

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 28th February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room**

**Present:** E March (Chairman) J Elvidge R Houseman M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk) District Councillor Tom Watson + 1 visitor

**1 APOLOGIES:** C Packer

**2 Parishioners questions:** The developer of Clint Bank site attended the meeting stating 9 houses are now being proposed instead of 14. The outline application included four affordable houses but had been turned down by HBC saying they were too small. Under 10 houses does not have to include any affordables but the developer will have to pay a considerable amount into the Commuted Sums pot although it may not come back to Birstwith. Removal of tree bough at the back of Collin Bank TPO has elapsed and the landowner intends to apply again before further action can be taken.

**3 Declaration of interest:** None

**4 Minutes** - It was proposed by M Worsnop and seconded by E March and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24th January 2019 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 Tom Watson informed the Councillors that HBC would be increasing the Council Tax 2019/2020 by up to 2.99%. The Local Plan enquiry is now finished and the Inspector will deliver his report putting some sites in and taking some out. The Green Bin collection will start on 11<sup>th</sup> March

**7 UPDATES REGARDING:**

**Play Area:** Still awaiting a visit from Eibe re the climbing frame week this is still under warranty and a further quote is being sought for the roundabout resurfacing.

**Highway Matters: Telephone Box** – Estimates are being obtained to repair the telephone box door. It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge that a maximum amount of £500 be allocated for this work and the cheapest quote to be accepted. **Grit Bins** – N Yorkshire CC are to supply a smaller bin for Birstwith Grange and will replace the damaged one on Nidd Lane.

**Water problem on Wreaks Road** has now been dealt with but the blocked gully on **Lackon Bank** has not been cleared. The **Car Park** wall has now been repaired and the fallen tree on **Stocks Stile Lane** will be accessed by HBC this coming week. Stream behind **Collin Bank** Chairman to contact Mike Wickens Environmental Officer to give advice on the problem

**Birstwith in Bloom** – Written confirmation has now been received from BIB confirming they are covered for Public Liability Insurance for their planters etc and any other related activities carried out by the group. They state the bus shelter roof needs cleaning so it was suggested that the local window cleaner be asked. **Seat on Elton Bank** - info to be sought from manufacturers prior to work being carried.

**HBC Electronic Consultation on Planning Applications:** As from April this year no hard copies of planning applications will be forwarded to the Clerk all will be done electronically. The Councillors were concerned because having to view applications on a lap top did not seem satisfactory. Although the Chairman and Clerk had met several times with David Clothier from HBC regarding this matter our options were limited as the Reading Room had no access to the internet and would require a land line and broadband installing this would also apply if we moved our meeting to the Church Hall. Further investigations will take place to try and solve the problem

**Christmas Tree:** Trimming will take place at the appropriate time of the year

**Electricity Contract:** British Gas quote accepted on a fixed price 3 year contract – standing charge 30.100p/day – Unit charge 15.380p/kWh

- 8 Accounts approved for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop all in favour**  
**British Gas** Elec a/c DD £28.81
- 9 Security Incident Policy:** Approved proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop all were in favour
- 10 Co-option of a Parish Councillor:** It was proposed by M Worsnop seconded by J Elvidge that David Fisher be co-opted on to the Council all in favour
- 11 Planning Applications:**  
**Prior Notification for the demolition of 7 buildings** 6.91.160.C.PND 18/04851/PND  
 RAF Menwith Hill 528 Menwith Hill Road Harrogate HG3 2RF – **No observations**  
**Erection of veranda (revised scheme)** 6.91.78.D.FUL 19/00193/FUL 1 Woodside  
 Cottages Back Road High Birstwith Harrogate HG3 2JH – **No observations**  
**Variation of condition number 5 (windows) to allow the alteration of window material from timber to high quality, timber effect UPVC of Planning Permission 18/01566/FUL -**  
**Demolition of dwelling: Erection of dwelling** 6.91.,44.C.DVCON 19/00557/DVCON  
 Pasture House Back Road High Birstwith HG3 2JG – **No observations**  
**Reserved Matters application for the erection of 9 dwellings (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and scale considered) under Outline Planning Permission 17/04417/OUTMAJ**  
 6.91.266.A.REM 19/00339/REM land comprising Field at 424874 459814 Clint Bank Birstwith North Yorkshire **Observations 1 Open green space within this development needs written agreement (in perpetuity) to prevent misuse of land 2 The footpath from the entrance to this development should join up with the existing footpath on Station Road. This has been discussed at length with the Developer**
- Variation of Condition 4 (Affordable Housing) of Planning Permission 17/04417/OUTMAJ to allow for amendments to the wording of the condition** 6.91. 19/00340/DVCMAJ Land Comprising Field at 424874 459814 Clint Bank Birstwith – **No observations**  
**Application for approval of details required under Conditions 15 (drainage management) 17 (Highways details) and 22 (Landscaping) of Planning Permission 18/01528/FULMAJ -**  
**Erection of 33 dwellings with access and associated landscaping – West House Farm Nidd Lane to West House Farm and Clint Cottage Birstwith HG3 3AW – 6.91.136.U.DISCON 19/00634/DISCON – No observations**
- Planning Permissions approved subject to conditions:**  
**Reynard Crag Holiday Park Reynard Crag Lane High Birstwith**  
**West House Farm Nidd Lane to West House Farm Birstwith HG3 3AW**
- 12 Correspondence -**  
**HBC – Bulbs/wildflower scheme - accepted offer of bluebells**

Date of next meeting 28th March 2019

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed

Dated