BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: D Fisher Chairman R Houseman E March C Packer M Worsnop

County Councillor Nathan Hull and the clerk + 1 visitor

Apologies: P Trewhitt

To receive any declarations of interest: None

To receive Parishioners questions – None

Minutes It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Report from our Chairman - Update re: Kerrys Mill - The Chairman spoke with the Manager of Kerrys Mill yesterday and he advised him that the formal consultation period was still progressing and he would inform us when a decision had been made. It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that the PC would set up a Facebook page to contain objective information

County Councillor Nathan Hull – suggested that the Chairman should contact Linda Marfitt Head of Planning, Policy & Place at NY re the new Local Development Plan ie call for new sites. Nathan has also met with Richard Flinton re the various highway issues and he stated the service was not as good as it should be. West House Gardens Road Nathan is still trying to establish if there is a Section 38 agreement on this road. It is a complicated issue as well as the path outside the Doctors' Surgery. The Highways office are liaising with Nathan.

To receive updates regarding:

Play Area - It was agreed by a proposal from R Houseman seconded by C Packer that Park Lane Playgrounds should be asked to check the bolts on the other two existing junior and cradle swings as well as test drilling the wooden cross members for decay this is due to the corroded cardan bolts found when they were removed from the basket swing. Under this proposal a new length of wood will be fitted to the See Saw and the roundabout bearing replaced when received. A new fence and gate post have been fitted at a cost of £140 Highways: for some items see Nathan's report. Weeds growing in the gutters on Nidd Rise the Community Workforce could be asked whether they would undertake this job subject to the residents approval. A tree in the Vicarage garden is causing concern to some residents but as it is on private land it belongs to the Diocese and they have previously been informed about this and say they monitor it regularly.

Village bench at Bus Stop Nidd Lane – The Chairman to follow up with Dalebuild re a start date for the base