

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting which took place on Thursday 22nd November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Present: E March (Chairman) R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop. District Cllr Tom Watson
J Worsnop (Clerk)

1 **APOLOGIES:** J Elvidge and County Cllr Michael Harrison

2 **To receive parishioners' questions:** None

3 **Declaration of interest:** M Worsnop re: Clerk's Salary

4 **Minutes** - It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th October 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** – Tom Watson reported a meeting had been held at HBC with Julia Mulligan Police & Crime Prevention Commissioner. She stated they presently had 1400 Police Constables, 200 Police Support Officers, Camera vans and a motor cyclist - they are operating from 448 sites. 95 Alive looks at speeding through villages and 101 calls are answered within 2 mins with a ring back time of 13 mins. The responsibility for governance and oversight of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Services has transferred to the elected North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Office run by Julia Mulligan. The Chairman asked Tom Watson to look into the new bus timetable which is causing numerous problems to commuters. The early bus often has 8 people standing when it picks up at Birstwith and by the time it gets to town there could be up to 20 people.

7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

Play Area: The official annual report mentioned slight problems with the roundabout and the Councillors agreed that possibly the base needed to be reset, the tower legs needed some attention and the base to the swings needed some protection as they were being damaged by the use of a strimmer. The Chairman to contact Jenny Love at the HBC regarding a contractor to undertake the work. It was approved that up to £500 should be allocated for this work proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop

Highways: Telephone box still awaiting quotes Grit Bin for Birstwith Grange the Chairman to meet NY Highways this coming Monday to discuss suitable position. Proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that we go ahead with the purchase of a bin and that the HBC will provide the grit. The state of the road at the pinch point on Wreaks Road to be discussed with NY Highways. The barriers near the new development need to be set back from the road or orange flashers attached. Some of the contractors vehicles are still using Nidd Lane even though it is signposted. The drainage problem at the sandbag garage/Mawsons house have been cleaned out and it has now been agreed this surface water will be connected to the mains sewer. 6 times in 18 months bursts have been reported in the Collin Bank area the pipes are very old and need replacing. Residents around the Collin Bank area are complaining of reduced pressure at certain times during the day and once the new housing developments are completed the problem will be drastically increased

Grass Cutting has been completed by Skeltons and Bensons

Birstwith in Bloom – The Chairman to speak once again regarding written confirmation of insurance from BHS which is needed for the Parish Council records

Clerk's Salary – Proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that the clerks allowances be increased by 3% backdated to April 2018 all in favour

HBC Electronic Consultation on Planning Applications: The Chairman, M Worsnop and the Clerk met David Clothier regarding this matter. He has outlined various options and we now await further information from HBC

- Christmas Tree Lights/trimming shrubs on roundabout** – Lights to be turned on for Birstwith School Christmas Fayre. It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that R Yates Wychwood Forestry's quote for £185 be accepted for removing 3 tree stumps and trimming shrubs
- 8 Planning Applications:**
Approved subject to conditions – Cragg Hall Farm High Birstwith
Refused – Holly Garth Swalewood Lane High Birstwith
Planning Enforcement – Land comprising field at grid ref: 424270 Nidd Lane Birstwith - reported 2 Nov possible breach of planning control at the above location
- 9 HBC** – Budget figures for the precept 2019/2020 proposed by C Packer seconded by R Houseman that they remain the same as the present financial year all were in favour
- 10 Accounts approved for payment proposed by R. Houseman seconded by C Packer**
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| Skeltons | Grass verge cutting | Chq 001091 | £108.00 |
| HBC | Annual rent for Notice Board | DD | £ 15.00 |
| HBC | Ann Play Area Safety check | Chq 001092 | £66.00 |
| British Gas | Electricity account | DD | £21.87 |
| SLCC | Ann Subscription | Chq 001093 | £63.00 |
- 11 Correspondence – YLCA** – Subscription fee for 2019/2020 will be increased by 3.4% as from March 2019
HBC – Garage at rear of 13 and 14 Broomfield will be increased from £60 to £75 per annum
Alzheimer's Research UK – New Harrogate and District funding group agreed to display poster in notice board and possibly church magazine

Date of next meeting: 24th January 2019
Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed

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