

Minutes from the Open Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 27th April 2017
in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from District Cllr B Baker. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Craig), Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town, Cllr J Dack, the Clerk and 19 members of the public.

2. Minutes from the Previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th April 2016

The minutes from the Open Parish Meeting held on Thursday 14th April 2016, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Sign for village hall – Cllr Town said that she had raised this at the Village Hall Meeting.

4. Village Activities:

Village Hall

Cllr Town, Village Hall Representative for the Parish Council, gave an update about the village hall: The hall continues to be well used with users including book exchange, yoga, bee keepers, kid's club, youth club, tot's group, Thirsk (Community Care) lunch club, community choir and meeting venue for the Parish Council and Show Committee. Other events held at the village hall include the Christian Aid coffee morning, Carl Banks workshop, bingo nights and band nights. Ruth Mitchell Photography rents a room for the business.

Cllr Town said a hedge had been removed near the hall and that there had been some subsidence. She said Simon Walker has chaired the committee for the last five years and is standing down and Mr Delamore has retired from the committee. She said they are looking for a new Chairman and asking for more people to join the committee.

Footpaths

An update was forwarded to the Parish Council by Mr John Haigh, footpath walker for Borrowby:

The weather as we head towards the end of winter is improving greatly with some warm days with winds ideal for drying out the very wet and muddy gateways but the footpaths are not as bad as last year. The winter months of 2016 had much more rainfall, resulting in lots of free-standing water.

Parishioners may or may not be aware of the recently completed consultation process carried out by north Yorkshire County Council on public-rights-of-way; this ran from 31/1/2017 to 17/3/2017, the details of this can be seen on www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/33471/Public-rights-of-way-consultation. The data acquired on footpaths will be categorised and scored to give a high or low priority status to finally show their community value. The survey results are due in the winter of 2017/18.

I would like to request walkers in the coming months to report any footpath problems to their next available Parish Council Meeting.

HRAP

The Chairman of the Hillside Rural Activities Park (HRAP) thanked the Parish Council for their donation of £100.00 towards maintenance and said Knayton Parish Council had donated the same amount. He said that the HRAP is a registered charity run by volunteers. The committee has representatives from Borrowby Show (Shirley Dredge), Knayton Football Club (Stephen Hogg),

Leake Tennis Club (Nigel Laws), Leake Cricket Club (Penny Bell). The Chairman is Mark Jarvis, the secretary is Janet Peckitt, the Treasurer is Mr Richard Morrice and Julie Thorpe is a co-opted member. He said the scout hut was run separately. He said other users of the park included Bluestar Football Club, Allerton Junior Athletics Club and Chamelecon (Fitness Centre). He said the cost to run the park each year was about £20,000.00. He said that the play area had been refurbished and cost £4,440 and other projects include installing changing rooms, a referee's room and shower, installation of new signage for the play area (Health & Safety) and for the park in general and the completion of fencing around the play area. Other costs include fire extinguishers and insurance. He said income had been generated from horse events and pony club (£300), Sports Horse (£1350), Willowman Festival (£5,000), Borrowby Show (£1000), Hillside Alive event (£1150) and dog agility classes (£2500). Other income sources include rent from the sports club, advertising revenue and donations. He said the bonfire night event brought in some money. The Chairman asked if the RAP receives grants and he said that they do get some. He said the RAP had financially £15,000 in hand (includes debtors).

Oil Syndicate

The Osmotherley Oil Group continues to thrive and provide discounted heating oil for its members.

Borrowby village now has 55 oil club members with a further 23 in Knayton.

As well as the surrounding Hillside Villages we have taken Thornton le moor & Le Beans under our wing, making a local buying group of almost 170 customers, up from 110 this time last year.

When combined with the Osmotherley and Ingleby Arncliffe sections we make up a substantial buying group.

Orders are placed every two months, Borrowby village buying 93,000 litres through the scheme.

The group placed 270 individual orders, total 220,510 litres during 2016 (163,350 the previous year). Every order goes out to competitive tender, although oil NRG won all of the six tenders this year. While oil prices follow the market we consistently achieve 3 - 5 pence/ litre under the "going rate." New members are welcome - there are no membership fees whatsoever and the entire Co-operative is run by unpaid volunteers. To join simply e mail for a membership application and further details to: borrowbyknaytonoil@gmail.com

Mike Brown, Volunteer Co-ordinator for Borrowby, Knayton & Hillside villages.

Charity Field

The Chairman of the Charity Field, Mr Gordon Weir, said the field had been rented out to the same tenant as last year who keeps a few horses and sheep on the field. He said they had had a few problems but the trustees had written to the tenant and they have been trying to improve the conditions in the field. The Parish Council Chairman asked if the Charity Field was an economic proposition. Mr Weir answered barely but a donation had helped and regular rent from was needed. Any profits were originally given to the widows and widowers of the village but now it can be given to the youth of the village for educational purposes. Cllr Wachsberger said that the charity was formed before social services were set up and queried whether it was worth sustaining. Mr Weir said that in the entire history of the charity field these past four years have been the first time any real problems have been encountered and the trustees feel it is worthwhile.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Date of next Meeting

Date to be confirmed, but will be in April 2018.