

BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 26th June 2025 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Present: D Fisher Chairman R Houseman E March P Trehwitt M Worsnop County Councillor Nathan Hull and the clerk

Apologies: None

Jake Robshaw – Arborist failed to attend the meeting to discuss the Christman Tree

To receive any declarations of interest: None

To receive Parishioners questions – None

Minutes It was proposed by M Worsnop and seconded by P Trehwitt and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the AGM meeting held on 22nd May 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

County Councillor Nathan Hull – Nathan reported he has eventually arranged a meeting with the Chief Executive of the Council to discuss various issues including West House Gardens road and the footpath outside the Doctor's Surgery. Collin Bank road surface still no final decision on ownership but there is a possibility it may be owned by Harrogate Council further investigations ongoing. No new sites in Birstwith have been added to the new local plan. Speed restrictions of 20 mph and 50 mph are coming into force in and around the Harrogate area. Childrens' Social Services are desperate for Foster parents in this area as local children are being sent over 50miles away. Even short term Foster parents would be welcome. Locality Budget reduced from £10,000 to £5,000

To receive updates regarding:

Play Area - Park Lane Playgrounds have stated that the bearing for the roundabout and the basket swing have been ordered and should be delivered to them in the next two weeks. The PC have given the go ahead for the other maintenance work and roof repairs to the multi unit should go ahead straight away. It was reported that the picnic table bench was unstable as well as part of the post and rail boundary fence both are being looked into. It was felt that some time in the not too distant future the whole playground should be discussed and an appropriate plan put in place due to the age of the current equipment

Highways: Collin Bank road surface see Nathan's report. Bus stop bench seat and seat at entrance to Nidd Rise. Backhouse Bros and Dalebuild met the Chairman to discuss the bases for these seats. The PC on a proposal by R Houseman seconded by P Trehwitt agreed to accept the Dalebuild quote of £690 + VAT for the base at the bus stop. The Chairman offered to build the base for the Nidd Rise seat and it was accepted on a proposal by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop the Chairman was thanked for his very kind offer. The clerk to organise Richard Langley to cut the grass at Elton Top and area around the Birstwith sign on Hampsthwaite Lane. The telephone box Childrens' Library door needs attention it is very hard to open and Richard Langley will report back on his findings.

BIB: The Chairman reported that a paved path had been laid around the garden at the showfield entrance. As our current PC representative on the BIB committee is our new Chairman it was proposed that P Trehitt should take on the role proposed by E March seconded by R Houseman

Accounts approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by P Trehitt all were in favour

Park Lane Playgrounds	High Risk Call out	chq 025	210.00
W E Benson	Verge Cutting	chq 026	810.00
J Worsnop	Q 1 salary, Exps and Office	chq 027	651.51
Birstwith Reading Room	Hire of room Apr/May/June	Chq 028	30.00
British Gas	Electricity a/c 7.5.25 to 6.6.25	DD	13.02
HMRC	Tax Q1	Chq 029	123.00

Data logged – notification confirming exempt status still awaited from Littlejohn

Planning Applications:

Erection of lean to extension to front of stables to be used for lambing Wayside House Farm Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2LJ – **Observations: None arrived too late for meeting**

Crown reduction by 2- 3 metres of 1 Sycamore subject to crown reduction by two to three metres to natural union points to reduce stress on weakened stem 25/01633/TPO 2 Station Plantation Birstwith HG3 3AQ **No observations**

Proposed single storey extension to south elevation and raised decking area 25/01747/FUL 4 Collin Bank Birstwith HG3 3AJ **No Observations**

Planning Permission allowed subject to conditions – Cragg Garth High Birstwith HG3 2JL

Correspondence:

Neighbourhood Plans from YLCA – does not effect us

Proposal for a Birstwith to Hampsthwaite Footpath accessible for all – P Trehitt was instructed by the Councillors to pass on Birstwiths moral support for this project

House of Commons RT Hon Sir Julian Smith – Violence and Community Safety Survey – Letter posted in village Notice Board

Be Part of Two Ridings' 25 Year Anniversary – Re building their anniversary time capsule PC did not believe they could help on this occasion

Meeting closed at 8.30

Date of next meeting 24th July 2025

Signed

Dated

