

## BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 28th January 2016 at 7.45pm in the Reading Room**

**Present:** E March (Chairman) D Britton J Elvidge R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop  
District Cllr Christine Hill & J Worsnop (Clerk) + Ian Speirs HBC Emergency Planning Manager

Ian Speirs HBC Emergency Planning Manager attended the meeting to discuss the Community Plan which he is compiling regarding future flood defence. Although the river burst it's bank a more severe problem was surface water. He suggested obtaining a 'Battle Box' which included first aid kit, high visibility jackets, torch and numerous other items to be placed somewhere in the village where it would be available 24/7. He also asked if we had any 1<sup>st</sup> responders in case of emergencies. The booklet he is compiling called 'Resilience Guide' requires considerable input from the PC and Cllr David Britton agreed to undertake this task

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** County Councillors Michael Harrison
- 2 **Declaration of interest:** M Worsnop Birstwith Church FC and Birstwith Poors Committee
- 3 **Minutes** - It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by J Elvidge and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26th November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - No report in his absence
- 5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Dist Cllr Hill stated that garden waste bins will now be charged at £39 per household for a nine month period. Information will be available shortly if you wish to opt out of this service
- 6 **PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS** – None
- 7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

**Play Area** The new bank account is now open at Yorkshire Bank. Erosion of entrance pathway to Play Area due to excessive flood water over Christmas period. Contact to be made with NY Hghways apparently they diverted the water to this area. Insurance Co say path not covered. Two estimates received for repairs held in abeyance for the time being.

**Highway matters:** The Chairman reported he had contacted NY Highways regarding Hirst Lane, Hampsthwaite Lane and other areas causing concern

**Birstwith Church FC – Lackon Bank footpath** – HBC Community Initiative Fund have awarded £400 in support of this project. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to match this figure of £400 proposed by C Packer seconded by R Houseman

**BHS 'Birstwith in Bloom'** – letter received asking if a P Councillor would join their committee and C Packer agreed to undertake this task

**NALC Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities** - The Chairman and Clerk had submitted the necessary paper work required in order to apply for funding to cover the costs of internet access and computer equipment
- 8 **Problems with village pump situated in The Allotments** - A resident had written to the Council regarding flooding to his property over the Christmas period. It has been established that this pump is owned privately by some of the residents of The Allotments. However it is thought that the problem was due to surface water rather than the pump. The Chairman to meet on site with Mike Wickens (Environment) and James Clapham (NYCC).
- 9 **Election of a representative for Birstwith Poors Committee** – It was proposed by C Packer seconded by J Elvidge that M Worsnop should be re-elected for a further term of office
- 10 **New Register of Electors for 2016** – has been received

**11 Accounts approved for payment**

It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Britton that the following accounts be paid

J Worsnop	Salary Oct – Dec	Chq 0001010)	£324.99
J Worsnop	Clerks exps Oct – Dec	Chq 0001010)	£ 67.25
J Worsnop	Office space	Chq 0001010)	£ 52.00
Birstwith Reading Room	Room Hire Oct/Nov	Chq 0001011	£ 34.00
Rural Action Yorkshire	Annual Subscription	Chq 0001012	£ 35.00

**12 Planning Application**

**Erection of agricultural building (revised scheme)** 6.91.126.G.FUL 15/05532/FUL Grange Farm High Birstwith HG3 2JT for Mr David Kempley - PC wished to make the following comments:

1. No site plan to show relationship to other buildings on site
2. No access to highway shown
3. Construction of this building is well underway and its specification appears to far exceed an agricultural building requirement
4. We would suggest a further site visit

**Erection of single storey extension and installation of rooflights** – 6.91.73.B.FUL 15/05545/FUL 17 Nidd Rise Birstwith for Ms L Sims – **No observations**

**Planning Permission – Granted subject to conditions Demolition and erection of outbuilding and formation of access track** – Grange Farm Sleights Lane High Birstwith for Mr I Thompson

**Planning Appeal Dismissed** - for outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings and access land comprising field at 424380 460176 Birstwith for David Holmes Property Ltd

**Decision Notification** – case no.14/03483/DISCON – Approval of details under condition 11, 16 and 19 (highways) and 31, 32 and 34 (drainage) of planning permission for 14 open Market and 13 affordable dwellings – West House Farm Birstwith for Mr D Holmes -Informatives

**13 NYCC/HBC - Problems with these two authorities getting street lights repaired**

**14 Correspondence: HBC letter re:** Overview of Scrutiny Commission meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> December re: speeding in the village. Birstwith had been assessed as a category 4 site based on accidents and speed offences. HBC suggest PC write to NYCC and request signs which would have to be paid for by PC. The signs would be more effective if only used for short periods of time, two periods of six weeks per year were recommended and the policy of NYCC was that they could not be bought outright. To be discussed at next PC meeting

**HBC Parish Council Elections – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016** – Parish of Birstwith 6 seats - forms were handed out to interested parties. Contact clerk if you would like a form

**HBC Council Tax Support Grant 2016/2017** – The Council is proposing to pay the council tax support grant of £49 and our tax base is £388.22. The precept will be deducted by this amount but the overall total remains the same

**YLCA** – Changes to External Audit Regime – forwarded to next meeting for discussion

**YLCA** - Membership subscription 2016/2017 - The NALC at their AGM agreed an increase of 18% on membership fees but the YLCA has agreed to soften the financial blow for members this year using some of their financial reserves and a 4.9% will apply this year

**YLCA** – The Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday beacons 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 forwarded for discussion at next meeting

**YLCA** – Harrogate Branch meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - No representatives from Birstwith will attend

**Minerals and Waste Joint Plan** – Preferred Options Consultation see ([www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwconsult](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwconsult))

**HBC Harrogate District Strategic Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment- Initial Sites List 2016** – available to view on (<http://consult.harrogate.gov.uk>)

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Date of next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Signed

Dated