

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room**Present:** D Fisher R Houseman E March C Packer P Trehwitt M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk)**Apologies:** None**Declaration of interests :** None**To receive parishioners' question –** None**Minutes** - It was proposed by C Packer and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26th February 2026 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman**County Councillor's report :** No report in his absence**Updates on:****Play Area:** Nothing to report**Highway matters:** No reply from N Y Highways regarding mirror on corner of Clint Bank for pedestrian safety reasons. Vehicles are parking on the new path outside the Doctor's Surgery even though it has only just been completed it was suggested that a sign be placed on the fence politely asking people not to park on the footpath. The Chairman to speak with Nathan and the Practice Manager at the Surgery. The village car park wall is now reinstated and the faulty drain on Lackon has been repaired**BIB** It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that the Parish Council would sponsor £30 for a village planter again this year**Kerrys Mill –** An update was provided by the Chairman. The mill race has been drained to allow for overdue maintenance to be undertaken, as well as exploring opportunities for hydro-electric power. Very strong positive indication re the continuing future of the children's play area.

Appropriate paper work will need updating

Commuted Sums: Awaiting reply to see if approval has been given to merge S106 fund re: grass verges**Assertion 10 –** It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by P Trehwitt all were in favour that we change our website address/email to a gov.uk domain. To register the gov.uk domain name is priced at £75 for the initial year followed by an annual fee of £25. With a gov.uk domain name we need at least one role-based email address ie Clerk@birstwith.gov.uk**Appointment of Auditor:** Proposed by E March seconded by M Worsnop all in favour that John Dennis be appointed our Auditor**Accounts were approved on a proposal by R Houseman and seconded by C Packer**

British Gas	Electricity account 11.3.26 to 10.3.26	DD	11.76
J Worsnop	Salary, office and expenses Q4	Chq 053	691.43
HMRC	Tax Q4	Chq 054	127.40
Birstwith Reading Room	Room Hire Jan and Feb	Chq 055	27.00

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T P Jones & Co	Payroll Preparation	Chq 056	84.48
Lloyds Bank a/c	Charges 10.1.26 to 9.2.26		6.25
YLCA	Annual subscription	Chq 057	371.00

British Gas - VAT self certification the Councillors decided not to pursue this further as our VAT liability is so small proposed by D Fisher seconded by R Houseman

Summary of end of year accounts were handed out to the Councillors

Insurance: The insurance this year for the PC will be £835.06 it was proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that this quote should be accepted all in favour

The Pension Regulator - The Chairman and clerk fill in the re-declaration form as it is a legal duty as an employer

Correspondence: Mayor's Active Travel Fund – info had been placed in the Notice Board
Email from Clerk to Hampsthwaite PC - Exploring the options for a safer route Hampsthwaite to Birstwith. The Councillors' at present are not willing to an initial Teams meeting until more clarification has been obtained i.e from North Yorkshire Highways, Rights of Way, safety perspective and others

Parking – G P Surgery: email from resident re parking on new footpath outside Doctors' Surgery – Clerk to reply

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Date of next meeting AGM 28th May 2026

Signed

Dated