

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

Present: E March (Chairman) J Elvidge D Fisher R Houseman C Packer M Worsnop
County Cllr Michael Harrison Dist Cllr Tom Watson J Worsnop (Clerk)

1 Apologies: None

The Chairman welcomed David Fisher our new Parish Councillor to the meeting

- 2 Parishioners' questions:** No parishioners attended the meeting but one P Councillor reported two residents had complained one about the Contractors at the West House Farm development where large Porta cabins, industrial equipment etc are being stored very close to their property boundary. The other complaint was regarding the water run off into the stream behind one of the bungalows in Birstwith Grange which appears to have increased since the West House development commenced although the run off into the road had decreased the developers have installed 3 large attenuation tanks which will hopefully solve the problem

- 3 Declaration of interest:** Maurice Worsnop declared an interest in the PA for The Old Byre and clerk's salary

- 4 To appoint auditor** It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that John Dennis should be our auditor and he was happy to accept. His fee will be £50

- 5 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 28th February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

- 6 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – County Cllr Harrison reported that the County Council have now proven a policy commencing from 1/4/19 to allow Parish Councils to buy their own Vehicle Activated Signs. The Highways Office have to agree on sitings – these will be movable signs so will allow them to be moved to different danger spots on a rotation basis they will be battery operated. It was felt that we should look into the purchase of a VAS but possibly wait until the housing development had been completed and then re-access the positioning. Cllr Harrison and the Chairman met on Wreaks Road to access the drainage problem and Cllr Harrison is following this through with NY Highways on our behalf. Kex Gill will be closed from 13th May for up to 5 days for resurfacing and drainage work. The quality of surface dressing on some roads/lanes were brought up particularly on Sleights Lane, Lackon Bank and Back Road again our County Councillor will look into the problem on our behalf along with a collapsed stone wall on Back Road. Drains are only cleaned out once a year should be done at least twice with a flexible approach to gully cleaning on country lanes etc

- 7 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Dist Cllr Tom Watson reported street cleaning takes place 3 times a year on roads with a 30/40mph speed limit. There are 389 Electric vehicles in the Harrogate Borough area and overall about 160,000 in use. Charging points - 61 public points in the Harrogate/Knaresborough area but more are needed in villages. This is a chargeable service. He reported the Inspector of the Local Plan had rejected quite a number of sites in our area saying that the allocation had been accessed far too high. Tom stated we needed more rented properties.

8 UPDATES REGARDING:

Play Area: The rep from EIBE attended and took photographs of the Climbing frame to show his engineers the problem awaiting a reply. It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that the quote of £850 + VAT from Park Lane Playgrounds for resurfacing the roundabout be accepted – all were in favour. The clerk/Chairman to look into possible funding from the Calor Rural Fund and report back.

- Highway matters: Telephone Box** - Still awaiting quotes for a new door. **Grit Bins** have still not been replaced with smaller ones. **Water problems** – Wreaks Road and Lackon Bank ongoing but have been reported to Highways. **Stocks Stile Lane** - Fallen tree is the Landowners responsibility even though it is on the grass verge
- Birstwith in Bloom – Elton Bank Seat** - No maintenance required on this seat leaflet forwarded to Darren Bush
- Safer Neighbourhood** - The Chairman attended a meeting run by the Head of NY Trading Standards Crime Prevention. It was stated only pay on credit cards not debit cards as a lot of fraud is taking place, beware of door step sellers, telephone calls telling you your phone will be cut off because you haven't paid your bill. Clerk to put a note in the Notice Boards in large print informing parishioners of these scams
- 9 **HBC Electronic Consultation on Planning Applications** - As from 1st April all planning applications have to be viewed via the web link on HBC's website and the plans will not be sent to the clerk. The PA's will be sent to each P Councillor when received by the clerk prior to their monthly meetings. As there is no Broadband connection either in the Reading Room or the Church Hall HBC are providing us with a projector to work with our laptop in order to view the main elements at our meetings and make appropriate observations
- 10 **YLCA** - National Salary scales 2019-2020 forwarded to next meeting
- 11 **School Clock** – Smiths of Derby 3rd of 3 yr contract for maintenance paid up front
- 12 **Insurance** - 3 Quotes has been received it was proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that the Inspire quote be accepted on a 3yr contract this year the premium being £547.63 + an admin charge of £50
- 13 **Accounts approved for payment** proposed by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge all in favour
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| British Gas | Electricity a/c | DD | 28.81 |
| Birstwith Reading Room | Room Hire Jan/Feb/Mar | Chq 001098 | 58.00 |
| J Worsnop | Salary Jan/Mar | Chq 001099) | 397.94 |
| J Worsnop | Expenses Jan/Feb/Mar | Chq 001099) | 56.23 |
| J Worsnop | Office Space | Chq 001099) | 52.00 |
| Backhouse Bros | Fixing metal brackets to seat | Chq 001100) | 66.24 |
| Backhouse Bros | Installing new wooden bollards | Chq 001100) | 197.10 |
| YLCA | Ann Subscription | Chq 001101 | 296.00 |
| T P Jones | Ann payroll preparation | Chq 001102 | 76.80 |
| Transfer from Deposit A/c | £1,500 | | |
- 14 **Summary of end of year accounts** copies given to parish councillors
- 15 **Planning Application:**
Felling of 2 Cypress and lateral reduction of 1 Beech tree within G16 of Tree Preservation Order 50/10001/TPORDR – 6.91.31.Q.TPO 19/00964/TPO Sun House New Road High Birstwith HG3 2JF – **No observations**
Conversion of garage annex to residential annex with associated alterations to fenestration and exterior finish – 6.91.188.K.FUL 19/01034/FUL The Old Byre Clapham Green Birstwith HG3 2JD – **Observations In the AONB, Over development of site and If granted restricted occupancy tied to house**
Planning Permission Refused – 1 Woodside Cottages Back Road High Birstwith Harrogate HG3 2JH
- 16 **Correspondence NYCC** – Lorry Watch Scheme - Councillors decided to take no action

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Date of next meeting Annual Assembly and Ordinary Meeting 25th April 2019

Signed

Dated

