

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th February 2025 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 Trehwitt

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 9th January 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Nathan reported he is in the process of arranging a walk around the village with Paul Roberts from NY Highways including West House Gardens re: possible adoption of road and the footpath outside the Doctor's Surgery. Is it a Highways responsibility? The problem with drainage on Hirst Lane outside Mr Crowther's property has now been put in the hands of the NY Drainage Engineer who will hopefully find the cause of the problem. Nathan commented on the Local Development Plan to be completed in the next 2 years he stated some landowners had expressed an interest, some sites already had planning permission and some presumed sites may roll over but are not rubber stamped. Council Tax has gone up by 5%. The five million deficit has been funded out of reserves but lost grants from Central Government are being looked at and Councils may take further action suing the Government and may even take them to Court

UPDATES:

Playground: It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that quotes should be obtained to repair the other side of the climbing turret roof and repair the bearing on the roundabout.

Highway matters: The damaged plastic bollards opposite the Doctor's Surgery had been reported to Highways. The proposed seat at the Bus Stop quotes to be obtained to buy a seat and for hard standing proposed by R Houseman and C Packer. Further communication with Commuted Sums office and to find out if a street licence is necessary along with Highway approval before we proceed further. We have also been offered a further seat from the Station Hotel and it is proposed that this should be placed on the grass verge near the entrance to Nidd Rise subject to the original owner giving their consent. Overgrown conifer hedge on corner of Nidd Lane will be cut back this March by the property owner. Resident concern about the state of repair of the Pack Horse Bridge – The Chairman is dealing with this through AONB.

BIB The plants from where the proposed Bus Stop seat will be placed have been removed. BIB will also trim the bush on the roundabout this coming weekend whether permitting. They will also enhance the Birstwith sign at West House Gardens with low growing plants

Greenway Questionnaire Survey: The results of this survey had been sent to the Councillors' prior to our meeting and will be discussed at the next meeting when Paul will be in attendance

Christmas Tree: Left in abeyance until the Chairman can meet Alan Gilliard for his suggestions

NYCC - Urban Grass cutting 2025/26 It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Fisher that we accept the County Councils urban visibility grass cutting for up to five cuts this year. We will receive £401.73 via a purchase order in the summer and then we can invoice the Council

School Clock – The annual service took place on 11th February 2025

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

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| NYCC - | Notiice Board re-issued chq problem with bank | chq 011 | 15.00 |
| Richard Langley | village caretaker | chq 012 | 68.00 |

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| British Gas | Electricity a/c 26 Nov – 7 Jan 2025 | DD | 28.93 |
| “ “ | Electricity a/c 8 Jan to 5 Feb | DD | 14.99 |
| Park Lane Playgrounds | Inspection report | chq 013 | 66.00 |

Bank: Proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman that the Clerk sets up an Instant Access A/c with Lloyds Bank The Councillors’ approved that the Clerk opens this account under her sole signature to deposit and withdraw funds details as set out in the previous minutes dated the 9th January 2025 – All were in favour.

Planning:

Listed Building consent for installation of through floor lift – ZC24/04284/LB New Bridge Darley Road Birstwith HG3 2PN – No observations arrived too late for Jan meeting

Proposed car port and store to replace existing stable block – 6.91.153.G.FUL ZC25/00256/FUL Horse Farm Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JQ – **No observations**

Erection of two storey side extension and single storey front extension, internal and external alterations. Alternations to fenestration. Erection of external terrace. Basement consersion forming plant room. Installation of pv solar panels 6.91.298.FUL. C25/00192/FUL Westering Nidd Lane Birstwith HG3 3AR – **No observations**

Proposed single storey side extension – 6.91.34.F.FUL ZC25/00532/FUL Mount Pleasant Farm Sleights Lane High Birstwith HG3 2LE – **No observations application arrived too late for agenda**
Section 73 application for the variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of PP 21/05470/REM etc
 Land Comprising Field at 424270 459949 Nidd Lane Birstwith – **No observations application arrived too late for meeting**

Erection of stable and menage – 6.91.44.E.FUL ZC25/00322/FUL Pasture House Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2JG – **No observations application arrived too late for meeting**

Planning permission subject to conditions

The Brambles Nidd Lane Birstwith - Granted Subject to conditions

Pasture House Back Road Birstwith - “ “

West House Farm Birstwith - “ “

Garden Waste - - letter on Notice Board

North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Local Plan to view sites go to

<https://app.maptionnaire.com/q/6h6aur4sn3c8>

Darley and Menwith Parish Council – Local Government Boundary Commission for England Boundary Reviews – Parish Councillors agreed they would not like to be part of a joint submission at this stage

Nidderdale Museum Special Celebration - info circulated to Parish Councillors

Road Safety Surgery from NYPFCC – Our representative David Fisher registered for a Road Safety Surgery appointment with the Deputy Mayor and members of her team and put forward several points which were of concern to us in Birstwith village

Home to School Transport Policy – email from Vice Chairperson Reeth PC

Kex Gill – follow up email circulated to Councillors

Date of next meeting 27th March 2025

Signed

Dated

