

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

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

APOLOGIES: P Trewitt

Declaration of interest: None

To receive parishioners' questions – Councillor Fisher bought up the following two points raised by parishioners. 1 Balsum still growing up Lackon and needs eradicating – Nathan to look in to this for us. 2 A large pond has been built at Greenacres Sleights Lane resident queried if Planning permission was required – PC to follow up

Minutes - It was proposed by C Packer and seconded by D Fisher and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th January 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Nathan stated when writing to Area 6 Highways the response time he had been given was 4 to 8 weeks which is not very satisfactory. He has also been looking into the footpath outside the Doctors Surgery to see if there was a Section 38 agreement put on the original planning application if so the developer would have to build this footpath. Council budget a raise of 4.99% on council tax will be instigated in this financial year which includes money for social care. There will be no cuts to front line services for 3 years and they are looking into their IT budget possibly amalgamating some of their services. Kex Gill £100,000 will be needed to sort out the present problem and they are looking into installing monitoring equipment which would hopefully avoid future problems. The PC would like yellow lines on the goit bridge but even if the PC were to pay themselves (because no NY funding is available) it would require statutory notices etc. The question was asked how much would yellow lines cost? On the 8th May the Locality Budget opens again.

UPDATES:

Playground: The roof on the turret of the climbing frame has now been repaired. Discussion on a new piece (s) of equipment were discussed and the next step is to see what grants or donations we might be able to obtain.

Highways: The Birstwith stone sign which is housed at West House Farm needs a new home/storage place Still awaiting a reply from Highways re: new Birstwith sign on Clint Bank which prompted a resident to complain. The VAS sign is on its way the post is being manufactured and should be here within for 4 – 6 weeks according to Sustainable Birstwith. Footpath outside The Gables has still not been attended to it is so dangerous but Highways do not seem to take any notice of all our requests.

Dog Fouling bin on Darley Road - Yes a bin has now been placed on the opposite side of the road but the other one remains where it was originally sited – we do not need 2 bins

BIB – Nothing to report at present

Footpath from Birstwith to Hampsthwaite - 4 Councillors will meet to have an informal meeting with HPC shortly

School Clock: The repair work has now been completed and it was agreed that when the invoice arrives it should be paid proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop all in favour

Christmas Tree: The clerk she had received 3 verbal quotes to trim the Christmas Tree but all the tree surgeons were of the opinion it should be left alone to reduce the height would make the tree bush out even further and if the circumference was reduced it would spoil the look of the tree. It was decided to buy more lights and rehang them before next Christmas.

NYCC - Urban Grass cutting 2024/25 Clerk to enquire when the Council would carry out the urban visibility grass cutting in our Parish

A/c's approved for payment proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman

Park Lane Playgrounds	Repairs to equip after ROSPA report	chq 275	2136.00
“	Repairs to basket swing	chq 276	192.00
Sustainable Birstwith	1/3rd share VAS	chq 277	1972.08
British Gas	Elec a/c 3.1.24 to 5.2.24	DD	16.38

Planning:

New slate roof on outbuilding. New opening on west elevation of outbuilding. Interior works
6.91.290.FUL ZC24/00002/FUL Inglenook Cottage 6 The Square Wreaks Rd Birstwith HG3 2NL

No observations arrived too late for Jan meeting has now been approved

Demolition of existing front and rear porches. Erection of rear two storey extension. Alteration to main roof to create additional living accommodation. Alternations to fenestration. Erection of canopy structures – 6.91.241.D.FUL ZC24/00402/FUL -Marton House Emmet Lane High Birstwith

-Observations 1. in AONB 2 Over development of site

Granted permission:

Internal alterations, alterations to roof, single storey extension – 6 Nidd Rise Birstwith -

Granted subject to conditions

Decision Notification – Hew Green Farm High Lane High Birstwith ZC23/04595/DISCON

– Confirmation of discharge of conditions

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Hew Green Farm High Lane High Birstwith ZC24/00031/DISCON – Confirmation of discharge of conditions

Planning Enforcement – 9 Birstwith Grange HG3 3AH Case 24/00021/PR15 – possible breach of planning control – Erection of an outbuilding

Garden Waste - - letter on Notice Board

NYCC – Worried about the cost of living – Poster in notice board

Date of next meeting 28th March 2024

Signed

Dated