

## **BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2004 Commencing at 8.00 pm**

**Present**      Cllrs D Bell   R Royall      I Hepburn      Mrs A Johnson

There was a gallery of 22 persons

The Chairman welcomed the new Parish Councillor Mrs Christine Thornton following the recent election held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2004.

#### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June were taken as read and signed by the Chairman

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 22.07.04 HDC – Wheatsheaf Inn, Borrowby, planning application
- 24.07.04 HDC – Mr J Clark, Woundales, Knayton, planning appeal
- 27.07.04 Yorkshire Water – Water improvement
- 27.07.04 Powergem – Community power, Wind Farms
- 29.07.04 HDC – Mr & Mrs Gawthorpe, Borrowby, planning application alteration and extension
- 05.08.04 NYCC – Public Rights of Way, poster, leaflets
- 05.08.04 Government Office for Yorks/ Humber - Changes in proposed regional planning and comments form
- 13.08.04 Rural Transport – Partners, Transport & Young people
- 13.04.04 HDC - Mr & Mrs G Weir, Borrowby, planning application, conservatory
- 20.08.04 HDC – 5 The Byers, Borrowby, planning application, conservatory
- 21.08.04 HDC – Bridge House, Back Lane, Borrowby, planning application

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Confirmation from Hambleton District Council that the felling of trees at Mullion Cottage and conifers at Elscot submitted by Mr D M Keast has been approved.  
Wheatsheaf Inn, Borrowby – Internal alterations in the public bar, no objections  
Mr J Clark, Woundales Lane, Knayton – Planning appeal  
Grey House, Borrowby – Alterations and extension, no objections other than to emphasise the fact that an extended roof could create additional ‘run off’ of water into existing drains increasing problems of flooding at the southern end of the village

#### **YORKSHIRE WASTE – BOB LANE**

Advised in writing by Yorkshire Water that they are prepared to provide 20 tons of gravel to repair Bob Lane, Miss Mary Peckitt agreed to arrange delivery and organise the laying of the gravel.

**NATIONAL GRID**

As the Chairman was unable to take part in the allocation of the £10,000 donated to Borrowby Parish Council by National Grid Mrs Johnson took the Chair.

Mrs Johnson informed the meeting that an application form which she produced could be used by those applying for a donation. Amendments to the proposed document were agreed and these would be available from the Chairman from the 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the £10,000 from National Grid has been transferred to a deposit account following notification from the bank that they were no longer paying interest on business current accounts. A further £1,000 was also transferred to this account, part of the half yearly precept.

A cheque for £180 received from Thirsk Generation Initiative which is the clerical honorarium which the Parish Council is retaining for the Hillside LDEP Group payable in two phases October and March next year.

The cash balance at the 30th June 2004 is £11,645.79 made up as follows:

Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2004		11628.58
Tree Trimming Cleveland Grange (000151)	117.50	
Clerical Expenses (000152)	15.29	
Village Hall (000153)	30.00	
Transfer to Deposit Account	<u>11000.00</u>	<u>11162.79</u>
		<u>465.79</u>

**Deposit Account**

Transfer from Current Account	11000.00	
Thirsk Regeneration	<u>180.00</u>	<u>11180.00</u>
Total Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2004		<u>£11645.79</u>

The Parish Council agreed payment of the following:

Administrative Expenses (Cllr Mrs Johnson)	£22.72 (000154)
Additional Grass Cutting (D H Multi Services)	£166.00 (000155)

It was agreed at this meeting that any expenses incurred by Borrowby Drainage Improvement Project Group would be met by the Parish Council.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Mrs Johnson informed the meeting of the Borrowby Drainage Improvement Group meeting held on the 21st July, 2004

The extent of the flooding from the 'flash' storm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June was discussed at the meeting. Flood signs and cones provided by North Yorkshire County Council were put into place by the group, these proved useful for preventing vehicles passing through.

North Yorkshire County Council was contacted immediately and the highways were cleaned of stone and silt within three hours except where vehicles were parked and also the land on the verge. Yorkshire Water was also contacted and their representative Mr Phillip Allison visited and he was informed of the main foul sewer overflow and the presence of sewage in the garden of Hawthorns. It appears that Yorkshire Water may be having problems of overload at the Treatment Plant on Bob Lane.

A questionnaire was distributed to approximately thirty households in the area following the flooding. From eleven replies so far nine offered to help others if there are future flooding problems.

It was decided at this meeting to continue as a group to share ideas and act as a Pressure Group. Membership will be confirmed for people willing to attend meetings and contribute to the group.

Councillor Mrs Johnson asked at the Parish Council meeting if any other villagers would be prepared to help in future flood emergencies, in particular with the elderly or infirm residents.

The next meeting of the Drainage Improvement group will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2004 at 7.30 pm at Ashford Cottage

In the leaflet issued and distributed by Councillor Mrs Johnson to residents informing them of the July Parish Council meeting the following items were included relating to Neighbourhood Watch:

- Distraction type burglaries have been attempted in Hambleton. Two young men saying they are from the water board, needing to check the water by putting dye in the system. When owners mentioned checking with police they left. Police remind us to check IDs carefully and ask callers to wait outside while phone numbers are checked in the phone book. If they are genuine they will encourage you to do this.
- Two incidents where concrete blocks have been thrown through windows regardless of setting off alarms. Please check if neighbours alarms are ringing and suspicious cars/caravans around. Call the police.
- Fortune teller in Thirsk – front page news in the D & S.

The clerk was requested to write to Yorkshire Water on the quality of water in the village following complaints of lime scaling and hard water however, before writing the clerk received a circular letter from Yorkshire Water in which they stated that they had recently completed improvements to the water distribution in the Osmotherley area and that customers may notice slight changes to the hardness of the water supply and the amount of chlorine present. These changes reflecting the different sources of water being supplied all of which they say is of very high quality. They conclude by stating that should the Parish Council have any concerns they would be prepared to attend the next Council meeting. The clerk has contacted Ms Nicola Senior, Capital Communications Officer of Yorkshire Water inviting her or a colleague to the next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September and await their response.

The Chairman received a letter from a resident in the village regarding the cost of travelling to Northallerton as reported in the last minutes. A leaflet 'Thirsk Social Car Scheme' issued by Thirsk Volunteer Bureau provides information on the service they provide. The scheme is for the elderly, ill, has a disability or special need and those unable to access other forms of public transport. The cost of providing transport is at present 36p per mile which is passed on to the volunteer providing the transport, 48 hours notice is required and the contact number of the Volunteer Bureau is 01845 574707.

The Chairman is to visit the resident and provide her with this information.

It was proposed that Borrowby and Knayton Parish Councils should hold a combined meeting to discuss the Boundary Committee recommendations for Unitary Local Government in North Yorkshire, Councillor Royall is to make the necessary arrangements.

The Chairman recorded his disappointment regarding the wall at Britton House which has now been completed by Hambleton District Council. The stone which was recommended was not used and the wall was not built in accordance with the Parish Council requirements.

### **OPEN FORUM**

There was concern from one resident regarding a member of Victim Support who could not produce an ID card when requested. It was agreed that this would be looked into.

The Parish Council was asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the two bus stops in the village. The Chairman stated that as there are no buses through the village there is no organisation we can contact on this matter. The resident enquiring asked whether the Council had any objection to him painting the bus stop near to his residence. There were no objections to this.

There was a request for two signs to be positioned near the village green warning car drivers of children playing. The clerk was requested to write to the Highways Department on this subject.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004 at 8.00 pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed..... Dated.....