

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room**

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

**APOLOGIES:** P Trehwitt and C Packer

**Declaration of interest:** None

**To receive parishioners' questions – none**

**Minutes** - It was proposed by D Fisher and seconded by R Houseman and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28th November 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

**County Councillors Report:** Nathan has not as yet managed to arrange a meeting with the Practice Manager at Birstwith Surgery regarding the parking of cars on the road. With regard to the complaints from residents of West House Gardens regarding sewerage, drains and their road Nathan is still awaiting further information before a meeting can be arranged. If the road to the Estate is an Adopted Road then Highways are responsible for its maintenance – Nathan is still in the process of finding out this information. The Rural Settlement Grant is being cancelled and home to school free bus service is also under threat. There is also a 1.1 billion costs short fall over the next few years. There will be no additional funding for Rural Areas and the County budget may disappear next year. There will be a draft budget meeting next month but financially we are worse off under this Labour Government. Cuts to some services will more than likely happen i.e maintenance of parks etc. Nathan reported once again that Kex Gill is still causing major problems

**UPDATES:**

**Playground:** ROSPA playground inspection has taken place and the report revealed no major problems The extension to the playground is on hold at the moment

**Highways:** The Chairman to follow up with AONB re: our enquire of overgrown greenery on the Nidderdale Way. Highways to be contacted re plastic bollards in the grass verge opposite the Surgery. The proposed seat at the Bus Stop on Nidd Lane forwarded to next meeting. Overgrown conifer hedge on corner of Clint Bank the Clerk will follow up.

**BIB** – Nothing to report this month

**Greenway Questionnaire Survey** - Paul Trehwitt will report on this at the next meeting

**Christmas Tree** - The Parish Council are seeking advise from the Environment Agency Alan Gilliard and will report back to the next meeting

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

<b>SLCC</b>	Annual membership	chq 006	80.00
<b>J Worsnop</b>	Expenses	chq 007	193.54
<b>Birstwith Reading Room</b>	Room Hire Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov	chq 008	61.00
<b>J Worsnop</b>	Salary, exps and room hire Q3	chq 009	710.25
<b>HMRC</b>	Tax Q3	chq 010	114.00

**Deposit A/c** Due to Virgin Bank closing our Deposit account we now bank with Lloyds. However at this Bank we cannot have additional signatures on our Deposit A/c so it was proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop all in favour that:

- 1 The clerk opens a Deposit Account with Lloyds Bank under her sole signature to deposit and withdraw funds.
- 2 For depositing money into this account from the Parish Council's cheque book, no former approval from Councillors is required given that any cheques used for this process will already have been signed by two Councillors

- 3 For moving money electronically from the Current A/c to the Deposit A/c, no further approval is required but any such transactions should be advised to the Parish Council at the next scheduled Council meeting
- 4 For all transfers from the Deposit A/c to the Current A/c, no prior approval is required but again should be advised to the Parish Council at the next scheduled Council meeting
- 5 For any transfer from the Deposit A/c to an external payee, written or email approval should be given by two Councillors (one of whom should be either the Chair or Vice Chair) prior to these being made
- 6 Every six months either the Chair or Vice Chair will meet with the Clerk to review the Statement for the Deposit A/c to reconcile any/all transactions with previous reports/approvals. A report to the next scheduled Council meeting will then be provided

This proposal is subject to Authority being given by the YLCA

**British Gas** - Electricity renewal plan it was proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Fisher that we accept a one year contract with British Gas the Standing Charge being 43.01 (p/day) and unit charge 30.14 (p/kWh) all were in favour

**Planning Applications:**

**Side and rear extensions to existing bungalow, alternation to fenestration an new gate**  
6.91.296.FULZC23/03886/FUL The Brambles Nidd Lane Birstwith HG3 3AL **Observations Proposed**

**Building Line will impact on neighboring property on Nidd Lane**

**Conversion of 1 existing agricultural building to 2 dwelling houses (use class c3)** 6.91.136.Z.PBR ZC24/04227/PBR West House Farm Birstwith HG3 3AW **Observation: To make sure the Public Footpath remains**

**Improvement to existing field access gate to form standard E10 field access point** 6.91.44.D.FUL ZC24/04005/FUL Pasture House Back Road Birstwith HG3 2JG **No observations**

**Planning Decisions:** Ryecroft Back Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JS – **Granted subject to conditions**

Hew Green Farm High Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JL - **Confirmation of discharge of conditions**

**Planning Application Refused:** 6.91.136.Y.PBR ZC24/03376/PBR West House Farm Birstwith HG3 3AW

**Correspondence:**

**Letter from resident:** re: underground drain on Hirst Lane this was discussed at length and the County Councillor Nathan Hull was also in attendance at the meeting. We fully support your problems with your drainage issues. We hope that with Nigel Smith's intervention a solution will be found to the problem. Nathan will keep us informed of progress

**North Yorkshire Council** – Urban grass cutting in 2025 based on the rate of 8p per m2, the available funding for grass cutting of urban highway visibility splays to our parish will be £401.73. The clerk to find out more information before a decision is made as to whether we accept their offer

**New Nidderdale Plus Community Projects** – handed out to Councillors

**Nidderdale National Landscapes** – We already have a parish council representative on the Joint Advisory Committee

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

**Date of next meeting 27th February 2025**

*Signed*

*Dated*