

BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2017 at 7.45pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) D Britton J Elvidge R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop
County Cllr Michael Harrison, District Cllr Nathan Hull, & J Worsnop (Clerk)

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** None
- 2 **Declaration of interest:** M Worsnop - Clerks Salary etc and Birstwith Reading Room hire
- 3 **Minutes** - It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by C Packer and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Meetings held on 24th November 2016 and Tuesday 13th December 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - County Cllr Michael Harrison reported that HBC were millions of pounds short of balancing their books and that the CC had to add 2% to their budget for social care which will mean an increase of possibly 3.5% on council tax next year. He also stated that utility companies may have to pay more to service their pipes.
- 5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – The Chairman had spoken to Tim Simpson regarding vehicles parked at the entrance to Collin Bank and opposite on Mrs Lee's grass verge. Tim Simpson told our chairman to refer the problem to our District Cllr in order to establish ownership of the cul de sac as to whether it is the responsibility of Harrogate BC or is it privately owned by the residents. This has to be established by our District Cllr before any further action can be taken.
- 6 **PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS** – None
- 7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area Minor repairs left in abeyance until the weather improves

Highway matters: The Chairman reported he had contacted NY Highways regarding signs at Broomfield and Station Road. Cote Hill Lane sign and Kettlesing School sign also needs reporting to NY Highways and a redundant highway pole on Hirst Lane needs removing. A replacement sign has been erected on New Road. The water on Hampsthwaite Lane has been inspected and it has been reported that the problem is caused by old gas pipes retaining water further action is in the process of being taken.

Parking problems at entrance to Broomfield vehicles parked on grass verges to be forwarded to NY Highways.

Telephone Kiosk Station Road – re display panels – only two sponsors have so far come forward to show an interest. We will be applying for a grant from the Wind Farm in Spring but the project is held in abeyance at the moment.

Birstwith in Bloom – A letter/minutes had been received from the Chairman of BHS re: BIB asking why a letter had been sent to Maureen Smith and not to him requesting information on the plant troughs which were appearing around the village. The P Council did not know he was the appropriate person to contact. The Councillors' needed to be reassured that appropriate authority had been given by HBC and in particular relating to public liability cover. The PC had asked to be kept informed on the progress of this project but nothing had been received. It is vitally important that the PC are kept up to date with projects of this type as we need to know the proper procedures are in place. BIB are asking if they could plant a tree, birdbath and planters in the playground to be forwarded to next meeting for discussion.

95 Alive – Speed Complaint Clint Bank – This location is already subject to investigation – speed data has now been obtained. The Traffic Bureau at NY Police will now analyse the data and share it with the local road safety group. Once this has happened someone from this team will be in touch to let us know what the best solution is to improve road safety in the area.

Letter re HBC re West House Farm Housing Development – The clerk had received a reply to the letter questioning why the PC council had failed to be notified of the outcome of application No14/04648/REMAJ – oversight on HBC human error does occasionally occur

Trimming Christmas Tree and problems with the lights - It was noted that there was a problem with the timer on the lights – to be looked into. Two quotes to be obtained for trimming the Christmas Tree.

8 **Accounts approved for payment**

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

Vision ICT Ltd	Internet course	Chq 001038	£120.00
SLCC	Annual Sub	Chq 001039	£ 65.00
J Worsnop	Salary Oct – Dec	Chq 001040	£328.24
J Worsnop	Clerks exps Oct – Dec (vat £9.95)	Chq 001040	£165.36
J Worsnop	Office Space Oct-Dec	Chq 001040	£ 52.00
St James’s Church Hall	Room Hire 24/11/16 & 13/12/16	Chq 001041	£ 32.00
Birstwith Reading Room	Room Hire Oct	Chq 001042	£ 17.00
Rural Action	Annual Subscription	Chq 001043	£ 35.00
Transfer of funds from Deposit a/c to current a/c £1,000			

9 **Planning Application:** Erection of stables and tackroom 6.91.38.F.FUL 17/00157/FUL Grasmere Farm High Birstwith HG3 2BF for Mr T Blakeway

Planning Permission – Granted subject to conditions - Grasmere Farm High Lane High Birstwith for Mr T Blakeway

Opposite Staupes House Staupes Rd High Birstwith for Messrs. J C & C J Foster

Grange Farm Sleights Lane High Birstwith for Mr I Thompson

West House Farm Nidd Lane – removal of 2 failed branches of two trees for Mr D Holmes

Sun House New Road Birstwith – Felling sycamore tree and 1 Cypress tree & lateral reduction for Mr Budge

Appeal Dismissed - Appeal Ref: APP/E2734/D/16//3160860 Dairy House Birstwith for Mr G Packer

10 **Correspondence:**

HBC Council Tax support grant 2017/18 – the grant will be £48 and our tax base is £388.84

Tour de Yorkshire – The Chairman attended a meeting in Pateley Bridge – both the ladies and gents races will come through Birstwith on Saturday 29th April. The ladies race starts at 8.30am arriving in Birstwith at 11am and the gents starts at 2.30 pm arriving in Wreaks Rd at 5 pm.

PLEASE NOTE there will be no parking on Wreaks Road/Station Rd on Saturday 29th April, the Road will be completely closed 45 mins prior to the arrival of the event.

The Parish Council to inform the Tennis Club and Cricket Club of this road closure.

HBC Grants for Parish Grass cutting – Birstwith will receive no grants for each of the 3 next years and beyond. A map of the areas to be cut will be produced by us and information sent to NYCC claiming safety issues regarding site lines outside the village to see if they would be willing to cut these areas

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Date of next meeting 23rd February 2017

Signed

Dated