

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting took place on Thursday 23rd November 2017 at 7.45pm in the Church Hall

Present: E March (Chairman) D Britton R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop. County Cllr Michael Harrison, J Worsnop (Clerk) + 6 Visitors

1 **APOLOGIES:** J Elvidge

2 **To receive parishioners' questions:** 6 visitors attended the meeting. Ben Holmes spoke about the proposed outline planning application to develop Collin Wood with 18 properties. The rest of visitors aired their views against this proposed development see PC observations below

3 **Declaration of interest:** None

4 **Minutes** - It was proposed by M Worsnop and seconded by D Britton and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26th October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

5 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – County Cllr Harrison reported on Activated Traffic Speed signs. He stated that the Traffic Scrutiny Committee take on board PC comments and are in the process of possibly changing their current policy which would allow us to purchase an activated sign for Clint Bank. He reported that regrettably Burnt Yates Junior School will close next summer. The Council will eventually replace street lights with LED bulbs as these will be more cost effective in the long run.

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

7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area: The ROSPA inspection report found no problems with the play area. However the outer gate was not included in his report. The Chairman and John Elvidge had looked at the problem recently reported and they are proposing to fit a damper on the outer entrance gate.

Highways Problems at the pinch point outside Cobblers Cottage all possible avenues had been visited but no solution had been found. The Chairman is attending a NY Highways meetings this next week and will seek further advice from them. Drainage problem at Elton Cottage the owner is still working on finding a solution. Public footpath at West House Farm – Ben Holmes will contact Nicky Bunting to arrange a site visit to look at an alternative route for this footpath.

Grass Cutting a large detailed plan is now being drawn up by Darren Bush so that accurate information can be forwarded to contractors for quotes.

Christmas Tree lights - Additional lights have now been added and the lights will be turned on during Advent week

Birstwith in Bloom – would like to renovate the bench at Elton Top and put plants in front of ANOB sign. The Chairman to liaise with their committee.

8 **HBC** – Budget figures for 2018/2019 proposed by E March seconded by C Packer that they remain the same as the present financial year all were in favour

9 **Planning Applications**

Erection of 2 storey extension (revised scheme) 6.91.162.B.FUL 17/04778/FUL Wayside House Farm High Birstwith for Mr B Cooper – **No observations**

Outline application for erection of 18 dwellings with access considered 6.91.266.OUTMAJ 17/04417/OUTMAJ Land comprising field at 424874 450814 Clint Bank Birstwith for Mr D Holmes – **Observations as follows:**

1 This development is outside the curtilage of the village.

- 2 Access to this proposed development virtually opposite a site in the process of being developed comprising of 27 properties which is adjacent to the Doctor's Surgery and the development in Collin Spring Court would only add to concerns that the Parish Council have already expressed to NY Highways as to the lack of footpaths, poor visibility and lighting. Speed and volume of traffic travelling along Clint Bank have been surveyed and we know there have been accidents but apparently we have to wait for a fatality before anything will be done. Adding to the general traffic flow there are numerous articulated lorries travelling this route to Kerry's Mill day/night from the A61 to A59, as well as traffic to Birstwith School and Grosvenor House School.
- 3 It states on the plan 4.5 x 20 m clear visibility splay to both sides of the access but within this area there are three other junctions and even moving the hedge line will not in our opinion solve the traffic problem.
- 4 The Parish Council requests that conditions are added to this development should it be approved
 - a) All road and footpaths within the development are built to highways adopted standards
 - b) That a footpath is built in Clint Bank to highways adopted standards to join the development and the village together
 - c) That the developers fund street lighting on Clint Bank
- 5 Outline Plan shows a Bridle track/footpath but these are none existent and there is no access.
- 6 Due to the geographical location of the proposed site this development would only serve to increase the flooding problems which already exist with surface water extending into private properties surrounding this area.
- 7 The infrastructure in the village such as drains, sewerage etc are of a major concern especially when twenty seven properties which have been approved but have yet to be built are in close proximity to this application and therefore the outcome is at present unknown
- 8 The Parish Council would like to request a site meeting by the Planners, NY Highways, Yorkshire Water prior to this application being discussed in Committee

10 Accounts approved for payment proposed D Britton seconded by C Packer all agreed

HBC	Annual rent for Notice Board	DD	£15.00
British Gas	Electricity account	DD	£21.87
HBC	Annual play area safety check	chq 001063	£66.00

11 Correspondence -

HBC – New Discretionary Rates Relief Policy Consultation – see www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=150701634474 ends 17th December final policy submitted to Cabinet in February 2018

HBC -Waste and recycling Collection Service – Schedule of collections to be placed in Notice Board

Date of next meeting: 25th January 2018

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed

Dated

