

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

Present: D Fisher (Chairman) R Houseman E March M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk)
and County Cllr Nathan Hull

APOLOGIES: P Trehwitt and C Packer

Declaration 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 22nd January 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Nathan reported that NYCC had given a grant to BIB for £1,000 to complete the path in the Community Garden and £3,200 to Birstwith School for new IT equipment. Council Tax will go up by 4.99%. Excess properties are being sold but some queries have arisen as to ownership. Re-organisation has saved 63 million. 2nd home council tax to be ring fenced for social housing. The target is to build 500 council houses a year. It was thought to bring in a Tourism Levy was not a good idea and would effect tourism/businesses in the area. The Locality Budget this year is £5,000. Kex Gill will hopefully be open within the next 3 months. The construction of the footpath in front of the Doctors Surgery is hopefully on its way as Surveyors have now visited the site.

UPDATES:

Playground: Nothing to report

Highway matters: Replies from NY Highways have not been received regarding proposed mirror at the corner of Clint Bank Lane and the manhole cover opposite the Playground. A large tree stump is sitting on the weir the River Authority will be contacted

Kerrys Mill – Still awaiting further information

Commuted Sums – re: details of S106 fund available to Birstwith verges. BPC would like to merge all verges under one site name of 'Birstwith Verges' the Clerk will forward this request to the appropriate department at NYC for approval

Parish Council IT Policy - has now been produced and was accepted by the Councillors proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop - all were in favour

Assertion 10 in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2026 to meet new Digital and Data Compliance - It was felt that Councillors did not need individual e-mail accounts as no sensitive information was passed between them however should circumstances change it will be looked at again in the future. However it was decided unanimously that we should change our website address to birstwithparishcouncil@gov.uk in order to comply to the new regulations proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop. The clerk to arrange

Accounts approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Fisher – all in favour

Smith Of Derby	Additional Repairs to School clock	Chq 050	117.60
Resolve IT Systems	Internet connection problems	Chq 051	40.00
YLCA	Course	Chq 052	10.00
Lloyds Bank	Charges 10.12.25 to 9.1.26		4.25
British Gas	Electricity a/c 8.1.26 to 10.2.26	DD	14.28

Date of next meeting No meeting in March next meeting 9th April + Annual Assembly
Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed

Dated

