

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 7.45pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) D Britton J Elvidge R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop
County Cllr Michael Harrison J Worsnop (Clerk) + 1 visitor

1 **Apologies:** None

2 **Parishioners' questions:** The visitor was concerned about a sign which had been placed in close proximity to his boundary detailing a public footpath right of way. The PC regretted they cannot take further action as it is on private land.

3 **Declaration of interest:** None

4 **To appoint internal auditor** It was proposed by E March seconded by R Houseman that John Dennis should be asked to be our internal auditor

5 **Minutes** - It was proposed by M Worsnop and seconded by J Elvidge and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd February 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

6 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – County Cllr Harrison reported that adult social care was putting extra strain on there already tight budget. A lot of Councils propose to lobby government to increase the current social care budget. Pot holes were discussed at length once again and even though previously he reported extra capital had been made available for rural roads and lower classified roads on the whole the problem had not improved. He stated in part this was due to the harsh winter. He stressed that anyone can report a problem by going on to North Yorkshire gov website and pin pointing the actual area.

7 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – no report in his absence

8 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area: The damper on the gate is still causing problems and will be looked at again.

Highway matters: Pinch system Wreaks Road – according to Area 6 Highways a stop sign cannot be used here. If motorists are already ignoring a GIVE WAY sign it's is unlikely to be any better with a STOP sign. Water constantly running from one side of road to another on Hampsthwaite Lane – some drainage investigations have been carried out however utility works may have damaged the highway gully system. A Highway engineer is looking into this and further action based on the outcome will then take place. Damaged school barriers - Highways have placed an order for the replacement they have to be made specially due the gate mechanism. Parking on pavements on Station Road and Collin Bank – regrettably still no nearer solving the problems. Drainage problem back of Broomfield under investigation.

Grass Cutting – Still working on areas to be cut prior to getting quotations

Grit Bins - Birstwith Grange and The Allotments – Highway Officer has completed a grit bin assessment and these areas do not meet the criteria for Authority funded grit bins. The PC are looking into possibly purchasing grit bins for these areas

Birstwith in Bloom – The PC representative attended the last BIB meeting and reported that BIB are now separately funded although still under the umbrella of BHS. They have applied for some grants but have had no response to date. The PC thought they were keeping the village neat and tidy. The PC need to ascertain in writing that the BHS public liability insurance still stands now that they are funded separately.

9 **Data Protection new law commencing 25th May 2018** - left in abeyance awaiting further information from the YLCA and SLCC

- 10 Parish and Town Council Elections 3 May 2018** - The current councillors' were informed that nominations will commence from 10am on 26 March deadline for nominations is 4 pm 6th April some nomination packs were handed out.
- 11 Community Led Housing Event** – Cllr Britton attended the meeting at Pateley Bridge. He reported only 4 PC's attended and although over half a million pounds had been made available to set up trusts it was only available for specific projects but regrettably Birstwith does not meet the requirements
- 12 School Clock** – Smiths of Derby 2nd yr of 3 yr contract for maintenance paid up front
- 13 Insurance** - 2nd year of 3yr contract this years premium will be £604.28 inc ipt/admin fee
- 14 Accounts approved for payment** proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer all in favour

The Dales & Bowland Com Interest Co	Donation to bus service	Chq 001074	1,000.00
Birstwith Reading Room	Room Hire Jan/Feb/Mar	Chq 001075	51.00
J Worsnop	Salary	Chq 001076)	371.54
J Worsnop	Expenses Jan/Feb/Mar	Chq 001076)	44.22
J Worsnop	Office Space	Chq 001076)	52.00
YLCA	Ann Subscription	Chq 001077	291.00
Transfer from Deposit A/c	£1,500		

- 15 Summary of end of year accounts** – Copies were handed to Councillors
- 16 Planning Applications**
- Adjacent to Brackenwood Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2JH**
Conversion and extension of redundant water tower 6.91.20.D.FUL 18/00749/FUL for Mr Longfellow – **No Objections**
- Erection of 2 storey extension and installation of dormer infill and replacement chimney flue, application of render and alterations to fenestration 6.91.268.FUL 18/00792/FUL Ferndale Darley Road Birstwith HG3 2NG for Mr J Lees – No Objections**
- Planning Approval – Subject to Conditions** Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith for Ms Davies
- Correspondence**
- Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** – now open for applications see NB
- Garden Waste Service** – Info placed in NB
- NYCC – Parish survey on Vehicle Activated Speed signs or Speed Indicator** – forwarded to next meetings

Date of next meeting Annual Assembly and Ordinary Meeting 26th April 2018

Signed

Dated

