

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 7.45pm in the Reading Room

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

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** C Packer
- 2 **Declaration of interest:** None
- 3 **Parishioners Questions** None
- 4 **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 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 5 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – No report in his absence
- 6 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – No report in his absence
- 7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area - It was proposed by D Britton seconded by R Houseman that a Hydraulic Damper be purchased for the outside gate of the playground. Mark Hanslow has kindly agreed to fit it for us. The cost will be £84.65 the PC will pay this a/c and reclaim the money from the Playground a/c. John Elvidge will check the fixings on the swings as soon as the weather improves.

Highway Matters – Hampsthwaite Lane still no reply from Highways Engineer. Damage to School barrier – Chair of School Governors chased repairs the sand bags have been replaced and the work should be completed shortly. Goyt on Wreaks Road temporary filling has come out and blocked drains. The Gully outside The Moss on Wreaks Road has still not been cleaned out. The pot hole on Station Road has been reported to Highways it is difficult to miss when overtaking the parked cars at the end of Collin Bank. Parish Council workshops to be organised by Area 6 Boroughbridge Area Office the Chairman expressed an interest in attending.

Grass Cutting – The Chairman and Cllr Houseman will meet up shortly to finalise the area of verges etc to enable us to get quotations. Cllr Britton and Houseman were thanked for their work in obtaining appropriate plans to work from.

Birstwith in Bloom – An inventory had been received along with their new Constitution but not a copy of their current public liability insurance. The clerk to request this for the PC records. The compost heap at the back of Broomfield has had verbal agreement from HBC but BIB are awaiting written confirmation.

Grit Bins for Birstwith Grange and The Allotments - R Houseman proposed seconded by M Worsnop that a grit bin be purchased for Birstwith Grange. The cost at present would be £50 per bin but although agreed left in abeyance until the Autumn. The Allotments is a private road and therefore the PC would not be able to fund this one.
- 8 **Data Protection :** D Britton proposed seconded by R Houseman that the clerk should attend the YLCA meeting in Ilkley on 1st May at a cost of £45 to gain more information regarding this subject.
- 9 **New updated Website:** went live mid April
- 10 **Installation of footpath signpost at West House Farm Birstwith** – Nicky Bunting was asked to advise on the recent public footpath signpost put their by the landowner of West House Farm, She states in general they would very much welcome efforts by landowners to sign or waymark public rights of way across their land. They only intervene if the signage obstructs a path, was likely to cause injury to the public using the path or it was misleading. As none of these apply at the present time no further action is required by herself.

- 11** **Planning Application:**
Conversion of out-buildings to create 2 No dwelling house 6.91.269/FUL 18/00967/FUL The Moss Wreaks Road Birstwith HG3 2PL for Mr D Gaunt – **No observations**
Conversion of agricultural building to 1 dwelling with associated landscaping and parking 6.91.125.G.PBR 18/01266/PBR - Haystacks Nidd Lane Birstwith HG3 3AR for Mr J Illingworth
Observation on boundary of AONB
Erection of Agricultural Shed – 6.91.162.C.PNAFUL 18/00287/PNAFUL Wayside House Farm Back Road High Birstwith for Mr B Cooper **No Observations**
Reserved matters application with Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale considered under outline permission 16/03548/OUT for the demolition of agricultural building and erection of up to 5 dwellings with access considered 6.91.136.T.REM 18/01080/REM West House Farm Nidd Lane to West House Farm and Clint Cottage Birstwith HG3 3AW for David Holmes - **Concerns still raised regarding infrastructure at West House Farm complex with reference to surface water drainage. Volume of traffic and access to properties due to narrow privately owned lane which is only single track**
Planning Approval – Erection of single storey extension – Mr S McPartland – **Approved subject to Conditions**
 Ferndale Darley Road Birstwith HG3 2NG – Mr J Lees – **Approved subject to conditions**

- 12** **Accounts approved for payment** – Proposed by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge
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| T P Jones & Co | Payroll Preparation 9 months | Chq 1078 | £ 57.60 |
| Came & Co | Insurance | Chq 1079 | £604.28 |
| Vision ICT | Final Inv for upgrade to website | Chq 1080 | £300.00 |

Transfer of £1,500 from deposit a/c to c/a

- 13** **Correspondence:**
NYorks – Parish Survey on Vehicle Activated Speed signs or Speed Indicator: The Chairman and Clerk to fill in survey
Email from local resident – Re: groups of trail blazers speeding along a track near the Pack Horse Bridge - The area concerned is a designated Green Lane Track and is therefore legal and we cannot do anything about it.
Email & letter from local residents - re grass cutting on Reynard Crag Lane and Darley Road - The Parish Council has a duty to upkeep the roadside verges in good order as they are part of the NYHighway. Regarding the bulbs Birstwith in Bloom had been asked to plant carefully and any complaints should be made direct to NY Highways.
Wilson’s Plantation Darley Road – Local residents concern re: Right of Way and if grants are allocated to this site - There are no grants attached to this site it is privately owned and therefore only the permitted public footpath can be used across this wood.

AGM Thursday 17th May 2018

Meeting closed at 10 pm

Signed..... Dated.....