

Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 28th May 2015 at 7.45 pm in the Reading Room

Present: J Elvidge R Houseman E March C Packer M Worsnop District Cllr Christine Hill
J Worsnop (Clerk)

NOTICE OF MEETING

Public Notice of the AGM had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972

- 1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** – It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge and **RESOLVED** that E March be elected as Chairman
- 2 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE** – E March duly accepted the position of Chairman and signed the declaration made before a Proper Officer of the Council of the Parish of Birstwith
- 3 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** – It was proposed by C Packer and seconded by J Elvidge and **RESOLVED** that M Worsnop be elected as Vice Chairman
- 4 **APOLOGIES:** County Cllr Michael Harrison D Britton
- 5 **MINUTES** - It was proposed by J Elvidge and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23rd April 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 6 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – M Worsnop declared an interest in the Highway matter concerning the Footpath outside the church from the lay-by to the car park
- 7 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** - No report in his absence
- 8 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – District Cllr Hill reported that the new officers of Harrogate Council are: Richard Cooper – Head of Council, Michael Harrison – Chief in Charge of Dustbins/Refuse, Rebecca Burnett – Chief in Charge of Planning, Graham Smith – Economic Development & Enterprise and John Mann – Chair of Planning. The Mayor is Nigel Simms
- 9 **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS** - The annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015 were approved proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer
- 10 **PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS** – None
- 11 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area: J Elvidge will attend a RoSPA basic half day ‘Playground Inspection Course for Volunteers’ in June. The chairman thanked John for cutting the playground grass. The Play Area Committee unanimously agreed at a meeting held on 6th May that the Play Area Committee be dissolved as the playground had now been completed. The transfer of held monies once received will go to the PC and be held in a separate bank account for Birstwith play area to cover maintenance and future expenditure. The playground has been a great success and is used not only by our village children but also from surroundings areas as well.

Highway Matters: The Chairman reported to NY Highways a considerable number of potholes within our parish which needed urgent attention and a lot of the repairs have now been carried out.

Speed Watch – was due to take place on 18th May but was cancelled it is now scheduled for Monday 1st June between 7.30 – 9.30 am outside the Doctors Surgery

Lackon Bank Footpath - Request from PCC Fabric Committee. Discussion took place regarding the footpath outside the church. Although two quotes had been received by the PCC the PC thought it inappropriate to make any commitment about any partial funding of the project prior to this being discussed by the PCC fabric committee as to its viability as a project.

Website: It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should go ahead and set up a website as this is a compulsory Government requirement and has to be up and running by 15th July 2015. It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that up to £500 could be spent on this project and was unanimously agreed. There will hopefully be Government funding available to cover the cost but no details are available as yet.

Adopt a BT telephone kiosk for as little as a £1 - It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that we apply to adopt the kiosk near the Post Office subject to Ofcom Regulations which require BT to carry out a 90 day consultation with the Local Authority.

12 Planning:

TPO 16/2015 Highwell Close Darley Road Birstwith HG3 2PN - Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order made by the Council 13th March 2015

Staupes House High Birstwith – The present ongoing problem is in the Parish of Felliscliffe

Manor House High Birstwith – Erection of garage/large shed? still under HBC investigation

9 Nidd Rise Birstwith – Erection of car port structure in front garden –still under HBC investigation

13 Accounts approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge

Gas Board	Electricity account	DD	£18.04
YLCA	RoSPA course re playground	chq 000990	£50.00

HBC 1st Instalment Parish Precept - Received £2,000 The Chairman stated that the Councillors' should seriously look at increasing the precept for next year. Birstwith precept is considerably lower than other parishes in our area and due to cut backs in HBC grass cutting services, compulsory website costs & our need to own a PC computer etc have to be taken into consideration.

14 Correspondence

BIU group – Letter from BIU official recycling partners of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance asking if they could site a bank in our community. The Councillors' felt we had no suitable site.

Nidderdale AONB – Boundary sign to be placed at Clapham Green was approved

The Pensions Regulator – re staging date for BPC – The clerk has been nominated as the point of contact

YLCA Good Councillors Guides – It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that we purchase 6 copies of this guide at a cost of £14.80

HBC Local Green Space Consultation District Panel Survey – The only area in Birstwith is the flood plain for River Nidd behind Broomfield and Birstwith Grange

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Date of next ordinary meeting Thursday 25th June 2015

Signed

Dated