

MINUTES FROM THE BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
27TH APRIL AT 8.05 PM IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from District Cllr 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 18 members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the March Parish Council Meeting, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed after a few small amendments: (3.1 to read 'and they had not been put back' and 3.2 'The Chairman' said).

3. Matters arising

3.1 Hedge growing into the road near 'The Mill' – Highways had replied to reported overgrown hedge about it being the responsibility of the landowner (see 6.5). There is a discrepancy as to whom the hedge belongs – the owner of the land responded said the Council owned the hedge and showed them plans. Cllr Bell reported that the hedge has now been cut.

3.2 Broken fencing, Woundales – Reply received from Highways (see 6.12). The Chairman said that accident prevention should be the concern here.

3.2 It was reported that the tree at 'Ashford Cottage' has now been taken down.

3.4 Dogs running loose with the horse rider - a letter had been sent to the resident by BPC about the problem but the activity continued so HDC were informed. Sue Seddon from HDC had called on the resident and said that it is an offence if dog waste was not picked up; the resident was understanding about the issue and said she will only exercise the dogs outside the village limits and monitor closely if within the village and pick up after them. The Chairman said the dogs running loose could be a danger to vehicles. HDC had said any dogs running loose would be a matter for the police if the situation regarded dangerous.

3.5 The Chairman mentioned the compost bins that can be purchased from HDC.

4. Update from County and District Councillors if present

None were present.

5. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

The Chairman said that there had been a lovely display of tractors in the village and money had been raised for James Cook hospital. The Chairman said it also brings in revenue for the pub. He said one resident had approached him objecting to the event.

Cllr Craig, Cllr Bell, Cllr Town and Cllr Dack had nothing further to raise.

6. Correspondence

6.1 HDC Electoral Services. Notice of NYCC Election to display. (Thursday 4th May).

6.2 Glasdon street furniture catalogue.

6.3 HDC 'Update' magazine, information on green waste bin changes, compost bins.

6.4 NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG. A new service called 'Fast Track' will be launched in April in partnership with Herriot Hospice Homecare, St Teresa's Hospice, Terminal illness charity, Marie Curie and South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. There will be a single point of access to a range of local services for people living with a terminal illness and agencies will be paid to provide care at home.

- Notice of Joint Commissioning of Primary Care Committee Meeting on 11th April.
- Notice of two events about the proposals to improve mental health services: 10th May Northallerton, 11th May Richmond.

6.5 Highways – The hedge needing trimming near the Mill, reported by Borrowby Parish Council, has been inspected and the owners contacted as it is their responsibility.

6.6 Wickstead playground leaflet.

6.7 Highways – Information about road closures between 26th April and 31st March.

6.8 HDC Amanda Madden. Notice of Hambleton Small Builders and Self-build Conference on 24th April in Easingwold.

6.9 HDC Electoral Services. Uncontested County Councillor election for the ward so Gareth Dadd remains the County Councillor.

6.10 HAGS playground furniture.

6.11 Hambleton Area Committee. Nominations invited from Parish Councillors interested on serving on the Hambleton Area Committee.

6.12 Highways. Further to the photos and request from the Parish Council that the broken fencing be repaired near the beck at the Woundales, Highways said the issue has been assessed against current criteria and does not meet these; replacement of fencing and barriers is allocated where accidents have been recorded.

6.13 North Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner newsletter.

6.14 D Harrison, Hillside Cottage. Complaint raised with the Parish Council about the grass cutters in which they had cut an area of grass outside his house with wildflowers and their dispute. It had previously been agreed that Mr Harrison would look after this area.

7. Planning applications

7.1 Application for the development of five residential dwellings (use class c3), associated access, car parking and landscaping on land east of Bedlam Hill, Borrowby, for Mr Nigel Speight (17/00495/FUL).

Borrowby Parish Council met to discuss the application as the timeframe was between meetings and forwarded the following concerns to HDC:

- Concern about the development causing an increase in traffic along this narrow road and through the village.
- There is concern that building the five houses could possibly open the way to further development. The Parish Council feel that there should be a limit on development as Borrowby is a 'linear' village.
- There have been some comments that none of the planned housing is the 'affordable' type, although we have been informed regulations have been complied with.

Conditions/comments Borrowby Parish Council which should be included, should the plans be approved:

- Looking at the plans, there is a joint access and an area in front of the houses marked out where cars can be parked, but the Parish Council suggest earmarking a section of this area/adding in an area within the development such that collection vehicles can collect either from the entrance to or from within the site.
- All construction vehicles should be parked on site and not on the road.
- 'The existing established hedge must be retained and maintained to the same height as it is at present'. Ownership of the hedge is important as is the responsibility of its maintenance.

The Parish Council had contacted HDC as no green notice had been put up about the application. This notice was put up later. HDC said each method of consultation has its own 21 day consultation period. Therefore the site notice states that comments are guaranteed to be accepted 21 days after the date it was displayed and continue to accept comments up until a decision is made on an application.

Residents at the meeting raised many concerns and object to the planning application and have put forward their objections online. District Cllr Bob Baker had informed the Clerk that the application will be heard at a Committee Meeting at which representatives can speak. The Chairman said Mr Speight had attended a Parish Council Meeting in October and spoke about his plans to build the five houses which he was going to submit – he had asked a Parish Councillor if he could give a quick talk shortly before the meeting. Cllr Bell said it had been known by many for the last 20/ 30 years that this area was likely to be built upon and that the plans for the 5 houses was a much preferred option that a larger number. Residents said they feared it could set a precedent for further building behind. The Parish Council said that they had put in their concerns that buildings should not spread behind as the character of Borrowby as a linear village should be maintained. The Chairman said that the rules had changed regarding affordable housing and it did not have to be included for 5 houses or less.

7.2 Application for an orangery at rear of Pentlands, Mr & Mrs Goodswen (17/00661/FUL). Borrowby Parish Council has no objections to the application but feel that the colour of the rendering should be discussed with the neighbours.

7.3 Application for alterations to domestic garage to form a one bedroomed detached dwelling with dormer windows, velux roof light and associated parking arrangements at Borrowby Farm for Mr Simon Walker (17/00264/FUL).

Borrowby Parish Council objects for the following reasons:

Object to a separate dwelling being planned – there are already parking problems at this location and the loss of a garage and another dwelling would increase parking problems and cars may end up on the main road. The plans may affect access at The Byre. It is understood this is a listed building. If the development was permitted, the upstairs windows should face south, not north which have been are drawn in the plans. North facing upstairs windows would overlook the neighbouring property, The Byre. If the upstairs windows were put on the south elevation instead of north, it would place an altered roofline well behind Borrowby Farm house and look onto the garden and be a better option.

7.4 Permission granted for variation of condition 2 attached to listed building consent (16/02274/LBC) for the installation of a gas tank in the front garden and removal of existing tank in rear garden, re- building the wall to improve parking to the property at West End Farm for Mr Critchlow (17/00088/MRC).

8. Finance

Cheques written out:

Borrowby Village Hall (Hire of hall for meetings Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, March) £40.00
The Clerk has organised for the internal audit to be carried out In May.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 A letter was received from Mr & Mrs Harrison regarding a dispute between them and the grass cutters (see 6.14). The Chairman said the behaviour reported was not acceptable and asked the Clerk to write to the grass cutters suggesting they send an apology and also to ask not to cut the grass as low on the banking areas – Cllr Bell suggested using a strimmer instead.

10. Open Forum

Nothing further was raised.

11. Date of next meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and said the next Meeting, which is the AGM, will take place on Thursday 25th May. The meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.