<b>Resolve IT Systems Ltd</b>	email problems	chq 271	£50.00
<b>British Gas</b>	Electricity 5.11.23 to 5.12.23	DD	£19.33
<b>British Gas</b>	Electricity 6.12.24 to 2.01.24	DD	£19.18
<b>Birstwith Reading Room</b>	Room hire Sept/Oct/Nov (adjusted)	chq 272	£25.00
<b>J Worsnop</b>	Salary, exps & roomhire Q3	chq 273	£839.05
<b>HMRC</b>	Tax Q3	chq 274	£153.60

Transfer £8000 from c/a to d/a

### **Planning Applications:**

**Amended change of use of agricultural land to use as part of existing domestic garden, erection of stone boundary walls, alterations to existing land levels, creation of gravelled hard-standing area and placement of 20 PV solar panel pods (Retrospective) ZC23/04044/FUL Hew Green Farmhouse High Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JL – No observations now approved subject to conditions**

**Demolition of conservatory. Rear extension to dwelling etc ZC23/04329/FUL Fairfield Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2JG – No observations now granted**

**Proposed dry stone – ZC23/04249/PNA Green Acres is incorrect property name but applican name is correct – No observations – now withdrawn**

**Internal alterations, alterations to roof, single storey extension 6.91.289.FUL ZC23/04591/FUL 6 Nidd Rise Birstwith HG3 3AP -No observation Variation of condition 2 of PA 20/03381/FULMAJ to allow for varied scheme of landscaping etc 6.91.288. DVCMAJ ZC23/04569/DVCMAJ RAF Menwith Hill HG3 2RF No observations Approved subject to conditions: Erection of 1 self build dwelling Hew Green Farm High Birstwith HG3 2JL for Mr & Mrs Saddington**

**Certificate of Lawfulness** for existing building and associated hard and soft landscaping Grange Farm High Birstwith HG3 2JT for Mr J Casey

**Notice of decision on request to discharge planning conditions – Hew Green Farm High Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JL – Informatives approved details are: Verification report by Chevin Geoviro Ass Ltd ref: CO393-VR dated March 2023**

### **Correspondence:**

**NYCC** – Urban Grass Cutting – forward to next meeting

**Verge Cutting** – letter from resident forwarded to next meeting

**Home upgrade grant 2** – to help make homes more energy efficient – Info in Notice Board

**Email** from local resident re: verge on Collin Wood – suggest they make contact with BIB

**New Chief Constable for North Yorkshire** – Tim Forber

**Road Closure** – Staupes Road High Birstwith for 3 days between 13<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> February to replace a telegraph pole

**Date of next meeting 22nd February 2024**

*Signed*

*Dated*