

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 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 re: The Old Byre Clapham Green for Mr & Mrs Patmore

3 **Minutes** - It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by John Elvidge and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26th January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – County Cllr Harrison spoke about grass cutting and again stressed the reduction in this service by the Council. Within 30mph limits - will only be cut for safety reasons outside 30 mph limits – 2 swathes cuts a year however this has not been done. Elton Bank is cut by the PC late in the season but no early cut has ever taken place so Cllr Harrison will check with County to see if any financial contribution could be made to the PC. The Parish Councillors' also referred to grass verge cutting on Darley Road and asked for it to be extended as pedestrians crossing the road can't see traffic and traffic can't see pedestrians again Cllr Harrison looking into to this for us.

5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Dist Cllr Hull re: Collin Bank parking see below on updates. He also reported that 'Stray project' had been withdrawn due to public opposition and he also mentioned Tour de Yorkshire grants were available.

6 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area: J Elvidge reported safety checks had been carried out. He mentioned the possibility of a grab handle being attached to the slide platform and the Councillor's thought this to be a go idea.
Highway Matters: Vehicles parked at entrance to Collin Bank. This problem had been reported to NY Highways who referred it to the Police who then referred it back to NY Highways this is still ongoing.

A request has been made to the Parish Council as to the ownership of the grass verge in the cul de sac Cllr Hull said even if it was owned by the HBC he couldn't imagine funds would be available to fund a project of this type in current financial climate. A solution has to be found to alleviate this problem before a serious accident happens. With regard to parking on the grass verge outside Mrs Lee's house opposite Collin Bank the PC are requesting NY Highways to place white marker posts. Cllr Houseman requested Highways to attend to a collapsed wall on New Road which is below the level of the road structure. He also reported flooding outside Grasmere on the lane which is in need of attention and at Stonegarth Crow Hill Lane a ditch needs cleaning out.

Telephone Kiosk Station Road – Application to the Wind Farm will be made shortly and we now have 3 people interested in sponsoring this project.

Birstwith in Bloom – Clarification of Millenium trees these were not given to the PC and therefore are not our responsibility to maintain them. It was proposed by M Worsnop seconded by D Britton all in favour that BIB could place a planter in the playground entrance.

Trimming Christmas Tree on the roundabout – Two tree specialists had been approached regarding shaping the Christmas tree they both were in agreement it should be left as it is. However Mr Blakey did offer his services FOC to re-hang the Christmas lights for us. It was also proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer all in favour to purchase another 4 strands of lights in the sale.

Grass Cutting – see Cllr Harrison's report above

95 Alive – Road Safety – The Chairman had recently been to a meeting and met Nigel Drayton he stated there were 15 sets of cameras available in the area and if we could guarantee 4 local residents to assist they would be willing to record speeds of motorists on roads we suggest and the information would then go to the police.

- 7 **Planning Application** - Erection of garage block and cart shed, formation of hardstanding, widening of vehicular access and demolition of existing garage and shed 6.91.34.D.FUL 17/00014/FUL Mount Pleasant Farm Sleights Lane High Birstwith HG3 2LE for Mr D Harrison - **No Observations**
Permitted Development/UCO rights removed installation of sliding doors 6.91.188.J.PDU CO 17/00545/PDU CO The Old Byre Clapham Green Farm for Mr & Mrs Patmore – **No observations**
Erection of 2 storey extension – 6.91.213.A.FUL 17/00315/FUL Sleights Farm Back Road Birstwith for Mrs L Wilcock – **No observations**

- 8 **Accounts approved for payment:** It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Britton that the following accounts be paid

Resolve I.T Systems Ltd	Computer data transfer/new email	Chq 1044	£80.00
British Gas	Electricity account	DD	£28.95

- 9 **Correspondence** – NYCC – Countryside Access Service – Public Consultation – info given to Councillors

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Date of next meeting 23rd March 2017

Signed

Dated