

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Craig. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town, Cllr J Dack, the Clerk, County Cllr G Dadd, District Cllr B Baker and 8 members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 27th April, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Dogs running loose - Cllr Bell said that he had not seen the dogs from the stables recently. Cllr Town said she had seen a few other dogs in the village without leads on and Cllr Bell said he had seen one. It was said that there are notices up about dog fouling.

3.2 Grass Cutting issue – The grass cutter had spoken to Cllr Bell on a few occasions following the letter sent to him from Borrowby Parish Council about the dispute with Mr Harrison and suggesting sending an apology. He gave his version of events saying that Mr Harrison had approached him and was unreasonable. The Clerk is to send another letter to Mr Walker acknowledging the situation and thanking him for clarifying the matter and saying that the original letter was sent in response to the complaint by Mr Harrison and the information supplied at the time. Cllr Bell also suggested meeting up with Mr Walker prior to the start of the season so that the areas of grass to be cut can be pointed out more clearly.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman said that last year problems had arisen with damage to the corners of the Green near the Methodist Church and since then markers had been put in place which appears to have solved the problem. He said that the green bin charging service had 30% take-up. District Cllr Baker said this was now 50%. He said there had been the problem of the 6 foot high fence at the Woundales which was eventually given an enforcement order and most of the hedging and fencing has now been removed.

He said there is not much financial help now from Highways for grass cutting in the village and it was funded by the Parish Council.

He said a lot of problems had arisen with the Charity field – he said there had been a lot of hassle for the trustees for the low income the field generates. He said if the trustees couldn't iron out the problems, which have been brought to our attention, they may want the Parish Council to look at it.

He said the re-surfacing of the A19 near Borrowby has brought about a satisfactory outcome.

He mentioned the possibility of planting crocus bulbs in the village and the Clerk was looking into Tesco bags for funding. However, the Chairman has been advised that the crocuses are likely to be eaten by rabbits. More daffodils may be put in instead.

He said plans for seven houses at the top of the village had been submitted. There have been a lot of objections from residents – the plans are due to be heard at a planning committee. District Cllr Baker said it could go to the June Committee Meeting.

5. Election of Chairman

Cllr F Wachsberger was voted Chairman again, proposed by Cllr D Bell and seconded by Cllr E Town.

6. Election of Vice Chairman and other Officers

Cllr D Craig was voted Vice Chairman again, proposed by Cllr F Wachsberger and seconded by Cllr J Dack.

7. Update from County and District Councillors if present

District Cllr Bob Baker He explained that charities can also subscribe to the green bin service. Cllr Bell said a resident was trying to buy green bags but was unable to do so – Cllr Baker said he would check this. He said they had had the AGM and the Chairman is Cllr Hugill and the Vice Chairman is Cllr D Blades. Cllr Bell asked about the slip road to be built re the new housing development in Thirsk. Cllr Baker said they won't start on it yet as the A1 upgrade has been delayed. A resident said his son had cut the hedge at the junction at the bottom of Park Lane for years but asked if the Council had a responsibility in doing it. Cllr Dadd said that each village had specific visibility splays that they were responsible for – to be checked. Cllr Town mentioned the notices put on some green bins stating 'It's 30 mph for a reason'. It was said that a cinema is to be incorporated into the building plans at the former prison site – a resident said the Forum is already showing films.

County Cllr Gareth Dadd - He said there was the problem of adult social care and how it was funded. He said the Council had reserves and better financial resilience than a lot of Counties. He said the transfer to a community-led library in Thirsk had gone smoothly and they had received a one-off grant from the Council and will have rate relief. He said the AGM had taken place and there was a new Chairman. He said they were waiting for the outcome of the general election for progression in devolution. A resident asked if the fencing is going to be repaired near the beck at the Woundales. Highways have said they will not repair it, but Cllr Dadd said he would arrange for Cllr Bell to meet up with a Highways Officer about the problem.

8. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

8.1 Cllr Bell spoke about the grass cutting issue (see 3.2) and his conversations with Mr Walker. Mr Walker thought the bottom metre of the grass at this section was owned by the County Council. The Clerk is to contact the County Council to check.

Cllr Town said that a field at the bottom of the village near Bob Lane was being fenced off but there was no structure in it.

The Chairman and Cllr Dack had nothing further to add.

9. Correspondence

9.1 SLCC. Seminar of compliancy 19th July.

9.2 Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting Thursday 18th May. Agenda includes local plan, re-cycling contamination, NYCC online reporting and former prison site.

North Yorkshire Permit Scheme (NYoPS). New scheme being introduced to assist with the management of street and road work activities on the public highway in North Yorkshire.

9.3 North Yorkshire Open Studios – events in June.

9.4 Police & Crime Commissioner newsletter.

9.5 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

9.6 Ryedale District Council. Notice of Election for the Thirsk & Malton constituency & Statement of persons nominated.

9.7 HDC Waste & Street Scene. Letter stating that Parish Councils and charitable bodies can apply for the £35.00 green bin scheme.

9.8 Broxap. Litter and re-cycling bins catalogue.

9.9 NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby CCG. Notice of next Government Meeting on 25th May and AGM on 27th June.

10. Planning

- Application for single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling at Primrose Cottage for Mr and Mrs Chandler (17/00760/FUL). Replied with no objections.
- Withdrawal of application for alterations to domestic garage to form one bedroom detached dwelling with dormer windows, velux roof light and associated parking arrangements at Borrowby Farm for Mr Simon Walker (17/00264/FUL).
- Permission granted for single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling at Portlands for Mr and Mrs Goodswen (17/00601/FUL).

11. Financial Report

11.1 Approve Annual Accounts

The Annual Accounts were agreed and signed. The Clerk said that although the balance was up £530 on last year, it included a £773 VAT rebate which was for 3 years, otherwise it would have been approx. £243 less. The precept remained at £3000. The Clerk said the grass cutting was £1300 for 2016 – 2017 tax year, compared to £1130 in 2015 – 2016.

11.2 Approve Annual Return

Approve Part 1 - The Annual Return was agreed and signed
Approve Part 2 - The Annual Return was agreed and signed.

11.3 Approve Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment was agreed and signed.

11.4 Approved Fixed Assets Register

The Fixed Assets register was agreed and signed.

Cheque written out:

CE & CM Walker Grass cutting 27/3/17 & 12/4/17 Green & 12/4/17 Verges £186.00

12. Any Other Business

12.1 Cllr Bell said the wall opposite the village hall had been damaged again.

13. Open Forum

13.1 The problem of cars parked along Oaktree Bank was raised. It was said that cars were parked there, not just during school start/finish hours but all day and evenings too and cars trying to pass have limited visibility and have to cross double white lines. It was queried if cars using the care home were parking there. A resident suggested parking at the HRAP field and walking down and putting yellow lines near the school. The problem is to be brought to the attention of Knayton Parish Council.

14. Date of next Meeting

The next Meeting will take place on Thursday 29th June at 8.00 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the Meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.