

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th October 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room**

**Present:** E March (Chairman) J Elvidge M Worsnop J Worsnop (Clerk) County Cllr Michael Harrison and District Cllr Tom Watson

1 **APOLOGIES:** D Fisher R Houseman C Packer

2 **To receive parishioners' questions** - None

3 **Declaration of interest:** None

4 **Minutes** - It was proposed by M Worsnop and seconded by J Elvidge and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

5 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Reported that the Planning Application for the new road at Kex Gill will be submitted to HBC shortly. The work will commence in the Spring of 2020 but if there is to be a public enquiry that could delay the start for 6 months. The CC have been given Government funding for Social Care and Children with Special Needs but only for one year. Maximum Council Tax allowed will be levied for the next financial year.

6 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Dist Cllr Tom Watson reported that Ben Grabham the Recycling Officer is looking into the possibility of smaller vehicles being used in certain areas where the large vehicles cannot get access due to narrow or twisted roads. Reduction in bus services in many areas is again causing concern and a sub committee is being set up and it is hoped that PC's will be consulted. The UCI cycle race caused severe problems with buses not turning up as scheduled and an in depth investigation is to take place. Tom added any discussions/comments would only be recommendations. There had been a good response to the questionnaire sent out regarding the closure of the Grange Medical Centre. A poster to get Harrogate to go Digital will be placed in the NB

7 **UPDATES REGARDING:**

**Play Area:** It has been discussed with the joiner and the hinge on the outer gate will be turned the other way. Path from road to playground it was suggested a membrane be laid and then resurfaced again with finer chippings to prevent weeds growing. Estimates to be obtained

**Highway matters:** The hardstanding for the bus stop on Darley Road is causing the contractor a few problems with NYCC they say he needs a permit to dig (a licence 184) before work can commence with an additional cost of £155. This had not been previously stated and County Cllr Harrison is going to look into this matter for us. Complaints had been received from residents in Nidd Rise regarding pavements covered in moss which are very slippery to walk on it was suggested that Cllr Watson has a word with the street cleansing department. Pot holes and overgrown shrubs in High Birstwith, Darley Road and Hirst Lane were discussed Cllr Harrison will again look into this on our behalf as the PC are getting no where with NY Highways.

**Birstwith in Bloom:** Re: request to put wooden posts in the grass verge near the curb at the bottom of Lackon Bank/outside Greenwood House because large vehicles and tractors are driving/parking on the grass verges leaving deep ruts. PC to work with Cllr Harrison and NY Highways (Sara Bailey). The grass cutting around the Jubilee trees will be included in our next years grass cutting review. John Elvidge kindly offered to cut around the boundary signs on Hampsthwaite Lane and Darley Road but requires assistance.

**Telephone Kiosk** – The Chairman had spoken to Knaresborough Glass and they assured him that the inside glass had been fitted with decorators cork. He will have another word with Nigel Martin to see if he is willing to decorate the inside

**Land behind Collin Bank** – Further consultation is ongoing

- YLCA meeting:** -Attended by our representative David Fisher. It was well attended, primarily because HBC were meant to be there to discuss Planning issues and CIL – they didn't turn up. However a special meeting has been arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> November and HBC have promised to turn up. Vehicle Activated signs and Speed Indicator Display signs were discussed and if we had General Powers of Competence we could then purchase signs with no constraints other than budget and Highways approval. Two thirds of the Councillors are elected but the clerk does not have GPC this would entail 30+ assignments and the time and money involved the Councillors agreed it was a no starter as Clerks may not be in the post long enough to benefit the PC
- 8 Christmas Tree Lights** – David Fisher with the help of D Holmes's cherry picker will put the lights on the tree outside the shop by the beginning of November
- 9 AONB** – Damage to stones on sign at Elton Top the AONB maintenance department will repair the damage
- 10 Planning Application:** Alterations to field access point, erection of 1.2m high timber gate, formation of sheep pen/trailer parking hardstanding 6.91.90.D.FUL 19/04282/FUL Prospect Coach House High Lane Birstwith – **No observations**  
**Planning Application Appeal:** Land comprising Field at 424380 460176 Birstwith North Yorkshire Outline application for the erection of up to 3 dwellings with access considered (revised scheme) for David Holmes and update
- 11 Public Footpath Diversion Order, NYCC, Highways Act 1980 Section 119 Footpath No 15.11/31 Haystacks (Nidd House Farm) Nidd Lane Birstwith Diversion order 2019 -** Info can be downloaded from website: [www.northyorks.gov.uk/pathnotices](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/pathnotices) info in NB's
- 12 Accounts Approved for payment** proposed by M Worsnop seconded by J Elvidge
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| <b>HBC</b>         | Garage rent rear of Broomfield                        | DD      | £ 60.00 |
| <b>British Gas</b> | Electricity a/c                                       | DD      | £ 8.52  |
| <b>W E Benson</b>  | Cutting verge sides                                   | chq 122 | £528.00 |
| <b>HBC</b>         | Ann playground inspection                             | chq 123 | £ 66.00 |
|                    | <b>Second instalment of precept received</b>          |         | £4,500  |
| <b>NYCC</b>        | Payment towards hard standing bus stop<br>Darley Road |         | £ 500   |
|                    | Transfer of money from c/a to deposit                 |         | £6,000  |
- 13 Precept 2020/2021** to be discussed at next meeting
- 14 Knabs Ridge Wind Farm** – The fund can support many different projects but for a parish council it must be work which is outside the usual statutory remit of the parish council. Clerk asked to enquire whether a footpath from the church up to Grosvenor House School on Lackon Bank would be considered
- 15 YLCA** – Offering an Internal Audit Service but it was agreed to stay with our current internal auditor  
**NYCC** - 'Speak up on Countryside Access' inform in NBs  
**Nidderdale Plus** – are seeking a Community Hub Manager info in NB  
**NYCC** – Give your views on County Council services go to Your Say consultation online at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/yourservicesyoursay](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/yourservicesyoursay) by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
**Election to serve as representative of Parish Council's on Nidderdale AONB's Joint Advisory Committee** – PC completed election card suggesting the post be offered to Chris Hawkesworth and Sue Welch

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of next meeting 28th November 2019

Signed

Dated