

Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Present: Edward March D Fisher C Packer P Trehitt & County
Councillor Nathan Hull and the clerk

Election of Chairman – It was proposed by D Fisher seconded by C Packer and **RESOLVED** that E March be elected as Chairman all were in favour

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE E March duly accepted the position of Chairman and signed the declaration made before the Proper Officer of the Council of the Parish Birstwith.

Apologies: R Houseman and M Worsnop

Election of Vice Chairman: C Packer proposed D Fisher seconded by E March all were in favour - David was willing to stand and accepted the office

To receive any declarations of interest: None

To receive Parishioners questions – None

Minutes It was proposed by P Trehitt and seconded by D Fisher and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting held on 25th April be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman

Approved Certificate of Exemption and Annual Governance Statement proposed by C Packer and seconded by R Houseman that the statements be accepted all were in favour and signed by the Chairman and RFO

County Councillor Nathan Hull – Nathan reported that David Skaife was elected as the first mayor of the York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority. His deputy will most likely be Carl Les. Area 6 Highways are giving financial support to businesses affected by the closure of Kex Gill. The target for the new road is hopefully going to be the end of 2025 but could possibly be longer however the contractors would be subject to penalties if they don't hit their deadline. Nathan's allocated County Cllr budget is now available. Footpath outside Doctor's Surgery Nathan looking into the Section 38 and 278 relating to the West House Gardens development to see if it included a Bond it is now with the Enforcement Office. NY Highways to be asked how long road signs should be left in place as these are often not collected and could cause a hazard to both pedestrians and vehicles

Approval of end of year annual Finance Statements 2023/2024, Approval of accounting Statements, Approval of Internal Auditor and Exercise of Public Rights 10th

June until 19th July 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk/RFO proposed by C Packer seconded by D Fisher all were in favour

Registration of Interest forms – No alterations were necessary

To receive updates regarding:

Play Area - The erosion of the ground around the roundabout has been repaired and also the boundary fencing rails

Highways: Refer to Nathan’s report above

BIB – A cheque for £30 sponsorship for the Plant trough on Wreaks Road has been sent to BIB The BIB team were thanked for weeding the verges on Nidd Rise and they reported replacing several plant troughs around the village. The Chairman wished to put on record that Nidd Drive was a private road so any work on this road should be discussed with the residents

Grass Cutting – Will Benson and the Caretaker had cut grass verges around the village as last year and Skeltons had cut the roundabout, near the vicarage and the playground.

Accounts approved for payment proposed by C Packer seconded by E March all were in favour

Richard Langley	Repairs to playground and verge cutting	Chq 285	132.12
John Dennis	Auditor	Chq 286	50.00
Vision ICT Ltd	Website hosting, support and a/cs	Chq 287	173.26
BIB	Sponsorship for Plant Trough Wreaks Road	Chq 288	30.00
W E Benson	Verge Cutting	Chq 289	696.00
HBC 1st instalment of precept	= £7,500		
VAT to reclaim	= £1491.12		

Discussion regarding Deposit account – Virgin Money have closed our passbook deposit account the monies have now been put into our Virgin Money current a/c for the time being and we are looking into finding another deposit a/c which will pay interest – All were in favour

Planning Application:

Part-conversion of 1 existing agricultural building to 1 dwelling house (use class c3) 6.91.136.XPBR ZC24/01438/PBR West House Farm Birstwith HG3 3AW – Observations: Public footpath must remain

Works to trees subject to TPO order 71/2007 W1 Fell 1 Sycamore (T1) Crown reduction/Pollard of 1 willow (T2) by 3m to give clearance from property 6.91.294.TPO ZC24/01501/TPO 7 Collin Spring Court Birstwith HG3 3LN – Observation: Not to fell only trim

Application approved subject to conditions: RAF Menwith Hill Main Street Menwith Hill Camp Harrogate HG3 2RF

Correspondence:

HGV traffic through Birstwith – from Chair of Clint cum Hamlets PC – We have not noticed increased traffic through our village but County Cllr Nathan Hull believes your problem will be resolved within the next three weeks

Wheelie bin speed awareness signs – awareness of lower speed limits in residential areas – no further action

Bereavement Service Survey for Parish and Town Councils – no further action

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Date of next meeting 27th June 2024

Signed

Date

