

BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 22rd January 2015 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 Christine Hill & J Worsnop (Clerk)

1 **APOLOGIES:** None

2 **Declaration of interest:** None

3 **Minutes** - It was proposed by D Britton and seconded by J Elvidge and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27th November 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – County Cllr Harrison spoke about Vehicle Activated signs. He stated 14 more temporary signs are in the process of being purchased added to the original 16 units but these will cover the whole of North Yorkshire. It will be a random draw as to which parishes will be included in the trial. These signs will be deployed for 3 x six week periods and will be monitored before, during and after installation. Each Parish will be responsible for the relevant infrastructure before the signs are erected and the cost could be considerable. No date for commencement at present

5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Dist Cllr Hill stated that the Borough Council rates will not increase in the forthcoming financial year. HBC are seeking expressions of interest on properties they wish to sell in order to rebuild their council offices. Each individual living in a household will be required to fill in a personal electoral roll form

6 **PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS** – None

7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area The final piece of equipment (the roundabout) has now been installed at a cost of £5,419 + VAT. The PC are awaiting final calculations from the Playground Committee and have agreed to fund the balance which could amount to approx £1,000. The Insurance Company have added this piece of equipment to our policy.

Highway Matters: Grange Farm – part of the lane outside this property has been re-surfaced but not by NY Highways. A ditch opposite this property has also been drained without NY Highways approval. A Health and Safety issue could arise from the above actions and the question is ‘who would take responsibility’. The Chairman to contact Mike Wickens for advise
Hampsthwaite Lane – surface water still not rectified but Highways are monitoring situation on a monthly basis

Darley Road - state or road outside Ferndale - because of the length of time which has elapsed since the pipes were installed NY Highways will take responsibility for the repair

8 **To approve accounts for payment**

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

Cancelled	Error	Chq 000973	----
H.M Revenue & Customs Only	Tax Oct – Dec	Chq 000974	£ 54.60
J Worsnop	Salary Oct – Dec	Chq 000975	£270.39
J Worsnop	Clerks exps Oct – Dec	Chq 000976	£ 74.21
YLCA	Booklet re Affordable Housing	Chq 000977	£ 1.50
Rural Action Yorkshire	Annual Subscription	Chq 000978	£ 35.00

9 **Planning Application**

Erection of agricultural building 6.91.126.G.FUL 14/05241/FUL Grange Farm High Birstwith HG3 2JT for Mr David Kempley - PC wished to make the following comments:

1. As far as we know this is not a working farm
2. The PC cannot see the need for a 12 metre square agricultural building at this point in time

Planning Permission – Granted subject to conditions – Original application never received by PC
Conversion of basement and Garage to form additional living accommodation, installation of 2 Juliet balconies and erection of first floor extension 14/04925/FUL 6.91.98.C.FUL Elton Villa Elton Bank Birstwith HG3 2NF for Mr & Mrs Havery
Granted subject to conditions – Dutch Barn at Meggate Back Road Birstwith for Mr & Mrs Wallis
Granted subject to conditions – Conversion of stables to form offices for N Harper
Planning Enforcement Case No: 14/00489/PR15 6.91.22 Cornmill Cottage Tang Rd High Birstwith HG3 2JU – no further action to be taken by HBC
Tree Preservation Order – TPO 55/2014 1 Station Plantation Birstwith HG3 3AQ
Notice of Confirmation dated 7 January 2015

10 Correspondence -

Police and Crime Commissioner – Community Speed Watch - NY Police & Julia Mulligan and Crime Commissioner for NY are working together to pilot a Community Speed Watch Scheme. The PC have expressed an interest in being one of 12 pilot schemes

HBC Council Tax support grant 2015/16 no change

HBC – Harrogate and District Local Plan invitation to attend a PC workshop – Councillor Britton expressed an interest in attending

Letter from resident – re: erection of car port at 9 Nidd Rise has been forwarded to HBC Planning Enforcement

Tour de Nidderdale – A free guide is being published and we have asked for copies to distribute

Home Housing Group – Sandra Clubb – Exchange of a property Collin Spring Court Birstwith with a Local Authority tenant from Summerbridge. This is not in our catchment area and the person concerned has no connection to Birstwith. The Chairman to deal with this matter as we know of a Birstwith person who has been on the Housing list for some time

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Date of next meeting 26th February 2015

Signed

Dated