

Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 23rd May 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

Present: J Elvidge D Fisher R Houseman E March M Worsnop County Cllr Michael Harrison
Dist. Cllr Tom Watson & J Worsnop (Clerk) + 1 guest

NOTICE OF MEETING Public Notice of the AGM had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972

- 1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** – It was proposed by D Fisher seconded by M Worsnop and **RESOLVED** that E March be elected as Chairman all were in favour
- 2 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE** – E March duly accepted the position of Chairman and signed the declaration made before a Proper Officer of the Council of the Parish of Birstwith
- 3 **APOLOGIES:** C Packer **Declaration of Interests** M Worsnop re: clerk's hours of work and R Houseman Cragg Garth PA works for applicant's brother
- 4 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** – It was proposed by D Fisher and seconded by J Elvidge and **RESOLVED** that M Worsnop be elected as Vice Chairman all were in favour
- 5 **To receive Parishioners questions** – Requests from Birstwith in Bloom prior to judging taking place Clean bus stop roof outside Broomfield – D Fisher agreed to undertake this task. Telephone Box to be painted quotes being sought. Arrange for road to be swept from shop to the mill to remove loose chippings. Email from Linda Turvey re: funding for school extension. Michael Harrison has arranged a meeting for them to include himself and a representative for NYCC to meet the Governors. Bridget Cornock/Birstwith Tennis Club attended the meeting and apologised for not attending the Annual Assembly but informed us the club has had a new lease of life with around 70/80 members. They have a new coach for the children, and have enhanced the club working with BIB. The mill are allowing them to park on their land and classes may take place on Saturday evenings when the nights draw in using mobile lighting
- 6 **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 April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 7 **APPROVED CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT** – Proposed by R Housman seconded J Elvidge that the statement be accepted all were in favour and signed by Chairman and Clerk
- 8 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - Michael Harrison reported that the road surfaces including potholes which involve the UCI Cycle Race will be repaired. New Road wall – no funds for repairs in the foreseeable future. Highways do not consider it to be dangerous but would put up barriers if required these would be unsightly Not thought by the PC to be a good idea and as it had been reported to Highways any accidents would not be our responsibility. A59 now fully open a planning application will go in in October to move the road to the north of the valley
- 9 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Tom Watson reported that the Borough Council AGM took place last Monday. The new Mayor is Stuart Martin with his wife April and his Deputy is Cllr Zoe Metcalfe. He is looking into the Broomfield parking problem and will report back. The collection days for refuse may be changed from June/July but householders will be informed. He reported the Grange Medical Centre will close in 2020/2021 and this will cause considerable problems for a lot of people. Buses are running at capacity now so this is a major problem. Tom asked for these two items to be put on the agenda each month.
- 10 **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS** - The annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019 were approved proposed by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge all in favour

- 11 UPDATES REGARDING:**
- a) Play Area:** Roundabout now repaired, restraint on outer gate broken needs repairing JE to organise. The tower moving on foundations possibly the height is causing the problem. EIBA quotes £250 for new brackets which should solve the problem but check that they will fit free. Wear on shackles on the swings need replacing JE to organise.
- b) Highway matters: Bus stop Darley Road** The chairman to meet NY Engineer shortly regarding the hard standing at the bus stop
- c) Clerk's Hours:** It was proposed by R Houseman seconded by D Fisher that the clerk's hours should be increased from 12 hours to 15 hours per month as well as the National Salary Award back dated to April 2019.
- d) Telephone Kiosk:** The door has now been replaced and the new glass fitted. Clerk to get two quotes for painting
- e) Grass Cutting:** W E Benson has completed the first cut. Possibly a further cut over a much smaller area will be needed in July prior to BIB judging
- f) HBC Projector:** Has now been received so no more paper planning applications will be sent
- g) Dog Poo Bags:** The Parish Councillors share parishioners concern regarding poo bags being left on the edges of footpaths and the river side but as adequate bins are available do not see how they can monitor the situation any better
- 12 UCI 2019 Road World Championships -** Information handed to D Fisher to see if BIB are interested in organising any events
- 13 Accounts approved for payment** proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop all agreed
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| Park Lane Playgrounds | Roundabout resurfacing | chq 1105 | £1,020.00 |
| Vision ICT Ltd | Website hosting and support July 19 to June 20 | chq 1106 | 162.00 |
| British Gas | Electricity account | DD | 25.30 |
| Mark Hanslow | Making and fitting new telephone box door | chq 1107 | 336.00 |
| Precept received for 1 st half of year £4,500 | | VAT to reclaim £314.76 | |
- 14 Planning items:**
- Listed building application for replacement of rainwater goods and 1 window – 6.74.75.A.LB**
19/01749/LB Clint Cottage Birstwith HG3 3 AW – **No observations**
- Certificate of lawfulness to allow the existing occupation by persons who are not solely or mainly employed or last employed in the locality in agriculture 6.91.50.J.CLEUD 19/01682/CLEUD**
Cragg Garth Hew Green to Cragg Hall Farm High Birstwith HG3 2JL – **No observations**
- Tree Preservation Order – 6.91.136.V.TPO 19/01926/TPO –** Felling 1 White Willow tree and 1 Poplar tree within mixed woodland of Tree Preservation Order 50 10001 – West House Farm Birstwith HG3 3AW – **No observations**
- Tree Preservation Order – TPO 17/2019 Holly Garth Swalewood Lane High Birstwith HG3 2JN – Awaiting decision from HBC**
- Approved 19/00964/TPO –** Felling of trees at Sun House New Road Birstwith
- Progress Report on Planning Application 6.91.266.A.REM 19/00339/REM** reserved matters application for the erection of 9 dwellings (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale considered)
Outline Permission 17/04417/OUTMAJ – Land comprising field 424874 459814 Clint Bank Birstwith – Loss of affordable dwellings not dealt with now approved for 9 houses this will mean a large amount of money to go into pot but may not be allocated to Birstwith. Footpath from this development going to plan developer in negotiations with Northern Power. E March to meet with the developer to see if curbs could be lifted and the path made a little wider than 1.2 metres.
- 15 Correspondence: YLCA Branches:** Our council representative is D Fisher and he will represent the Council as a voting representative

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Date of next ordinary meeting Thursday 27th June 2019

Signed

Dated