

BIRSWITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 25th February 2016 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 R Houseman and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28th January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – County Cllr Harrison spoke about the re-opening on Saturday afternoon 27th February of the A59 at Kex Gill after good progress had been made with extensive drainage and stabilization works.

5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Dist Cllr Hill reported on the Local Government proposed boundary changes which have yet to be resolved. The condition of the roadside verge outside Clint Hall farm and the overhanging saplings on the other side of road need attention. This is not in our Parish but Christine said she would bring it up at the next Burnt Yates PC meeting on 10th March

6 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area: A reply had been received from NY Highways regarding the entrance path to the Playground. They state that they were not responsible for diverting the water. Our Insurance Company have now had a change of heart and have agreed for us to make a claim. ~The clerk will forward the necessary info and estimates to them for approval and hopefully the work will be carried out shortly. Molehills are becoming a problem in the playground and it was proposed by M Worsnop seconded by D Britton that a mole repellent should be purchased. The Chairman will also talk to the mill manager regarding this problem and the state of the show field boundary gate and wall. J Elvidge was thanked for cutting the playground area but now only had the facility to use a strimmer. The Chairman agreed to ask Skeltons if they would include this area along with our other contract

Highway Matters: The Chairman will liaise with NY Highways once again regarding the many areas which are causing concern i.e. Pot holes, overgrown saplings etc

Birstwith Church FC – Lackon Bank footpath HBC Community Initiative Fund cheque for £400 now received by Birstwith PCC. It was previously agreed that the PC would match this donation NALC Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities – no further info received to date

Problems with water/village pump situated in The Allotments - Mike Wickens and James Clapham to meet the Chairman but due to their busy schedule had been delayed for the time being

7 **Electricity Plan** now in place with British Gas 3-year fixed term SC 24.084 unit charge 15.614 starts 21st February 2016 ends 20th February 2019

8 **Neighbourhood Watch** – Co-ordinator required due to John Reid's retirement. Advert to go in to Notice Boards

9 **SLCC AGM** – Agreed Clerk should attend proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Britton Cost £30

10 **Accounts approved for payment:** It was proposed by J Elvidge seconded by C Packer that the following accounts be paid

St James's Church Birstwith	To match HBC CIF donation	chq 001013	£400.00
British Gas	Electricity account	DD	£ 25.62

11 **Planning Application:** Delete or vary condition – deletion of condition 4 (use as separate dwelling house) of planning permission 6.91.53.D.PA to allow letting as holiday accommodation Rose Cottage Crow Hill Lane Birstwith for Mr J Judd – **No observations**

Planning Decision: Application NO 6.91.73.B.FUL 17 Nidd Rise Birstwith applicant MS L Sims - **Approved subject to conditions**

12 **Correspondence -**

YLCA – The Queen’s 90th Birthday celebrations left in abeyance for the time being

YLCA - Changes to external audit regime. Decision to be made by 31st March 2016

HBC letter: Re: Overview of Scrutiny Commission – speeding in the village the PC to liaise with NYCC regarding costs etc and report back

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of next meeting 24th March 2016

Signed

Dated