

BIRSWITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd October 2015 at 7.45 pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) D Britton J Elvidge R Houseman M Worsnop District Cllr
Christine Hill & J Worsnop (Clerk)

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** C Packer County Cllr Michael Harrison
- 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 24th September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – No report in his absence
- 5 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Dist Cllr Hill reported on the devolution proposals. The overall aim is to get around 3000 electorate per councillor so parts of some parishes may come into another parish to achieve this goal. It was decided for an all out election in 4 years. At present the councillors in our area have about 2400 electorate some more some less so moving some borders will have to happen.
- 6 **PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS** – None
- 7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area: Reg Houseman stated the grass/weeds around the play area still needed to be cut but will be done shortly. John Elvidge had received HBC written report on the Play Ground inspection. He stated that he would deal with the few areas that needed attention but the report on the whole stated that everything was 'low risk'. The clerk reported the new bank account was in the process of being set up with Yorkshire Bank

Highway matters: Still no reply from the police regarding parking problems on Birstwith Grange and Collin Bank. Collin Bank – Highways have patched part of the road. The Ginnel barrier – entrance to Collin Spring Court will be replaced by Highways. Local resident fell due to raised curbs on footpath near Collin Bank reported to Highways they will make repairs but due to financial restraints no date given

Birstwith Church FC – Lackon Bank footpath. It was agreed by the Councillors' at the last PCC meeting that a small donation could be made available towards this project. The clerk was asked to write to County Cllr Michael Harrison to see if any monies could be made available from the Community Initiative fund and he has reported back that he *might* be able to contribute something – awaiting reply
- 8 **BHS – e-mail** – should we as a village work towards becoming 'Birstwith in Bloom' as it is the shows 150th Anniversary. The Councillors' discussed this matter and requested that the BHS submit a plan to the Parish Council of particular areas they had in mind. If for instance the car park wall were to be included permission would have to be obtained from HBC as the car park is owned by them.
- 9 **NALC Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities** - The Parish Council can make an application to cover the costs of setting up their website and purchasing computer equipment etc as their turnover is under £25,000 per annum. The Chairman and Clerk were asked to look into this matter and report back to the next meeting

10 **To approve accounts for payment:**

It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that the following accounts be paid:

PKF Littlejohn	Audit fee	chq 000005	£120.00
Birstwith Play Area	Balance to go into new account	chq 000006	£235.40
YLCA	Good Councillor Guides	chq 000007	£ 14.80
Smith of Derby	Repairs to School Clock	chq 000008	£180.00
HBC	Garage rental	DD	£ 60.00

Second instalment of precept received	£1,970
2 nd Grant received	£ 30

11 Correspondence

Footway Lighting Maintenance - Letter from Street Lighting Depot - Does not concern our Parish

HBC Waste and Recycling Collection Service – Information to be displayed in Notice Board

Letter from Birstwith resident re: Speed limits Clapham Green - this letter was read out to the Councillors' and they felt it was a NY Highway matter. The Clerk will forward this letter to NY Highways for their comments.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Date of next meeting 26th November 2015

Signed

Dated