

Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Present: Edward March D Fisher R Houseman C Packer P Trehitt M Worsnop & County Councillor Nathan Hull and the clerk

Election of Chairman – It was proposed by M Worsnop seconded by C Packer and **RESOLVED** that D Fisher be elected as Chairman all were in favour. The new Chairman D Fisher thanked the retiring Chairman for all his dedicated years of work in his roll as Chairman and this was unanimously agreed by all

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE D Fisher duly accepted the position of Chairman and signed the declaration made before the Proper Officer of the Council of the Parish Birstwith

Apologies: None

Election of Vice Chairman: P Trehitt proposed seconded by C Packer that R Houseman be appointed as Vice Chairman all were in favour - Reg was willing to stand and accepted the office

To receive any declarations of interest: None

To receive Parishioners questions – None

Minutes It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by E March and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting held on 24th April 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Approved by Resolution the Certificate of Exemption and Annual Governance Statement proposed by R Houseman and seconded by E March that the statements be accepted all were in favour and signed by the Chairman and RFO

County Councillor Nathan Hull – Nathan stated that Kex Gill is reported to open in May 2026 however more funds will be needed to complete the work on top of extra money already allocated to cover the additional costs of materials. The Chief Executive of NY Council is to look into problems with planning enforcements, highway issues and lack of communication on their behalf. A new Highways Officer is in process of being elected. Nathan has a locality budget and we need to inform him this month if we have any projects which could benefit from a little help. Home to school transport is under discussion it costs a quarter of million to ferry children into schools each year. Difficult decisions will have to be made and will be reviewed in the next 12 months. North Yorkshire Local Boundary - A proposal has been suggested to join Birstwith with Pannal this is not thought to be a good idea as Pannal is not a rural

community. The PC was advised to write in with their views on this proposal. The footpath outside the Doctors' Surgery is still under investigation by Nathan.

Approval of end of year annual Finance Statements 2024/2025, Approval of Accounting Statements, Approval of Internal Auditor and Exercise of Public Rights 9th June until 18th July 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk/RFO proposed by R Houseman and seconded by C Packer all were in favour

Registration of Interest forms – No alterations were necessary

To receive updates regarding:

Play Area - Park Lane Playgrounds were called out to remove the basket swing from the frame as the bolt had snapped in the timber – the basket is being stored at Park Lane depot awaiting the new part. It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by P Trehwhitt that Park Lane undertake all the maintenance requirements plus roof repairs to the multi unit and the roundabout.

Doctors appointments at Spring Gables - The clerk read out a letter from Sarah Wood the Practice Manager at the Surgery. What has changed in the last six months - requests for an appointment with a GP or Nurse Practitioner have been passed on to a doctor to prioritise. Those who are unable to do online consultation can phone in the usual way. The new GP contract highlighted the need for a “level playing field” so that priority is based purely on clinical need. This new system means patients wait much less time for appointments.

Collin Bank road surface – Nathan is still looking into the ownership of this road

Proposed Seat at Bus Stop Nidd Lane - Nathan had spoken to the Planning Manager at NYC and he had confirmed that we did not need Planning Permission for this project as long as it did not cause any problems to the highway. Quotes are now being sought to erect a base for the seat together with a base for a gifted seat opposite Nidd Rise

Ryecroft Tang Road – additional entrance does not require planning permission

BIB – sponsorship for plant trough has been sent

Grass Cutting – Grass verges have been cut by Will Benson and village caretaker

Accounts approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer all in favour

BIB	Sponsorship for flower planter	chq 020 £ 30.00
YLCA	Annual subscription	chq 021 £349.00
J Dennis	Audit	chq 022 £ 50.00
Bank charges	Services charges April and May	£ 11.00
Vision ICT Ltd	Website hosting and support	chq 023 £173.26
British Gas	Electricity a/c 8.4.25 to 6.5.25	DD £ 12.18

HBC 1st instalment of precept = £7,500

VAT to reclaim = £351.48

Deposit account – Skipton BS cannot open an a/c for a Parish Council money remains in current a/c all were in favour

Planning Application granted 6 Collin Wood Lane Birstwith HG3 3FG **subject to conditions**

Correspondence:

Letter from Felliscliffe PC Clerk – formation of a new driveway and moving of village sign on Tang Road just before the detached garages forwarded to Area 6 Boroughbridge Highways to investigate

Bewerley PC – response to Local Government Boundary Commission the Councillors wished to make to make their own response to the proposals

Damage to footpath bottom of Lackon Bank – trip hazard has now been repaired

Support with ageing or out of warranty defibrillators – e-mail from Sean Cooper - The Councillors reported that our defibrillators are checked regularly

Speed limit reduction on Menwith Hill Road and the B6451 adjacent to RAF Menwith Hill entry gates – The speed limit is to be reduced from 60mph to 40mph which will enhance the safety for all users of the roads around their entrance gates. New speed limit signs will be installed over the coming weeks. The speed limit reduction will come into force once the new signs have been erected

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed

Dated

