

BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) D Fisher R Houseman M Worsnop P Trehitt J Worsnop (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: C Packer County Councillor Nathan Hull

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 27th February 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – No report in his absence

UPDATES:

Playground: Quotes had been received for repairs to the play equipment but the Councillors decided they needed to make further enquiries as these quotes were felt to be a little excessive.

Highways: Proposed seat at Nidd Lane bus stop and also an additional seat near the entrance to Nidd Rise. The Clerk had encountered problems with NY Council Re: the various permissions required and she had spoken to Nathan Hull for his guidance. He will be meeting planners this coming Tuesday and will report back to us after this meeting. The overgrown conifer hedge at Hillside has been trimmed and a thank you letter sent Still awaiting further information regarding the state of the Pack Horse Bridge from the AONB

BIB - the bush on the roundabout has been trimmed back a little but further pruning is needed to see whether regrowth will appear or it may have to be removed and replaced

Greenway Questionnaire Survey - Paul reported the on line survey was successful but the paper surveys put in the local shop, pub and doctors surgeries had had a very poor response. The Steering Group has been suspended for the time being as NY would need to do an Environmental survey before any further action could be taken

Christmas Tree – Alan Gilliard states he will have another look at this tree on our behalf and will hopefully give us further information as to what type of tree it is, how big it could grow too and could it cause problems in the future if left as it is

Appointment of Auditor - John Dennis has kindly agreed to undertake our audit this year. This was accepted on a proposal by R Houseman seconded by D Fisher all were in favour

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

HMRC	Tax Q4	chq 014	102.80
J Worsnop	Salary, exps and office space	chq 015	773.23
Reading Room	Room Hire Jan and Feb	chq 016	34.00
British Gas	Electricity a/c 6.2.25 to 5.3.25	DD	12.41
TP Jones &Co	Payroll Preparation	chq 017	84.48

Lloyds Bank – working to sort out

Year end accounts forwarded to next meeting

Insurance – On a proposal from R Houseman seconded by D Fisher it was agreed that we accept the quote from Hiscox Insurance Co Ltd for the period from the 20th May 2025 for a 3 year period the premium being £826.47

Planning Applications:

Section 73 application for the variation of condition 2 (approved drawings etc) ZC25/00634/DVCON
Hew Green Farm High Lane High Birstwith – **No observations arrived too late for last PC meeting**

Proposed single storey side extension – 6.91.300.FUL ZC25/00796/FUL 6 Collin Wood Lane Birstwith
HG3 3FG - **No observations**

Planning Permission Granted – subject to conditions New Bridge Darley Road Birstwith
Horse Farm Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith
and Pasture House Back Road High Birstwith

Date of next meeting 24th April 2025

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed

Dated