

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 24th April 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March D Fisher R Houseman M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk) and County Councillor Nathan Hull

Apologies: C Packer and Paul Trehwitt

Declaration of interests : None

To receive parishioners questions: Several parishioners had spoken to the Parish Councillors regarding making a doctors appointment at our local surgery. All bookings are now done on line and as we have a considerable number of elderly residents, some with disabilities and many who do not have a computer find this most inconvenient. Some had visited the surgery and the receptionist had made an appointment for them but they had to give out personal details including the reason they required to see a doctor/nurse with no confidentiality as the patients in the waiting room could hear their conversation. The clerk to write to the Practice Manager and ask if she would be willing to attend our next PC meeting to discuss this problem. V E Day was also mentioned - why was Birstwith not celebrating this important day? This event had been discussed earlier on in the year but no interest had been shown in the village

Minutes - It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by D Fisher and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27th March 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

County Councillor's report : Nathan reported he had had an e-mail reply from Highways re: West House Gardens road but there is to be a change in the person dealing with this matter and therefore nothing further can be done until a person is appointed. However they stated that one of the main issues was over the design of the culvert. The state of the road surface at Collin Bank - the question is do the Council own it or the residents. County Cllr Nathan is looking into the land registry status if owned by the residents it should be incorporated in their deeds he will report back. New Bin Collection days seem to be running smoothly. There is no local election for us this year. Kex Gill opening will be delayed for a few months it may cost more due to increase in materials which the contractors are allowed to claim

Updates on:

Play Area: The Chairman is going to contact Park Lane Playgrounds to see if they are willing to reduce their quotes for the general maintenance repairs, the bearings on the roundabout and part of the roof on the multi climbing frame and will report back.

Highway matters: Proposed seat at Nidd Lane bus stop Nathan is to attend a Planning meeting in Ripon on the 6th May and will report back to us before further action is taken. Verge grass cutting planned to take place within the next 10 days. Ryecroft Tang Road does it need further Planning Permission for this additional new entrance. Clerk to contact the planners

BIB It was agreed on a proposal by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that the PC should sponsor £30 for a village planter. The bush on the roundabout had been cut down and we are awaiting to see if regrowth appears before replacing it.

Christmas Tree Still awaiting a visit from Alan Gilliard to advise us about this tree

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

NYC	Playground inspection (in last years a/cs)	chq 018	78.00
Gallagher Insurance	Ann insurance premium	chq 019	826.49
British Gas	Electricity account 6.03.24 to 7.04.24	DD	13.86

Lloyds Bank It was proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman that we just hold a current account at present pending further investigation – all in favour

Planning Applications:

Alterationsto existing vehicular access, formation of access track and erection of associated walls, fences and gates 6.91.203/G.FUL ZC25/00825/FUL Hill Top Farm Reynard Crag Lane

High Birstwith HG3 2JQ **Observations : None arrived too late for previous meeting**

Erection of sectional timber equipment storage/stable building 6.91 50.K.FUL ZC25/01058/FUL Cragg Garth High Birstwith HG3 2JL – **no observations**

Approved planning applications subject to conditions:

Westering Nidd Lane Birstwith

8 Nidd Rise Birstwith

Mount Pleasant Farm Sleights Lane High Birstwith

Hew Green Farm High Lane High Birstwith

Correspondence

E-mail from resident regarding state of road at Collin Bank. Clerk to email a reply see Nathan's report

Date of next meeting AGM 22nd May 2025

Meeting closed at 8.15 p m

Signed

Dated