

BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 26th March 2015 at 7.45pm in the Church Hall

Present: E March (Chairman) D Britton J Elvidge R Houseman M Worsnop Dist Cllr Christine Hill J Worsnop (Clerk) + 19 visitors

1 **APOLOGIES:** C Packer County Cllr Michael Harrison

2 **Declaration of interest:** None

3 **Minutes** - It was proposed by J Elvidge and seconded by R Houseman and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26th February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
The Parish Council meeting was closed to allow the public a chance to speak on the Outline Planning application for the 5 retirement homes to be sited on Nidd Lane

4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – .No report in his absence

5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Dist Cllr Hill reported that the Planning Department was in the process of being moved to Crescent Gardens and HBC financial information was now available on line. The problem re: Three Acres Staupes Road is still causing concern (see correspondence below)

6 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area New roundabout - Roundabout now been paid for £3,768.38 from Playground Committee funds, £500 from a donation, £1,150.62 from the Parish Council + VAT £1,083.80 total cost being £6,502.80 the VAT being refundable

Highway Matters – Drainage problem outside Lister Barn, Yorkshire Water confirmed they are not responsible and it has now been passed onto NY Highways.
Pinch point on Wreaks Road carried forward to next meeting

HBC Harrogate and District Local Plan - Cllr Britton attended this meeting he stated on the whole it was an informative day about a 100 councillors attended and they were split in groups. The morning session covered – What is needed for a sustainable settlement and Assessing the sustainability of settlements. The afternoon covered a fictitious settlement to discuss the following issues – Opportunities for Local Green Space, Accommodating housing and employment and settlement limits. Cllr Britton raised the issue of the legality of moving Birstwith limits and the facilitator Simon Hartley said he could show him evidence of the discussion and that the PC should be aware of it. He has asked the secretary to locate the information as the PC had never been informed

Parish Council Website - The Chairman stated he had spoken with a parishioner in the village whose son would set up a website for us. An alternative would be to join forces with the church and have a combined Parish Website this is being looked into

Community Speed Watch – Awaiting confirmation of start date . Several names are on the list of volunteers willing to help 'Would you like to become one?'

7 **Planning Applications**

Outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings with access considered (site area 0.59ha) 6.91.136.N.OUTMAJ 15/01045/OUTMAJ Land comprising field at 424380 460176 Birstwith for D Holmes Property Ltd - The Parish Council unanimously rejected the application stating: The development is outside the curtilage of the village, concerns about sewerage capacity, surface water run off, entrance onto a single track lane, impact on the AONB, and no access by footpath from Station Road

Erection of attached garage and demolition of rear extension 6.91.15.C.FUL 15/00612/FUL Bressay Court Wreaks Road Birstwith HG3 2NN for Mr T Swailes - **No Observations**

Delete or vary condition removal of condition 4 allowing the dwelling to be occupied without agricultural employment restriction 6.91.20.C.DVCON 15/01106/DVCCON Brackenwood Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2JH for Mr Ivan Brennand – **No observations**

Planning Decisions: Erection of agricultural building at Grange Farm High Birstwith for Mr D Kempley – **Approved subject to conditions**

Replacement of conservatory roof with slate roof and erection of timber double garage Highwell House Darley Road Birstwith for Mrs S Bromiley **Refused permission**

Planning Enforcement – Case No: 15/00121/PR15 Erection (or conversion) of building(s) Reynard Crag Cottage Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JQ

Tree Preservation Order - TPO 16/2015 – Highwell Close, Darley Road Birstwith HG3 2PN on provisional basis 13 March 2015

Environmental Impact Assessment – Major Erection of 4 wind turbines (maximum height 110m high) and associated infrastructure including control building with substation and formation of vehicle access, access tracks and areas of hard standing, underground cabling and temporary construction compound – 6.500.271.EIAMAJ 12/03934/EIAMAJ – Land comprising Field at 425087 455635 Penny Pot Lane Hampsthwaite – **To be considered by the Planning Committee on 31st March 2015**

8 To approve the following accounts for payment:

PPL Playground Equipment	Roundabout & Mats	cheque 000980	£6,502.80
Thirsk Community Care	Payroll Preparation Apr 14 – March 2015	cheque 000981	£64.00
J Worsnop	Salary	cheque 000982	£270.39
J Worsnop	Allowances and Expenses	cheque 000983	£56.45
HMRC	Tax Jan – March	cheque 000984	£54.60
Birstwith Reading Room	October – March 2015 room hire	cheque 000985	£51.00
J Worsnop	Use of office space from April – March 2015	cheque 000986	£208.00
Ground Maintenance Grant	Received from HBC for 2014/2015	DD	£81.15

9 Accounts – Estimated summary of end of year accounts 2014 – 2015 were given to the Councillors

10 Local Government Pay Consultation and working from home allowance – It was agreed that the Clerk should receive this allowance amounting to £52 per quarter and it was back dated to April 2014 proposed by E March seconded by J Elvidge (chq 000986)

11 Insurance – Two quotations had been received for this forthcoming financial year. One from Zurich amounting to £616.64 for 1 year and £581.47 for a 3-year agreement and the second from Came and Company 1 year £564.21 and for 3 years £536. It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Britton that we accept Came’s quote for a 3-year period

12 Correspondence -

Birstwith Church Fabric Committee – Lackon Bank – Continuation of footpath from the West gate entrance to the car park and up to Grosvenor House School. The PC agreed to follow up this request and will write to HBC to see if any funding is available for a project of this type. They will also make enquiries as to whether NY Highways would be willing to undertake this work
Formal Complaint from Mr & Mrs Bussey regarding Mr Foster’s scrap heap Staupes Road. HBC Planning Dept have contacted Mr Bussey stating that Mr Foster is not in breach of planning control. Mr Foster has agreed to move the offending trailer to a different position in the field once the land dries up but no further action can be taken. However Dist. Cllr Hill is still following up this complaint and County Cllr Harrison has also been informed

NYCC Highways Department – Changes to Highway Grass Cutting Service - further info has now been received asking us to confirm whether or not we intend to undertake highways related urban grass cutting (including junction related grass cutting) from 1st April 2015. We would need to raise the precept to raise funds to help meet the cost of providing our own grass cutting then the County Council would be prepared to underwrite the costs of doing this for 2015/16 on the understanding that our Parish Council repay the extra cost from our new 2016/17 precept. It was unanimously agreed not to undertake this service and as we only received the info on 24th March, the completed form had to be returned by 31st March giving us no time to get quotes etc

Notice of Election - Poster to be placed in the Notice Boards no later than 2nd April

Meeting closed at 10.10 pm

Date of next meeting 23rd April 2015

Signed

Dated