

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd January 2026 in the Reading Room at
7.30 pm**

PRESENT: D Fisher (chairman) R Houseman E March C Packer M Worsnop and the clerk

APOLOGIES: Paul Trew hitt

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS: Parishioners queried height of conifers on Tang Road within Grange Farm land – clerk to write to TPO Officer

MINUTES: It was proposed by C Packer seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT: No report in his absence

Updates:

The Play Area: Annual inspection had taken place results sent to Councillors – no action needed

Highway issues: YW pollution in High Birstwith the chairman had contacted YW but no reply received too date. Clerk to contact Highways to see if their permission is needed before a mirror can be erected opposite the ginnel leading from Collin Spring Court for pedestrian safety. The manhole cover on the highway opposite the playground has still not been repaired the clerk to chase up The Christmas Tree lights have been admired by several parishioners and it was agreed on a proposal by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that the account be paid when received

BIB Have held a planning meeting – 2 self watering planters to be replaced outside the bus shelter near the shop

Kerrys Mill - The Chairman reported further detailed information will be available shortly

Yorkshire Air Ambulance - The Parish Council had received a thank you letter for their donation and the Air Ambulance expressed their appreciation as this will give greater operational availability to them, their patients and the people of Yorkshire

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

Yorkshire Air Ambulance	Donation	chq 045	250.00
J Worsnop	Clerk’s Sal, Exps & R/hire	chq 046	675.22
HMRC	Tax Q 3	chq 047	127.40
Birstwith Reading Room	Room Hire	chq 048	68.00
Lloyds Bank	Service charge 18.11.25	DD	6.25
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British Gas	Electricity a/c 7.11.25 to 16.12.25	DD	13.47
SLCC	Annual Membership	chq 049	84.00
British Gas	Electricity a/c 7.12.25 to 7.01.26	DD	19.32

Birstwith C of E School Clock Service due January 2026 – Service has been carried out and required a new battery the cost being £117.60 + VAT on top of the service charge it was proposed

by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that this account should be paid on receipt

British Gas – New electricity one year plan from 21.02.26 to 20.02.27 – SC 43.010p/day Unit Charge 27.910p/kWh + a £50 credit on this accounts

Commuted Sums – Available £3,840 for verge adjacent to Clint Bank/Nidd Lane. Clerk to enquiry if this grant could be diverted to another area in the village

Urban Highways Grass Cutting – It was agreed on a proposal from R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that BPC accept funding the rate of 8.27p per m2 amounting to £415.39 for grass cutting of urban highway visibility splays

North Yorkshire Boundary Review – Final recommendations we are not being teamed with Pannal will stay as we are with Darley

Planning Applications

Demolition of existing Garage & rear extension. Erection of single storey rear extension

Erection of Porch Alterations to fenestration 25/04060/Ful 2 Birstwith Grange HG3 3AH

No observations

Construction of new stable block, agricultural storage barn and 20m x 40m outdoor menage

with associated ground works and landscaping 25/04471/FUL Grange Farm High Birstwith

HG3 2JT – **The PC does not object to or support this application but wishes to make**

comments or seek safeguards as set out - Possible Light Pollution problems, property to be

screened by Native bushes, would look better if wooden doors and not roller doors were used

Alterations to existing vehicular access, formation of access track and erection of associated

walls, fences and gates – HGTZCw5/00825/FUL Hill Top Farm Reynard Crag Lane High

Birstwith HG3 2JQ – **No observations**

Parish Council policies review – updated no alterations IT policy to be added proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Fisher all were in favour

New Assertion 10 in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for Year Ended 31

March 2026 – Digital and Data Compliance – The Chairman and Clerk are looking into this and will report back

Correspondence: Vision for the future of Nidderdale - forwarded to Councillors

Nidderdale Community Partnership Exec – Paul Trew hitt was congratulated on being elected as the PC representative

Garden Waste Collection 2026 – Notice put in Notice Board

Date of next meeting 26th February 2026

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed

Date

