

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) D Britton J Elvidge M Worsnop & J Worsnop (Clerk)

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** R Houseman, C Packer and County Councillor Michael Harrison
- 2 **Declaration of interest:** None
- 3 **Minutes** - It was proposed by D Britton and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th January 2018 with one amendment 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** – No report in his absence
- 6 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area: The Parish Council are looking into fitting a different type of damper for the outer gate of the play grown to solve the closing problem.

Highway Matters: The Chairman is meeting with the head of Highways to discuss the Pinch Point, parking and highway problems that have already been tabled to him. Elton House drainage problem is reported to be a lot better but not totally resolved. The Chairman met with HBC surveyor re the drainage problems at the back of Broomfield where debris had been left by engineers when they tried to clear out the blocked drains. The surveyor is now looking into the source of the problem and will reply to the PC.

Grass Cutting - A plan of the village was shown to the Councillors' and D Britton offered to enlarge the areas which need to be mowed this summer prior to seeking quotes from contractors **Grit Bin and Grit** for Birstwith Grange and railings outside School still no reply from Highways **Birstwith in Bloom** – BIB are thinking about buying a lawn mower and would like to store it on a temporary basis in the P C garage behind Broomfield.
- 7 **Accounts approved for payment proposed by J Elvidge seconded by D Britton all in favour**

J Dennis	Internal audit fee for 2016/17	chq 001071	£25.00
Resolve IT Systems	Re-install printer after windows update	chq 001072	£20.00
J Worsnop	Epson ink cartridges	chq 001073	£38.54
British Gas	Elec a/c	DD	£27.87
- 8 **PRE PLANNING APPLICATION** – on behalf of Martin Wood for development of land on Darley Road – feedback required for the scheme. The majority of the Councillors were in favour of this development.

Up-date of Outline Application No.17/04417/OUTMAJ – for 18 dwellings for Mr D Holmes Clint Bank - Some the Councillors met the planner and drainage expert but regrettably the Highways and Yorkshire Water were not available to attend the meeting. The planner and the drainage official did not see any problems with this development. They stated the Highways had no problems with this development even though once again we stressed the traffic problems and they were also happy with the proposed drainage which would utilise a wet land area as part of the design which would help to alleviate surface water together with the use of drainage tanks. This application is scheduled to go to a full planning meeting but we have no date as yet
- 9 **Planning Application - Erection of single storey extension** – 6.91.217 18/00148/FUL 9 Nidd Rise Birstwith HG3 3AP for Mr S McPartland – **No Observations**
Erection of single storey extension - 6.91.16.M.FUL 18/00204/FUL Reynard Crag Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith for Ms Davies – **No Observations**

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of paddock land to be used as a private garden for dwelling Bell Bank House Sleights Lane – **Certificate issued**
Planning permission granted 9 The Square Wreaks Road Birstwith – **Subject to conditions**

10 Correspondence -

Paul Burgess AONB – re felling licence for Wilson’s Plantation Darley Road - No objections
Councillors’ felt it was time for it to be replanted

HBC – Bulbs/wildflower scheme - accepted offer of crocus bulbs

HBC – Local Plan Publication Draft – six week consultation from 26 Jan to 4.30pm on 9 March
Dates and venues on Notice Board

Sunday Bus Service in Nidderdale – NSP urgently seeking contributions from all parish councils in the area and sponsorship to improve access to and within the Nidderdale area on Summer Sundays and Bank Holidays through the provision of an improved network of DalesBus services
The Councillors’ thought this was a worthwhile initiative for the area. It will also help to secure the viability of the Sunday 24 buses through Birstwith. The Chairman had approached some local businesses who seemed interested in sponsoring this project and the Parish Council agreed to make a one off financial contribution of a £1,000 proposed by J Elvidge seconded by D Britton all were in favour. Future sponsorship is being sought from Harrogate Water, Yorkshire Water and the AONB. NSP will need to decide in the very near future whether it is possible to proceed with the project this year or not.

Yorkshire Dales Bushcraft – The PC don’t own any woodland and regret they do not know anywhere suitable for this activity

Brain Tumour – Help find a cure – no further action will be taken

Date of next meeting 22nd March 2018

Signed

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