

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 25th July 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

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

1 APOLOGIES: County Cllr M Harrison

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - None

3 PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS - A parishioner questioned allocation of monies from Commuted Sums/CIL. He wanted to know why the PC had not conveyed information to the village on how to apply for this funding. This is monies that developers have to pay to HBC when embarking on major housing developments. Commuted sums is still in operation although CIL will take its place but as yet no date has been fixed for further information contact Sean Wright at HBC

Cllr Fisher raised the following questions from parishioners/

BIB. 1. The spare piece of land behind Collin Bank what is going to happen to it? Lengthy discussions have taken place over the years but no outcome has been reached. Tom Watson is looking in to the matter on our behalf. 2. Complaint boundary signs cannot be read due to overgrowth. Verge to be monitored by PC 3. Playground path from road to play area - suggest this area be resurfaced to stop weeds growing - PC to look into problem.

Email read out from Linda Turvey Birstwith C of E School Governors to update the PC about what has been happening in school over the last term. County Cllr Harrison and a member of the Strategic Planning Service went into school and they explained how the County proposes to deal with any influx of children into the village from the new houses. Apparently planning gain from all developments and they decide how and where to apply funds. However as some local schools have places available it is unlikely that funds will be allocated to Birstwith School. Cllr Harrison has made money available for a study to see if the existing accommodation can be used more effectively. The County is promoting the Healthy Schools initiative which hopes to encourage walking to school which could reduce traffic at certain times of the day. They are also looking at alternatives to reduce congestion at their events. The PC stated that a majority of pupils do not live in Birstwith so are not sure how the Healthy Schools initiative would ease the problem.

4 MINUTES - It was proposed by D Fisher and seconded by R Houseman and resolved that the minutes of the last meeting held on 27th June 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 reported that 161 affordable homes had been built in 2017/18 and 250 in 2018/19. HBC covers an area of 505 sq miles. Recycling and black bin collections had caused a lot of stress over the last month but hopefully the problem has now been resolved. He urged residents to contact him if they are still having problems and stated that recycling is a much cheaper alternative to the black bin collection. Harrogate & District Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation 26th July - 6th September see notice board. Camera network there are 42 Cameras in Harrogate Town Centre, some in Starbeck, Knaresborough, Ripon also in some parks and council buildings and these are proving very useful for detection purposes. The closure of the Dacre Doctors Surgery is still causing concern to residents all across the Dale. The Strategic Partnership, Safer Neighbourhood and Pateley Council are working hard to try and find a solution to the problem. It is understood that the Surgery site has a Covenant placed on it. The reduction of bus services up and down the Dale is also a major problem.

7 Updates regarding:

The Play Area - The restraint on the outer gate is in the process of being fixed, the new brackets for the climbing frame have been ordered and paid for and should be here shortly. Shackles on swings OK.

Highway Matters: The Chairman stated Wreaks Road had been swept twice in two weeks and weeds

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sprayed prior to BIB judging. After numerous failed attempts for the Water Board to resurface the road outside Broomfield the date of 20th August has now been given. Bus Stop on Darley Road one quote has been received from Dalebuild for £500 + VAT we are still awaiting a quote from Hesseldens. Cllr Harrison has agreed to pay for this work from his contingency fund. Proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer that this work should go ahead after discussion with Cllr Harrison.

Birstwith in Bloom – No result from judging as yet but favourable comments had been received from the judges.

Telephone Kiosk – The outside of the kiosk has now been painted but Nigel is to be asked to paint the inside on a proposal by R Houseman seconded by J Elvidge so long as the quote is no more than the exterior

Grass Cutting: M Worsnop to arrange with Will Benson to cut the grass verges mid August – all agreed

Data Protection: Policies updated and put on internet

- 8 **School Clock** – Call out charge and assessment £400 + £80 VAT Clock needs a new Permanent Inverter/charger unit, allowing additional time to ensure the clock is running correctly and to make any minor adjustments if required - £1,270 + VAT proposed by R Houseman seconded by M Worsnop that the work be carried out after enquiries have been made to Knabs Ridge re possible grant

9 **Planning Application -**

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling 6.1.241.B.FUL 19/02546/FUL Marton House Emmet Lane High Birstwith HG32JJ – **no observations**

Erection of 3 radomes and support building 6.500.78.D.FUL 19/02389/FUL RAF Menwith Hill Main Street Menwith Hill Camp HG3 2RF – **no observations**

Erection of stables 6.91.162.D..FUL Site of Wayside House Farm Back Road High Birstwith - **No observations**

Demolition of stable and erection of garden room 6.91.121.A.FUL 19/01648/FUL Smithy Farm Clapham Green Birstwith HG3 2JD -**No observations**

Outline application for the erection of 3 dwellings with access considered (revised Scheme) 6.91.136.V.OUT 19/02856/OUT Land comprising field at 424380 460176 Birstwith – **Observations as follows: 1 Nidd Lane is single track and unclassified 2 There is already access in to the agricultural field so there is no reason to change it 3 Would ask for this application to go to Committee in view of the previous application being refused**

Planning Application Approved subject to conditions – Orchard Cottage Back Road High Birstwith **Decision Notification:** 19/00634/DISCON West House Farm Nidd Lane to West House Farm and Clint cottage Birstwith Confirmation of discharge on conditions

Alleged Breach of Planning: Manor House Crow Hill Lane High Birstwith – Outcome as follows: Reviewed lighting that had been installed – no breach of planning – lighting not deemed to be development – lighting does not require listed building consent- case closed

Certificate of Lawfulness Cragg Garth Hew Green - granted a lawful certificate in relation to the existing use of dwelling by persons not solely or mainly employed in agriculture

Certificate of Lawfulness Holly Garth Barn Swalewood Lane for retention of converted barn and adjoining land as dwellinghouse and garden with hardstanding, stable and store - **Approved**

- 10 **To approve the following accounts for payment proposed by R Houseman seconded by C Packer**

Nigel Martin Painting telephone kiosk chq 1114 £220

Smith of Derby School Clock fault and assessment chq 1115 £480

- 11 **Correspondence: Knabs Ridge Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** - All bids to this years funding were approved and micro-grants up to £500 remain open all year round – info was recently displayed in the Notice Board

Engagemen of future community mental health services for adults and older people in Harrogate and rural areas- asking for public views on the subject via the website

Bike Park - Regret no land available at present refer enquirer to Sustrans website

Date of next meeting 27th September 2019 Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed

Dated

