

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 24th March 2016 at 7.45pm in the Reading Room

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

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** D Britton Dist Cllr Christine Hill
- 2 **Declaration of interest:** C Packer declared an interest in her Planning Application
- 3 **Minutes** - It was proposed by J Elvidge and seconded by C Packer and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th February 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cty Cllr Harrison reported on overgrown saplings on the road opposite Clint. Hall Farm but as the vegetation was not growing across the road restricting access no action would be taken by the Highways Authority. The main problem occurred when two wagons met on this stretch of road. Pedestrians have no verge to walk on but as there is no designated footpath nothing can be done to alleviate the problem. Some reinstatement work is scheduled for Clint Bank this August but Michael Harrison was not sure which part. However he will propose some safety markers be placed outside Clint Hall Farm where the wagon left the road
- 5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – no report in her absence
- 6 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area: Insurance Co have agreed to pay for the repairs to the play area entrance path amounting to £260 (money received) leaving the PC with the excess of £250 - Total £510 + VAT as we have been unable to make contact with this contractor which gave the most reasonable quote the Councillor's unanimously agreed that the contract be awarded to another firm even though the work will incur an extra cost of £16. Molehills left in abeyance until next meeting. Boundary wall and gate the Chairman has left numerous messages for the Mill Manager but has not received a reply to date. Playground mowing awaiting a reply from Skeltons.

Highway Matters – Crow Hill Lane patching of road has taken place. Corner of Nidd Lane/ Bus turning area is scheduled to be done. The Chairman will report to NYH other areas that are in need of attention.

Neighbourhood Watch coordinator required. Advertisement to be placed in church magazine

NYCC Vehicle Activated Sign: Darren Griffiths Traffic Engineer NYCC replied to our request regarding the potential purchase of a VAS. He confirms, the CC will not allow parishes to position their own equipment on the highway. To address speeding concerns the CC are currently offering a number of parishes the opportunity to participate in a temporary VAS initiative Birstwith being included and then prioritized in the order they were drawn out Birstwith were drawn out 14th out of 41 entries. There are 28 signs for parish use and he is not sure they will reach Birstwith on the list but we could still participate in the scheme at a cost £6000 over four years instead of £3500 over four years for the prioritized sites. Our current precept could not meet these costs.

SLCC AGM: The clerk reported on her attendance at this meeting an interesting day and info gained regarding advertisements for new clerks and contract requirements, financial planning and investment opportunities but these were only relevant to town councils and parishes with large amounts of money to invest over long periods of time. Play Area look into signage board with contact name and phone number displayed should anyone notice any faults or damage to equipment etc

YLCA – Changes to external audit regime - The Councillors unanimously decided to remain automatically opted into the Sector Led Body for audit therefore no further action needed
- 7 **Planning Applications**

Conversion of garage and erection of porch extension 6.91.129.A.FUL 16/00813/FUL 2 Bridge End Cottages Wreaks Road Birstwith HG3 2NP for Mr & Mrs Greenwood - **No observations**

Demolition of conservatory and erection of replacement single storey extension 6.91.7.C.FUL 16/00798/FUL Dale Cottage Sleights Lane High Birstwith HG3 2LE for Mr P Newton – **No Observations**

Erection of Porch 6.91.136.O.FUL 16/01051/FUL Dairy House Birstwith HG3 3AW for Mr G Packer – **No observations**

Planning Decisions: Grange Farm High Birstwith HG3 2JT for Mr D Kempley – **Approved Subject to conditions**

Rose Cottage Crow Hill Lane High Birstwith HG3 2LG for Mr Judd **Approved subject to conditions**

8 Insurance – 20.05.2016 renewal premium £559.24 long term agreement taken into consideration which expires 19th May 2018 proposed by C Packer seconded by M Worsnop

9 Discuss stone bus shelter - In need of interior painting three quotes to be obtained

10 Summary of year end account - copies were given to Councillors

11 The accounts were approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer

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| J Worsnop | Salary Jan – Mar | chq 001015) | £324.99 |
| J Worsnop | Office space Jan - Mar | chq 001015) | £ 52.00 |
| J Worsnop | Expenses and Allowance Jan – Mar | chq 001015) | £ 92.21 |
| Birstwith Reading Room | Room hire Jan/Feb/Mar | chq 001016 | £ 51.00 |
| YLCA | Ann Subscription | chq 001017 | £282.00 |
| Ray Skelton Ltd | Grass Cutting | chq 001018 | £144.00 |
| Thirsk Community Care | Payroll Preparation Apr/March 2016 | chq 001019 | £ 64.00 |
| HBC | Ground Maintenance grant (awaiting cheque from HBC) | | £ 83.01 |
| Received from Came Ins (Aviva) | Claim for Play Area footpath | | £ 260.00 |
| Received YLCA from Government | Computer Equip, Internet and associated costs | | £1444.99 |

Notice of Election - Poster placed in the Notice Board

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of next meeting 28th April 2016

Signed

Dated