

BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2005 Commencing at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs D Bell R Royall Mrs A Johnson Mrs C Thornton

Apologies: Cllr I Hepburn

There was a public gallery of 9 persons.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December 2004 were taken as read as signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

CORRESPONDENCE

- 16.01.05 HDC – Planning Application, Scout building
- 24.01.05 HDC – Condition of sand bags, Mrs A Johnson
- 24.01.05 Highways North Yorkshire – Annual Report, circulated
- 24.01.05 HDC – Parish survey/questionnaire, circulated
- 29.01.05 NYCC – 40 mph speed limit, circulated
- 29.01.05 NYCC – County Committee 07.02.05, circulated
- 01.02.05 HDC – Change of wheeled bin collection, notice boards
- 01.02.05 HDC – Planning application, Mr & Mrs Gawthorpe, Grey House
- 04.02.05 North Yorkshire Police – Knayton school parking
- 05.02.05 NYCC – Resurfacing Borrowby/Northallerton Road
- 07 02 05 HDC – Planning approval, village hall
- 07.02.05 HDC – Planning approval, Rose Bank
- 07 02 05 HDC – Planning approval, Wildcroft
- 10.02.05 NYCC – Response to village problems
- 10.02.05 DEFRO – Clean Neighbourhood Bill, circulated

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Councillor Mrs Johnson informed the meeting of a burglary in Sowerby overnight on the 17th/18th January, 2005 during which car keys were stolen from the property and then used to steal the occupier's car. Always keep car keys out of sight and secure. Police informed of a 'political' student knocking on doors in the village. During recent high winds a tree had fallen over Broad Beck by the Iron Bridge, this has been removed by the land owners.

FLOODING

A letter was received from Hambleton District Council regarding replacement sand bags. Councillor Mrs Johnson questioned local residents on their requirements and ordered 90 from the District Council, these were delivered to Ashford Cottage. Householders were restricted to 12 per property, if more are needed Mrs Johnson will arrange further deliveries.

A Flood Forum was held at Stone cross on the 6th December, 2004 to which a representative of Borrowby Parish Council was invited to attend.

Councillor Mrs Johnson as Chairperson of Borrowby Drainage Improvement Group attended at which she gave a detailed presentation of the problems relating to flooding in the village over the past few years.

The report compiled by Atkins, Consultants has been forwarded to the Government Agency.

Mr M Roberts, Divisional Engineer, Thirsk Highways Division outlined at this meeting the work his department are undertaking to combat the flooding in Borrowby this was appreciated.

Following this meeting the Parish Council received a letter from Hambleton District Councillor, Mr D Howey, congratulating Councillor Mrs Johnson on her excellent presentation at the Flood Forum. The Chairman Councillor Bell read this letter to those present at the meeting.

GRASS BANK MAIN STREET

A letter has been received from Mr S Pimperton of North Yorkshire County Council with regard to ownership of the grass bank in front of Chestnut House. The owner of this property is trying to establish whether the grass bank falls within the boundary of the property or forms part of the public highways. Having checked records dating back to the eighteenth century Mr Pimberton was unable to provide conclusive evidence as to whether the grass bank formed part of the public highways. A twelve month 'probationary' period was therefore proposed to allow village residents to consider whether there are any objections to the grass bank being recognised as falling under the ownership of the adjacent properties. If at the end of the twelve month period there are no objections a 'Stopping Up Order' would formally record the decision.

Whilst the Parish Council had no objections to this proposal there are other properties within the village which could have similar problems.

The Clerk was requested to write to Mr Pimberton on this subject.

PLANNING

The planning application for alterations and extensions to Heather Cottage has been approved by Hambleton District Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as at 31 st December 2004		£12490.41	
Current Account at 31.12.04			898.07
Transfer from Deposit Account			<u>1250.00</u>
			2148.07
Expenditure			
Hambleton District Council			
(Election)	000160	569.80	
D H Multi Services			
(Grass Cutting)	000161	458.06	
Notice Board Repairs	000162	18.40	
Admin Repairs (Flood)	000163	17.09	
Methodist Church	000164	<u>750.00</u>	<u>1813.35</u>
			334.72
Deposit Account			
Balance as at 31.12.04		11844.11	
Transfer to Current Account		<u>1250.00</u>	
		10594.11	
Bank Interest at 31.12.04		<u>51.11</u>	<u>10645.22</u>
			<u>£10979.04</u>

It was agreed at the meeting to request a 5% increase on the current £2500.00 precept.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor Royall informed the meeting that Knayton Parish Council have been informed by North Yorkshire County Council of a proposed 40 mile speed limit on Oak Tree Bank and Knayton School. Borrowby Parish Council has now received a copy of this proposal which is to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Chairman stated that a number of light bulbs had 'blown' on the Christmas Tree, the cost of replacing is £1.20 each which was considered expensive, further enquires are to be made.

OPEN FORUM

The question of parking of cars at Knayton School was again brought to the attention of the meeting.

The police and school personnel were informed of our concern of the danger to other road users some time ago and parents were asked to park further away from the school.

This had some affect at the time but is again becoming dangerous. The Clerk was requested to write to the police again with a copy to the school headmistress.

It was reported to the meeting that the work on the drains completed by North Yorkshire County Council on the A19 slip road (North) was not working properly. The Chairman agreed to examine the work and report at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 22nd February 2005 at 8.00pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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