

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

Present: E March (Chairman) D Britton J Elvidge R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop
County Cllr Michael Harrison J Worsnop (Clerk) + 1 visitor

1 **APOLOGIES:** Dist Cllr Nathan Hull

2 **PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS -** A Parishioner expressed concern regarding the possible proposed developments in the villages in and around Birstwith.

3 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST –** None

4 **MINUTES -** It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by J Elvidge and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22d June 2017 with one amendment be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

5 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT –** County Cllr Harrison reported on the **Parish Portal** its key feature is that it is designed for us to see the specific comments from the Highways Officer when they have been out to a report. This should aid information flow and keep us better informed. It is only available to Parishes. **Social Care –** NYCC has been allocated £19m over 3 years as part of the £2bn that was announced in the March budget to improve adult social care. They are working up proposals to spend the money against the criteria set. The challenge is that the money is only available for 3 yrs, so any scheme with recurring spend beyond 3 yrs would leave the taxpayer with a problem. He stated they are alert to the risk. **Allerton Waste Recovery Park -** Commissioning is underway and waste is being received from HBC. Full operation is expected by the end of January. Allerton Park landfill site is now closed. **Highway Maintenance –** Area 6 (which is the Harrogate District part of NYCC) has secured an additional £1m for pothole repairs. The backlog of potholes awaiting repair was as high as 600 – and this will be eradicated by September. NYCC have changed the contract with Ringway, to incentivise them to repair more potholes (without a reduction in quality) He would hope that you see potholes being repaired quicker than has been the case recently – although intervention level is not being amended, so this only applies to highway defects that are identified as requiring a repair.

6 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** No report in his absence

7 **Updates regarding:**

(a) **The Play Area -** Everything OK at present

(b) **Highway Matters:** Wall on New Road opposite Sun House to be repaired. Hampsthwaite Lane sunken drain to be lifted. Parking on Station Road still a problem residents leaving cars on the road side and in layby. 2 cars have been there for 10 days. During Birstwith School Sports Day Elton Bank, Lackon Bank, Wreaks Road were virtually impassible due to the high volumes of cars. Clerk to write the School suggesting they make arrangements with local land owners to use their fields during this type of event. 95 Alive – Speed Concerns data has been analysed and reviewed by the Road Safety Partnership Team. The injury accident data base does not indicate any speed related accidents within the last three years. North Yorkshire Police only takes account of recorded collisions which result in personal injury. However the area is potentially suitable for Community Speed Watch which has recently been launched by NY Police and allows communities to monitor speed themselves, and report this information back to the Police. Is anyone interested in getting involved with this scheme if so please let the Clerk know?

Grass Cutting: It was proposed by D Britton seconded by C Packer that Jim Benson's quote should be accepted £300 + VAT. The work on cutting the roadside grass verges will be undertaken in August. All were in favour.

Birstwith in Bloom – Position of seat on Reynard Crag Lane. Regretably the base for this seat will have to be re-sited as it obstructs the turning circle to a landowners field entrance gate.

Proposed changes to No 24 Bus Service - The Nidderdale Strategic Partnership have had a meeting with Transdev and many concerns were raised further meetings are due to take place regarding this matter. From w/c 24 July the morning buses will leave Pateley Bridge at 7.20 and 9.30 (the 7 am and 7.40am service are being combined). They are removing the last bus from Harrogate (which currently leaves at 18.30) meaning the last bus for commuters will leave at 17.30. They are still intending cancelling the Sunday buses

during the Winter months, although a number of elderly residents on the route have stated concerns that they will not be able to visit relatives/friends in hospital on Sundays during this period.

- 8 Planning Application** - Formation of menage 6.91.203.E.FUL 17/02273/FUL Hill Top Farm
Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith for Mr M Wood – **No observations**
Variation of condition 2 (drawings) of planning permission 17/00589/FUL to allow installation of log burner flue to North elevation of dwelling and alter design and location of detached garage
Dutch Barn at Meg Gate Back Road High Birstwith for Mr G Walsh – **No Observations**
- 9 Accounts approved for payment:** Proposed by M Worsnop and seconded by C Packer
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| J Harron | Payroll preparation Apr/June inc | chq 001058 | £16.00 |
| Knox Sawmills | Timber to repair bench at Clapham Green | chq 001059 | £18.96 |

Date of next meeting 28th September 2017

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm