BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL SIXTY EIGHT

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 28th June 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop Dist. Cllr Tom Watson J Worsnop (Clerk) + 4 guests

- 1 APOLOGIES: County Cllr Michael Harrison J Elvidge
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** C Packer declared an interest in item 10 West House Farm development and M Worsnop item 9 clerk's salary
- 3 Parishioners' Questions One parishioner spoke regarding his concerns on the Holmes PA
- 4 MINUTES It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by M Worsnop and RESOLVED that the minutes of the AGM held on 17th May 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** Dist. Cllr Watson informed that HBC had a severe housing shortage. A large number of properties had been sold since 2015. Thirteen HBC garage sites will become available in 2019 for Council house building but after 5 years the tenants would have a right to buy. Local Bus Companies will be encouraged to run electric buses and a considerable amount of funding has been set aside by Central Government and the Bus Co. Negotiations are still taking place to provide a footpath on the road outside Collin Spring Court opposite the Doctors Surgery in order to connect the village once the new development has been built. The piece of land concerned is owned by the developer and Home Housing

7 UPDATES:

The Play Area - The gate damper has been purchased and will be fitted shortly **BIB** – No reply to date re: Street Furniture Licence. The wild flower garden in the Play Area will have to be reseeded due to the very dry weather – forwarded to next meeting for further discussion

Highway Matters: The Chairman reported he had spoken with NY Highways regarding the blocked drains in the village. The original contractor had been sacked and the drains have now been cleaned out properly. Some resurfacing work is necessary and this will done when the weather permits. NYCC now have a parish portal procedure which can be accessed through the web to report any problems with Highway matters. It is very easy to use both for the public and the PC and the more complaints they receive about particular problems the quicker they will be resolved. At the Safer Neighbourhood meeting held in Pateley Bridge it was reported that crime was up a little but the main problem being drug dealing in Pateley Bridge and up and down the dale.

Grass Cutting: The grass verge cutting has now been completed as per our schedule

- **Data Protection:** After discussion regarding the general public and staff councillors and role holders notices + an updated Data Protection Policy which had been produced to comply with the new GDPR regulations they were adopted on a proposal from R Houseman seconded by C Packer all were in favour. A copy of The Record Management Policy once completed will be forwarded to the Councillors for discussion at their next meeting.
- 9 Clerk's Salary: Further information required and will be put on the next agenda for discussion

10 Planning Application –

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 - Observations: 1 Roof line should not include

weather vane tower this is totally out of keeping with the rest of the properties 2 Opaque glass should be approved by Planning Officer 3 Overview of adjacent properties taking into account their privacy 4 Attenuation drains to be installed for surface water 5 Due to the increase in traffic to and from the development on to Nidd Lane a passing place should be incorporated a 3rd of the way along the private road to the junction

Erection of Radome – RAF Menwith Hill Main Street Menwith Hill Camp Harrogate HG3 2RF 6.91.160.C.FUL 18/01401/FUL- **No Objections**

Demolition of car-port erection of single storey infill extension 6.91.42.B.FUL 18/02197/FUL Dale Cottage Wreaks Road Birstwith HG3 2NJ – **Observations** will do away with off street parking. Already severe congestion on Wreaks Road and adjacent to Primary School

TPO 44/2018 Pasture House Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2JG

Decision Notifications: Water Tower Back Road High Birstwith – Approved subject to conditions

Arundale Hirst Lane High Birstwith – Approved subject to conditions

Cragg Garth Hew Green High Birstwith – Approved subject to conditions

Dale Cottage Wreaks Road Birstwith – Approved subject to conditions

11 To approve accounts for payment:

It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that the following accounts be paid:

Jenni Worsnop	Expenses/Allowances Apr/May/June Salary Apr/May/June	chq no 1083 chq no "	161.37) 385.74)
44	Use of office space Q1	chq no "	52.00)
Birstwith Reading Room	Room Hire Apr/May/June	chq no 1084	51.00
Slam Proof Ltd	Gate Closer Kit	chq no 1085	108.78
British Gas	Electric a/c	DD	21.14
W L Benson	Grass verge cutting	chq no 1086	552.00
HMRC -	VAT refund £354.97		

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Date of next ordinary meeting Thursday 26th July 2018

Signed Dated