

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2024 in the Reading Room at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: E March (chairman) D Fisher R Houseman C Packer P Trehitt M Worsnop
County Councillor Nathan Hull and the clerk

APOLOGIES: None

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: M Worsnop – Clerks Salary

PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS: None

MINUTES: It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by P Trehitt and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Nathan reported he had met Julian Smith our MP regarding various Highway problems. Julian told him they had to prioritise accident black spot areas and told him the hill at Burnt Yates, Ripley to South Stainley, Menwith x roads and Dunkeswick Lane would be dealt with first. Once these areas had been dealt with the next most dangerous sections would be evaluated. Nathan stated speed cameras are a deterrent and might be a good idea. He had received several complaints from residents in West House Gardens regarding the drains and sewerage on their estate. The paper work for Section 38 agreement appears to have been mislaid at NY but Nathan intends to hold a meeting with the residents and has asked them to bring their legal agreements with them in order for him to read through them on their behalf. Sara Wood the practice manager at the Doctors' Surgery is meeting with Nathan regarding parking on the road outside the surgery. One solution would be to turn the front lawn into a car park and another for the Surgery to place a sign asking patients to be a responsible neighbour and not park on the grass verge. 24 Bus will be increasing their charges to £3 but the Mayor is looking into whether anything can be done for them to remain at £2. The increase in National Insurance is going to effect many businesses in our region. More grants will become available but large cities will have a better chance of obtaining them. Lack of policing in our area was questioned by the Councillors but the police have very limited resources available to them. The traffic problems with the goit was raised again – this is an ongoing problem with NYH we will not give in until we find a solution

Updates:

The Play Area: Additional equipment and fencing for the playground has been left in abeyance for the time being. The clerk to check out the documentation relating to the Playground Inspection Report which took place on 10.10.24

Highway issues: The Chairman is in touch with AONB regarding the overgrown greenery on the Nidderdale Way path near the goit. The plastic bollards opposite the Doctor's Surgery have been damaged and could do with renewing. The Clerk had made enquiries as to whether Commuted Sums money could be used to purchase a seat at the Bus Stop on the corner of Nidd Lane. The Councillors will look into the feasibility of this and report back

BIB: Trimming bushes on the roundabout and the opposite side of road will be done in the near future

Greenway Questionnaire Survey: Leaflets in the shop, pub and doctor's surgery – please hand your completed forms into where ever you took one from. This is only a survey and will finish at the end of December but Paul asked as many people as possible to fill in the questionnaire so they would have a better idea of residents thoughts either for or against

Kerrys Mill - Will hold an Open Day in the New Year

Parish Council Website: Held in abeyance until next year

Christmas Tree Lights – have been turned on for Advent and will be turned off at Epiphany

NALC - Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024 to 2025 – The National Joint Council for LGS had reached agreement on rates of pay applicable from 1 April to 31 March 2025. It was agreed that the Clerk's Salary should be increased in accordance with the above agreement proposed by D Fisher seconded by C Packer and that the Clerk should keep a record of her time spent carrying out her duties – all in favour

Precept for 2025/2026: It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that we should apply for a precept of £15,000 the same as last year and it was unanimously agreed

Accounts approved for payment proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman – all in favour

SLCC	Ann sub	Chq 006	80.00
British Gas	are setting up new DD with Lloyds for electricity a/c		
“ “	6.10.24 to 5.11.24 Electricity a/c	DD	14.36
J Worsnop	Expenses	Chq 007	193.54
Lloyds Bank	Monthly a/c maintenance fee from 14 th January 2025 will be £4.25 for each account. This did not apply when the accounts were opened several months ago		

Draft accounts from April to November were handed to Councillors

Planning Applications

Raising of roof, demolition of garden room, erection of single storey side/rear extension amendments to fenestration, removal of chimneys and widening of driveway access

6.91.25.B.FUL ZC24/03722/FUL Ryecroft Back Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JS – **No observations**

Alterations to the fabric of the existing storage and distribution building erection of one storage and distribution building 6.91.114.F.FUL ZC24/03703/FUL Brackenthwaite Farm Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2JH – **No observations**

Planning permission granted – subject to conditions – Reynard Crag Farm Reynard

Crag Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JQ

Horse Farm Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JQ

Correspondence

Email from the Caretaker raising hourly rate from 1st January to £17 ph – all in favour

Letter from resident High Birstwith Staupes Road re: problems with neighbour regret the Parish Council cannot get involved with this matter but have forwarded email to Nidderdale National Landscapes to see if they are able to help

Area 6 Boroughbridge – Update to Parish Portal proposed by D Fisher seconded by E March that we register for a Customer Portal account from 11th December 2024

Dead Sheep above the weir – email from resident was reported and has now been removed

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Date of next meeting **23rd January 2025**

Signed

Dated