

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 27th April 2017 at 7.45pm in the Reading Room

Present: M Worsnop (Vice Chairman) D Britton R Houseman J Worsnop (Clerk) & District Cllr N Hull + 2 visitors

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** J Elvidge E March C Packer County Cllr M Harrison
- 2 **Declaration of interest:** None
- 3 **Minutes** - It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by D Britton and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman
- 4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – No report in his absence
- 5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Nathan Hull reported HBC Crescent Garden site was now in the process of exchanging contracts and it is proposed that the developer will provide 14 apartments, an art gallery, restaurant and 2 retail units. The new Council building should be ready for occupation by Autumn. With the sale of all the other Council properties it is envisaged it will only take half the allocated time to pay off the debt.
- 6 **PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS** - Concerns were raised about the Certificate of Lawfulness for the retention of a dwelling to be occupied by persons not employed in agriculture. This means taking off the Agriculture License due to the fact that the owners have not been employed in agriculture for 12 years. Because this property has 12 acres of grassland attached strong feelings arose as to it's future use. The land has road frontage on to Station Road and major concerns are that this land could be sold to a developer for a housing project. The land is not part of the current application and therefore the PC are unable to make any comment.
- 7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**
 - Play Area** - Left in abeyance until next meeting
 - Highway Matters** – Car parking problems Collin Bank have been logged with Harrogate Police. Collin Spring Court – planters on footpath the Chairman has spoken with the resident concerned problem now resolved
 - Broomfield Notice Board – Cllr Britton would supply two concrete flags to go in front of this notice board for easier access – J Elvidge to be asked if he would help lay them
 - Grass Cutting:** The street maps brought to meeting did not cover a wide enough area. A larger plan is being sought and will be discussed again at the next meeting before quotes can be obtained
 - Birstwith in Bloom:** The clerk had received a copy of BHS public liability cover but has not yet received an inventory of the plants troughs, seats etc
 - Transparency Code:** Has been applied for details later
 - The Pension Regulator:** The declaration of compliance has now been completed and confirmation received
- 8 **Planning Application:**
 - Certificate of Lawfulness for the retention of dwelling to be occupied by persons not employed in agriculture** 6.91.125.F.CLEUD 17/01153/CLEUD Haystacks, Nidd Lane Birstwith HG3 3AR for Mr & Mrs S Holmes- **No objections**
 - Planning application approved subject to conditions:** The Old Byre Clapham Green Farm Birstwith
 - Planning application approved for subject to 9 conditions:** West House Farm Nidd Lane Birstwith
 - Planning Refusal:** Sleights Farm Back Road High Birstwith

9 **Accounts approved for payment:** Proposed by R Houseman and seconded by D Britton
that the following accounts be paid:

Cancelled		Chq 541 -----
Came & Co	Insurance	Chq 542 £573.03
Smiths of Derby	Clock service 3yr payment in full	£566.40
	less: credit of	£180.00
		Chq 543 £386.40

10 **Correspondance:**

HBC – PC Community Group – Bulb/wildflower scheme - Agreed to take up offer for a bag of
Crocuses

Council Election Notices placed in notice boards

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Date of next meeting 25th May 2017 AGM

Signed

Dated