

BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2015 at 7.45pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) D Britton J Elvidge R Houseman M Worsnop County Cllr Michael Harrison & J Worsnop (Clerk)

1 **APOLOGIES:** C Packer Dist. Cllr Christine Hill

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 22nd January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – County Cllr Harrison spoke about part of the lane outside Grange Farm which had been resurfaced but not by N Y Highways. He had made enquiries and informed the Parish Council that any remedial work which maybe necessary in future will be done by N Y Highways as the contractor who carried out the work is unknown. He also reported on the filling in of a neighbours ditch opposite Grange Farm that had not been given permission by NY Highways. Cllr Harrison requested photographs of the work and was informed that hard core had been laid under the drainage pipes and a plastic sheet over the top before being back filled, the field previously drained into this ditch, however this will not be possible now the ditch has been filled in. There are no drains on this stretch of road and no access points to clean out the filled in ditch. Cllr Harrison will forward relevant information to the appropriate department.

5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – No report due to her absence

6 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area New roundabout - the PC has still not received a cheque from the Treasurer of the Playground Committee so the account is still unpaid.. It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Britton that the PC should pay the shortfall of up to £1,200 once this cheque has been received in order that this outstanding account could be settled. The Playground committee will retain a contingency fund of £250 for minor repairs etc.

Highway Matters: The Chairman has sent a list of potholes/drainage etc in the area to NY Highways. Darley Road will be closed shortly for re-surfacing. Wreaks Road the work done by BT is lifting again. Hampsthwaite Lane and road outside Lister Barn drainage problems. Corner of Reynard Crag Lane, outside Orchard Cottage, Wreaks Road, Collin Bank all have major pothole problems. High Birstwith problems with flooding Staupes Lane, High Lane and Back Lane. Pinch Point near misses occur regularly the Chairman to speak with Highways re: signage. The Crow Hill Lane sign is now in place

Police and Crime Commissioner – Community Speed Watch – Birstwith has now been selected to take part in the pilot scheme. It will be launched on 2nd March and during the Pilot they expect to be visiting our area and welcome the involvement of local residents in the roadside operation. Our specified location will be close to the Birstwith sign on Clint Bank. Anyone who is interested in joining the Speedwatch team should contact the Chairman or the Clerk.

HBC Harrogate and District Local Plan - Cllr Britton will attend the meeting in March

Tour de Nidderdale – Leaflets have been distributed to local businesses and households

Home Group – Sandra Clubb – Exchange of property Collin Spring Court with LA Tenant from Summerbridge. This exchange cannot take place as the property has a 106 agreement placed on it which means the property is to be used in a certain way.

7 **To approve accounts for payment**

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

St James's Church Birstwith	Room Hire 27.11.14	chq 000979	£20.00
British Gas	Electricity account	DD	£24.79

- 8 Planning Application**
Replacement of conservatory roof with slate roof and erection of timber double garage
6.91.163.A.FUL 15/00316/FUL Highwell Close Darley Road Birstwith HG3 2PN for
Mrs Sarah Bromiley - **No observations**
Planning Permission – Granted Subject to Conditions – Repositioning of 2 roof-lights
The Old Barn 6 Home Farm Square Back Road High Birstwith for Mrs D Jennings
Planning Permission – Granted Subject to Conditions – West House Farmhouse, Birstwith
for D Holmes
Planning Permission – Listed building Granted Subject to Conditions as above for
Mr D Holmes
Planning Enforcement Case No: 15/00018/PR15 Erection of car port structure in
front garden 9 Nidd Rise Birstwith HG3 3AP - Verbal reply from HBC Planning Dept
structure outside building line and to be taken down. Planning Permission is very
unlikely to be granted in any case
- 9 Correspondence -**
NYCC – Implementation of Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006 Publication of the Commons
Registration (England) Regulations 2014 - Birstwith does not have any common land
Neighbourhood Group - Update the Neighbourhood Watch signs are now available for
5 areas i.e. outside Grosvenor House School, Lackon Bank, Darley Road, Wreaks Road
and Clapham Green and will be fitted shortly
PC Council Website – Is anyone interested in getting involved with setting up a website
if so please contact The Chairman or the Clerk.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Date of next meeting 26th March 2015

Signed

Dated