

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th August 2025 in the Reading Room at 7.30 pm****PRESENT:** D Fisher (Chairperson) R Houseman E March C Packer M Worsnop + the clerk**APOLOGIES:** P Trewitt

**Damien Wilkinson Manager – from Kerrys** attended the meeting and gave the Councillors an update on the current situation relating to The Mill and its possible closure. Damien guaranteed further information will be notified once a final decision has been made on the future of Kerrys. He was thanked for attending the meeting

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – M Worsnop – regarding NALC pay agreement 2025/26**PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS** None

**MINUTES** - It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - No report in his absence**To receive updates on matters arising:****PC** – Facebook page forwarded to a future meeting

**Playground:** New fence post and gate post have been completed at a cost of £140 for labour + £47.40 for materials. Park Lane Playgrounds reported that they could not timber test all the swing structures as it was not in their remit suggested ROSPA but it would be very expensive. The repairs to the See Saw have been completed at a cost of £552 + VAT. Park Lane were unable to fix the new bearing on the roundabout it was ceased on. The Councillors all agreed this was not a safety issue and they would leave it for the time being. It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop and all agreed that the Swing Nest (which has already been removed) and all its wooden structure should be removed from the playground. The clerk to contact Park Lane to undertake this work

**Highway updates:** No report from Nathan as he did not attend the meeting. Weeds in the gutters on Nidd Rise the Clerk to contact Nathan to request that NY Highways attend to this matter and also repair the fence around the grassed area in Broomfield. The Caretaker – Richard Langley to be asked to tidy up around the two bus stops on Darley Road. Collin Bank no update due to Nathans absence. Drainage issues Hirst Lane drainage problem has now been sorted out.

**Village seat at Nidd Lane Bus Stop** – is now in place on its hard standing and it looks great. The Clerk to write to Len and Sylvia Chamberlain for very kindly donating this seat (Sylvia's seat) to the village it is very much appreciated by us all. A big Thank You. The other seat for the entrance to Nidd Rise will be completed at a later date

**Local Development Plan** – The Chairman contacted Linda Marfitt regarding this matter and she has taken on board the Parish Councils concerns and will be in touch at a later date

**Telephone Box Library** – further enquiries to be made regarding the door of the telephone box**Christmas Tree Lights** – E March in the process of buying more lights for the tree

**NY Mobile Library Service** - Following a recent visit to Birstwith NYC have identified the pub car park as the most suitable stop for the mobile library. It is proposed to visit on a four weekly basis on a Monday from 10 am to 11 am the start date to be confirmed. Subject to confirmation from Martin that he is in agreement

**Grass Cutting** – will be cut shortly

**NALC** – New rates of pay for clerks applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April. It was proposed by C Packer seconded by R Houseman that these new rates apply to the clerk all were in favour

**Accounts approved for payment Proposed by C Packer seconded by M Worsnop all in favour**

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| <b>Park Lane Playgrounds</b> | Repairs to Seesaw and bearing for roundabout | Chq 033 | £963.75 |
| <b>British Gas</b>           | Electricity a/c 8.7.25 to 5.8.25             | DD      | 12.18   |
| <b>Bank Charges</b>          | 21.07.25                                     | PAY     | 6.25    |

**Data Logged** – Notification of exempt status 2025 from PKF Littlejohn has now been received

**Planning Application: The addition of two additional Velux style roof windows to west facing elevation**  
25/02299/FUL Cobblestones 2 Home Farm Square Back Road HG3 2WA – **No observations**

**Appeal under Section 78** – by Stuart Skelton Brackenthaite Farm Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2JH  
Alterations to the fabric of the existing storage and distribution building – erection of 1 storage and distribution building

### **Correspondence**

**Pop Up Mobile Police Office** – from Michael Spittlehouse (NYP, PC Harrogate Outer) After recent events in Nidderdale and the tragic RTC outside Pateley Bridge Michael Spittlehouse has decided to roll out a mobile police office in effect to reach out and make himself more accessible to the community. It is his intention to set up a mobile office every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month for a trial period running from August – October.

**Nidderdale National Landscape Management Plan Consultations** – e-mail from Iain Mann NNL read out to the Councillors

**Nidderdale Plus** – would like to give a brief presentation to BPC this Autumn. The clerk to offer Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**Julian Smith North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service is consulting on its Community Risk Management Plan (2025 – 2029)** - Residents can read the full details and survey on:

[www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/news/consultations/community-risk-management-plan-2025-2029](http://www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/news/consultations/community-risk-management-plan-2025-2029)

**YLCA has the opportunity to have the new NALC publications, Local Councils Explained and the Good Councillors Guide** – provided in printed format for councils to purchase from the YLCA – The clerk to inform YLCA that we would like one copy of each

**Meeting closed at 8.50 pm**

**Date of next meeting** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025

*Signed*

*Dated*