

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th October 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) J Elvidge R Houseman M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk) and District Cllr Tom Watson

1 **APOLOGIES:** County Cllr Michael Harrison

2 To receive parishioners' questions - None

3 **Declaration of interest:** M Worsnop re: 7 (d)

4 **Minutes** - It was proposed by J Elvidge and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27th September 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 reported that BHS had been successful in their bid to receive a defibrillator which will be placed outside Birstwith Shop/ Post Office. He also asked us whether Birstwith village had any concrete lamp posts and if so they will be replaced. HBC have now decided to collect trade waste for recycling.

7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

(a) Play Area: Play Area inspection still awaiting report

(b) Highway matters: Telephone box at Collin Bank repairs and painting – Awaiting estimates for replacing glass from Knaresborough Glass, Barry Busby and possibly Harrogate Window Repairs. Birstwith Parish Council name to be engraved on top panels. Painting in abeyance until repairs are carried out. Grit Bin for Birstwith Grange up to date prices to be obtained. Repairs on Station Road and Nidd Lane have now been completed. An area on Darley Road needs reporting the NY Highways - Melissa Burnham is now in charge of Area 6 Boroughbridge. It was reported that BT were installing optical fibre cables at midnight recently outside Belmont Grosvenor School causing concern to local residents. NY Highways knew nothing about it. Back of Broomfield the Highways Dept have a new machine which will pick up land drains from above ground. They have now pinpointed the areas which flood and will liaise with Yorkshire Water to try and solve the problem. Heavy and large vehicles are travelling along Nidd Lane trying to access the new building site and causing numerous problems – clearer signing is required on Clint Bank. **Grass Cutting:** William Benson will be cutting some grass verges around the village this coming week.

(c) Birstwith in Bloom – Darren Bush has assured the Chairman that BIB are covered for Public Liability through the BHS insurance but we are still awaiting written confirmation. Seats, benches, planters etc are not covered by BHS and if damaged or stolen would have to be replaced by them as it is nothing to do with the PC

(d) Clerk's Salary: Left in abeyance until next meeting when a final decision will be made

(e) Bus Service: The 24 service will be cut from 11 to 8 buses and we will be losing the hourly frequency that used to run for much of the day – to be replaced by 1.5 hours at best and 2 hours early morning and middle of the day. The PC had not been informed of this change.

(d) HBC – Electronic Consultation on Planning Applications - The Clerk has arranged to meet with David Clothier shortly to discuss the way forward

8 **Christmas Tree:** The lights will be turned on for Advent and it was decided to get quotes for trimming the roundabout bushes and to cut down saplings opposite the shop.

9 **Planning Application:**

Erection of single storey extension – 6.91.34.E.FUL 18/04032/FUL Mount Pleasant Farm Sleights Lane High Birstwith HG3 2LE

Planning Applications Approved subject to conditions – 6.91.136.T.REM 18/01080/REM
West House Farm Nidd Lane to West House Farm and Clint Cottage Birstwith
6.91.270/FUL 18/03147/FUL Stoneycroft 5 Birstwith Grange Birstwith
6.91.84.S.FUL 18/03587/FUL Well House Farm Cote Hill Road Felliscliffe
6.91.191.D.FUL 18/03590/FUL Gardeners Cottage Back Road High Birstwith
6.91.44.C.FUL 18/01566/FUL Pasture House Back Road High Birstwith

Planning Permission Refused – 6.91.50.1.FUL 18/02995/FUL Cragg Garth Hew Green
High Birstwith

6.91.103.A.OUT 18/03345/OUT Land comprising Field at Grid Ref: 424270 459949 Nidd
Lane Birstwith

6.91.246.C.TPO 18/03761/TPO 2 Station Plantation Birstwith

- 10 Accounts approved for payment by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge**
HBC Garage rent rear of Broomfield DD £ 60.00
Second instalment of precept received £4,500
Transfer of money from c/a to deposit £5,000
- 11** Precept for 2019/2020 - It was discussed and the overall opinion was to keep the
precept the same as last year but it will be discussed fully at the next meeting
- 12 Correspondence – HBC Sport and Leisure Study** – Parish Consultation handed to
Councillors

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of next meeting 22nd November 2018

Signed

Dated