

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7.45pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) D Britton R Houseman M Worsnop
County Cllr Michael Harrison, District Cllr Nathan Hull, & J Worsnop (Clerk)

1 **APOLOGIES:** John Elvidge

2 **Parishioners Questions** – None

3 **Declaration of interest:** M Worsnop - Planning Application for Beristade Barn Clapham Green

4 **Minutes** - It was proposed by D Britton and seconded by R Houseman and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Meetings held on 23rd November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

5 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - County Cllr Michael Harrison reported that HBC were millions of pounds short of balancing their books. The budget for social care has to be increased and this could mean an increase of possibly 4.99% on council tax from April this year. This percentage has taken into account the monies received from new builds. Questions regarding pot holes were discussed at length but if they did not meet the Highways criteria they would not be repaired due to lack of funds

6 **DISTRICT COUNCILOR'S REPORT** – District Councilor Nathan Hull had been involved with the Holmes's planning application see report below. He appreciated this proposed development would only exacerbate our current highway and parking problems. He asked us to let him know if we had not received a reply to our request for the planners to attend the site prior to their Council meeting

7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area: The damper on the outer gate has had the spring tension reduced and now closes more softly. An email had been received from a local resident stating he had had an accident on the seesaw whilst in the playground with his grandchildren. This was discussed at length but the resident's suggestion of fixing cross slats to the seesaw could constitute a trip hazard and compromise it's compliance with safety standards. The equipment is inspected monthly and has an annual inspection (which has recently taken place) by British Standard Government Inspectors no problems were found. The PC are looking into having a warning notice to the effect that the play equipment may be slippery if wet/icy and is designed for use by children up to 12 years (not adults) under supervision. A letter will be sent to resident.

Highway matters: Pinch point outside Cobblers Cottage is in hand, Elton House still problem with drain Chairman to speak again with owner as it is no better even though it has been flushed out. Public Footpath at West House Farm – Nicky Bunting dealing with this. Parking issues around Collin Bank vehicles are now parking on the road leaving the footpath clear but this has not solved the problems. The clerk to write to HBC Estates Surveyor to ask if there is any chance of the PC using the piece of land at Collin Bank as a car park. Tractors parking on the verge outside vicarage churning up the grass – it was felt this was exacerbated during very wet conditions, Hampsthwaite Road slush, snow, water etc still a major problem although NY Highways are supposed to be monitoring the problem. Inferior tar and chippings all around the area – we asked Michael Harrison why inferior materials had been used and he will look into for us.

Grass Cutting - The Chairman to chase up plan from Darren Bush

BHS Birstwith In Bloom – The bench seat at Elton Top will be renovated and a small semi-circular bed of flowers will be planted below the AONB sign.

A request for a grit bin and grit – for Birstwith Grange has been sent to NY Highways – awaiting reply.

8 **Accounts approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Britton all agreed**

SLCC	Annual Sub	Chq 001064 £ 59.00
J Worsnop	Salary Oct – Dec	Chq 001065 £397.94]
J Worsnop	Clerks exps Oct – Dec	Chq 001065 £ 67.49]
J Worsnop	Office Space Oct-Dec	Chq 001065 £ 52.00]

FIFTY EIGHT

St James's Church Hall	Room Hire 23/11/17	Chq 001066 £ 20.00
Birstwith Reading Room	Room Hire Jly/Sept/Oct	Chq 001067 £ 51.00
Ray Skelton	Grass cutting etc	Chq 001068 £312.00
Smith of Derby	Annual service & repairs	Chq 001069 £294.00
Rural Action Yorkshire	Annual Subscription	Chq 001070 £ 35.00
Transfer of funds from Deposit a/c to current a/c £2,000		

- 9 **Outline Planning Application No: 17/04417/OUTMAJ** – for 18 dwellings for D Holmes Concerns have been raised by the Parish Council and local residents as to why the delegated powers allow the CPO to make the decision on applications of less than 50 dwellings unless the CPO deems it to be significant or sensitive. This application says it is a Major Development and therefore our request to go to a full planning meeting should be granted – now confirmed will go to full planning meeting – no date as yet. Also requested site visit by the planners prior to their meeting

Planning Applications:

Replacement Single Storey extension 6.91.267.FUL 17/05005/FUL – 9 The Square Wreaks Rd Birstwith HG3 2NL for Mr S Dewar including amended application – **Observation** if this window is blocked up what about the neighbours right to light

Erection of a two storey extension with one roof light 6.91.128.B.FUL 17/05242/FUL Tang Beck Cottage Tang Road High Birstwith HG3 2LE for Mr C Robinson – **now Granted subject to conditions**

Demolition of agricultural storage shed and erection of 1 dwelling 6.91.178.FUL 17/04951/FUL Beristade Barn Clapham Green HG3 2JD for Mr & Mrs M Worsnop **has now been REFUSED Parish Council Notification – Certificate of Lawfulness** for the existing use of land associated with dwelling to be used as a private garden for the property. Land formally designated as a paddock – 6.91.21.G.CLEUD 17/05535/CLEUD Bell Bank House Sleights Lane High Birstwith HG3 2LE for Mr Robin Hudson

Planning Permission - Granted subject to conditions – Wayside House Farm Back Road High Birstwith for Mr B Cooper

Planning Permission – Granted subject to conditions - Gardeners Cottage Back Road Birstwith – Mr R Haggas

Planning Enforcement Case No: 18/00011/BRPC15 Planning ref: 94/01893/FUL 08/05442/DVCON Alleged year round occupation of plots in breach of C14 of 94/01893/FUL – Reynard Crag Holiday Park Reynard Crag Lane Birstwith

Planning Enforcement Case No: 18/00027/PR15 Planning ref: 93/02483/OUT 94/00925/rem 17/01153/CLEUD – Extension of domestic curtilage into agricultural land – a change of use of land without planning permission – Haystacks Nidd Lane Birstwith

10 Correspondence

HBC – Recycling Bring Banks will be removed between 21st January and 9th March 2018

HBC – Parish Grants for Grass Cutting – To withdraw annual grass cutting grants to Parish Councils starting 2018/2019

NYCC – Street Lighting Improvements - NY will be replacing over a period of time all street lights to the more energy efficient LED equipment

Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments - As we opted in to the central procurement process an external auditor has been appointed for the next 5 years commencing with the financial year 2017/2018

Data Protection – New ruling 25 May 2018 - information has been received from the SLCC and it may be possible for the P C to appoint its own clerk as its DPO but this is not certain at present.

HBC – New register of electors 2017/2018 now received

Public Riverside Footpath – at Haystacks Nidd Lane – Nicky Bunting Public Rights of Way

Officer is dealing with this matter and she has authorised the installation of a gate in the new fence and the landowner will be installing it in the near future. The landowner is aware of the process for applying to divert a footpath.

Parish Council Elections – Thursday 3rd May 2018 – A meeting of prospective Parish Councillors will take place in the Council Chambers St Lukes Mount Harrogate HG1 2AE at 5.30pm on Wednesday 21 February to go through the nomination process and on Thursday 22 February also at 5.30 pm to go through in more detail local information on the conduct of the poll.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Date of next meeting 22nd February 2018

Signed

Dated