

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

Present: E March (Chairman) J Elvidge R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop County Cllr Michael Harrison, District Cllr Christine Hill & J Worsnop (Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES: D Britton

2 Declaration of interest: None

3 Minutes - It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by J Elvidge and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

4 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – County Cllr Harrison reported that the Community Initiative Fund had not been finalized as yet and he did not know whether any funds would be available for our Parish at this stage. The Government spending review has not been finalized but as soon as more information is available he will report back

5 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Dist Cllr Hill reported that the sale of the HBC Crescent Gardens building had fallen through and it will be marketed again next year. It has now been confirmed that all elections including District and Parish Council will take place every four years from 2018

6 PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS – None

7 UPDATES REGARDING:

Play Area John Elvidge reported he had attended to all issues raised in the Inspection report from HBC. The Chairman thanked Reg Houseman for cutting the grass/weeds around the perimeter of the play area. It was reported that the showfield gate was unsafe and the Chairman would have a word with the mill manager. The clerk reported that she was having problems with Yorkshire Bank regarding opening a new account.

Highways Still problems on Hampsthwaite Lane with running water and also Lackon Bank highways to be informed of the situation. The footpath opposite Collin Bank has been repaired and the road into Collin Bank. The barrier near Collin Spring Court has been replaced. The PC received a copy of a letter from a resident on Wreaks Road which had been sent to Julian Smith complaining about flooding to his property. Within this letter he criticised the Parish Council and in particular our Chairman for not taking the matter seriously enough but we had not been informed of the situation

Birstwith Church FC - Lackon Bank footpath – awaiting reply from Michael Harrison

BHS 'Birstwith in Bloom' - awaiting plan from BHS

Bulb planting: Different organizations in the village had been given bulbs to plant in various locations

NALC Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities -

Proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that the Chairman and the Clerk (at their discretion) should proceed with the purchase of computer equipment and apply for the appropriate funding which is now available

NYCC copy of a letter sent to Birstwith resident re: Speed limits Clapham Green –

This suggested the resident completes a 95 Alive Speed Concern Report form.

8 Planning Applications

Erection of open porch and canopy, single and two storey extensions, dormer extension, Balconies, decking area and access steps, conversion of loft to form additional living accommodation, alteration to fenestration, formation of hardstanding and demolition of existing garage Monks Close Nidd Lane – **Granted subject to conditions**

Retention of extension to agricultural store Reynard Crag Reynard Crag Lane – **Granted**

Demolition of garage, erection of two storey and single storey extensions, porch and alterations to fenestration – Bridge End Cottages Wreaks Road – **Granted subject to conditions**

- 9 Parish Precept for 2016/17** - It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by M Worsnop that the precept should be increased by 2%. The precept had not been increased for many years and costs are rising annually

10 To approve accounts for payment:

It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge that the following accounts be paid:

HBC	Annual rent for Notice Board	DD	£15.00
British Gas	Electricity account	DD	£18.65
SLCC	Annual Sub	chq 0001009	£65.00

11 Correspondence -

NYCC Urban Grass Cutting 2016/17 – It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that we take Option NYCC asking the CC to carry out urban visibility grass cutting only

Police and Crime Commissioner - The number of ‘burglary other’ offences has increased. Many of these are to farm buildings, workshops and sheds. A North Yorkshire Police mobile Road safety camera (i.e a police van with a speed camera in it) has been present on a regular basis in Summerbridge and Fellbeck. The camera had been deployed in response to road safety statistics and complaints from local communities.

Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhood Group – Lee Smith from the local Fire Service stated they needed to recruit a further nine people. Liz Meade Stronger Communities is setting up a list for people suffering from dementia which will help them go about their daily lives

Darley Roadworks - the latest situation at the Darley roadworks due to difficult ground conditions. Current plan to install traffic lights and open the road on 6th November and will return after the Christmas break to minimise the impact on local businesses

HBC – update on new ‘dry’ recycling contract. ‘Box and bag’ kerbside collection scheme from January will allow residents to put Brown Cardboard, Mixed plastics (such as plastic trays, yohurts pots etc, Tetra Paks (the waxy type cartons) in addition to all the materials currently collected

City of York - Mineral and Waste Joint Plan Consultation – Info in Notice Board

NYCC - Planned road closure Staupes Road 91 days between 16th December and 15th March 2016

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Date of next meeting: 28th January 2016

Signed

Dated