

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 25th April 2019 at 7.45pm in the Reading Room**

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

- 1 **APOLOGIES:** District Cllr Tom Watson
- 2 **Declaration of interest:** M Worsnop on Clerk's Salary
- 3 **Parishioners Questions** None
- 4 **Minutes** - It was proposed by R Houseman and seconded by C Packer and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28th March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 5 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Michael Harrison reported on Highway matters the road close to the Pinch Point will be rectified in the next few weeks. The surface dressing concerns have been noted and the Council are aware of the failed sites – The contractors will make right at their own costs. The collapsed wall on New Road not felt to be a priority when funds are short. It is a danger to walkers so barriers will be put in place. Footpath on Church hill still not been reinstated Michael to follow up. He stated a more flexible approach should be adopted to gully cleaning and he is working on this for us. He stated the contract with Ringway is up for renewal re: gully cleaning etc and will be brought back in house. However larger projects may still go out to Ringway. Darley Road bus stop on left hand side going towards Darley no hard standing just a muddy grass verge which is slippery in wet weather. Suggests we get quotes for hard standing and he will fund from his budget.
- 6 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – No report in his absence
- 7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**
  - Play Area** - JE told us the play area still continues to be well used. Park Lane Playgrounds have now put a membrane under the matting around the roundabout prior to top soil and re seeding area. Climbing frame problem still to be resolved. It was suggested that Liz Elvidge should be asked to apply to the Wind Farm for a grant for the roundabout repairs.
  - Highway Matters** – Blocked gully Back Road has been reported other Highway matters see Michael Harrison's report
  - Birstwith in Bloom** – have re-entered the Yorkshire in Bloom competition again this year. Summer judging will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.
  - Grit Bins for Birstwith Grange and Nidd Lane** – Bins have not been replaced yet HBC awaiting for Autumn delivery
  - Telephone Box** – A new door has been made and fitted and the glass panels are also ready to be fitted. Painting the telephone box two quotes to be obtained from local decorators.
  - Village Bus Shelter near shop** - it has been used as a urinal – propose cleaning with disinfectant. If the problem persists further action will need to be taken.
  - HBC Electronic Consultation on PA** – A projector has been ordered through HBC with no cost to the Parish Council
- 8 **Grass Cutting** - Proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that W E Benson's quote of £440 + VAT be accepted for the 1<sup>st</sup> grass verge cut of the season
- 9 **YLCA – National Salary Scales 2019/2020** – Agreed to increase clerk's salary as per National Salary Award recommendations and look into the monthly hours worked by the clerk. Proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer

**10 Planning Application Appeal** -Appeal reference: APP/E2734/W/19/3220809 Holly Garth Swalewood Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JN  
**Planning Refusal :** 6.91.136.O.OUT 18/04859/OUT Land comprising Field at 424380 460176 Birstwith outline application for 5 dwellings with access considered.  
**Planning Enforcement initial investigations to take place:** 19/00191/PR15 Illumination to entrance and driveway of property Grade 11 Listed Building – Cathedral Camps Manor House Crow Hill Lane Birstwith HG3 2LG

**11 Accounts approved for payment** – Proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer  
**Came & Co** Insurance Chq 1103 £597.63  
**J Dennis** Audit 2018/2019 Chq 1104 50.00

**12 Correspondence:**  
**HBC** – Looking out for Neighbours campaign - COMES TO HARROGATE DISTRICT - passed around to Councillors  
**Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Fund** – In Notice Boards  
**HBC Ethical Standards training for all Parish Councillors** – Training sessions – passed around to Councillors  
**Dog Poo Bags** – email from parishioner regarding poo bags left on pavements - Occasional ones sited but did not seem to a problem at the moment ongoing monitoring  
**HBC Statutory Parliamentary Polling Station Review** – passed around to Councillors  
**HBC** – Drop in sessions Private Sector Housing – Info on dates etc to be put in Notice Board

**AGM Thursday 23rd May 2019**

**Meeting closed at 9.05pm**

**Signed..... Dated.....**