

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 25th June 2015 at 7.45 pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) D Britton J Elvidge M Worsnop
Dist, Cllr Christine Hill & J Worsnop (Clerk)

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

2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – none

3 **MINUTES** - It was proposed by J Elvidge and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the AGM held on 28th May 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - No report was given in his absence

5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Dist. Cllr. Hill reported that many local bus services were being axed and although this does not affect our services she asked if we would write a letter of complaint expressing our concerns regarding other local areas which will be affected by the cuts. Letters to be sent in by 14th August. A government mini budget will take place on 8th July and it is hoped that HBC will not get a further reduction in funds. She reported that should we get a future elected Mayor they may be from Leeds that is if the Council decided to go down this route. It is difficult at this stage to access whether this would be detrimental to our area. The Crescent Gardens Council Offices will go up for tender mid July and the cost of building new offices on the Knapping Mount site will be put to the HB Councillors.

6 **UPDATES:**

(a) **The Play Area** - Grass cutting and general maintenance done by John Elvidge. It was reported that weeds are growing between the playground fence and the mill field and needs attention

(b) **Highway Matters:** complaints about vehicles parked on and near Birstwith Grange causing nuisance/hazard - There is a minority of drivers who visit the Station Hotel who do not park safely in this area. They block the disabled curb access and restrict emergency vehicles entering Birstwith Grange. There is also a problem with vehicles parked at the entrance to Collin Bank which restricts visibility on Station Road. The Chairman will speak with Bill Hickson (PB Police) regarding this matter and report back

Uncut grass verges on Darley Road since the cut backs have been put in place - again this restricts driver visibility. Photographs have been sent to the Highways Authority and the Chairman will try and arrange a meeting to discuss this matter

(c) **Speed Watch** – A second speed watch took place on 17th June - about the same number of vehicles past through the check point. About 65 vehicles were travelling over the speed limit. The police will be sending letters to these offending drivers.

(d) **Website** – The clerk had compiled a demo website which she circulated to the Councillors for their approval. The Councillors asked for a Birstwith Boundary Map to be included and it was proposed by D Britton seconded by J Elvidge that once this addition had been added the website could go live - all were in favour

(e) **Adopt BT Kiosk** – After the PC agreed to adopt the BT Kiosk near the Post Office BT informed us that this kiosk is actually sighted on private land. After further investigation with the Land Registry it appears that the owner is: The Queens Most Excellent Majesty in right of the Duchy of Lancaster no further action will be taken

7 **Planning Applications**

Erection of attached garage to replace existing extension (revised scheme) 6.91.15.D.FUL 15/02063/FUL Bressay Court Cottage Wreaks Road Birstwith HG3 2NN for Mr T Swales – No Observations

Erection of replacement dwelling, double garage and stone wall (Site Area 0.12 ha) 6.91.162.FUL 15/00706.FUL Wayside House Farm Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2LJ for Mr B Cooper – **The PC supports the application but added the following comments: 1 This property is in the AONB and in its present condition is an eyesore. 2 To site the new proposed dwelling and little further back from Back Road would be an advantage**

Erection of tack and store – 6.91.41.G.FUL 15/02700/FUL Sun Cottage New Road High Birstwith HG3 2JF for Mrs J Wood – Building work completed on 1/04/15 application does not state retrospective – **No observations**

Planning Refusal - 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 42438k0 460176 Birstwith North Yorkshire

Planning Refusal - Bi-folding doors – The Hayloft Clapham Green High Birstwith

Enforcement Notice - 9 Nidd Rise Birstwith HG3 3AP – Without planning permission the erection of a timber framed car port with a pitched roof – takes effect on 29th July 2015 unless an appeal is made against it beforehand

8 To approve accounts for payment:

It was proposed by J Elvidge seconded by D Britton that the following accounts be paid:

YLCA	Rospa Course	chq no 000990	50.00
Birstwith Reading Room	Room Hire Apr/May/June	chq no 000991	51.00
Jenni Worsnop	Expenses/Allow Apr/May/June	chq no 000992	86.50
Jenni Worsnop	Salary Apr/May/June	chq no 000993	324.99
Jenni Worsnop	Use of office space Q1	chq no 000994	52.00

Smiths of Derby repairs to school clock (£144) account held in abeyance for time being. Someone in the school accidentally turned off the power to the clock. Chris Eyes (Chair of School Governors) will discuss this incident at their next meeting and hopefully the school will meet the majority of this account. A box will be put over the switch by the school to alleviate this happening again. Proposed by D Britton seconded by J Elvidge all agreed

9 Correspondence

HBC Open Space – The Councillors agreed that the Open Spaces in the village were all privately owned and therefore no further action should be taken

HBC – Required changes to the Council’s Open Space and Village Halls Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) – The Ministerial Statement, made by Minister of State for Housing and Planning, sets out specific circumstances where developer contributions for affordable housing and tariff style planning obligations should not be sought by local planning authorities from residential developments, as follows:

- Contributions should not be sought from developments of 10-units or less, and which have a maximum combined gross floor space of no more than 1000sqm (gross internal area)
- In designated rural areas, local planning authorities may choose to apply a lower threshold of 5-units or less. No affordable housing or tariff-style contributions should then be sought from these developments

Parish Council Briefing – 9th July – Local Plan – Cllr Britton agreed to attend

NYCC – Notice of making a Public Footpath Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order - Footpath No 15.11/3 Bell House Birstwith Diversion Order 2015

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Date of next ordinary meeting Thursday 30th July 2015.

Signed

Dated