

# **BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2006**

**Present:** Cllrs W G Weir (Chairman), F C Cowton, D Frith, D Jackson and Mrs C Thornton  
P Harrison (Clerk)

There was a public attendance of 16 including County Councillor G Dadd

### **1. APOLOGIES** None

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2005 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 The Clerk reported that, following from 5.1, he had sent a copy of the relevant Minute to the HCD Planning Policy Team
- 3.2 The Clerk reported that, following from 5.3, he had sent a copy of the relevant Minute to HDC Planning.
- 3.3 The Clerk reported that, following from 5.2 and 5.4 he had advised HDC Planning that no objections had been raised to these two Planning Applications.
- 3.4 With reference to Minute 6 there has been much activity in the completion of "Evidence of Use" forms. This is dealt with in more detail in 6 below. The Clerk reported that he had written to the Area Manager, NYCC Highways, Eddy Hayward as instructed at the last meeting.
- 3.5 With reference to 8.1, the area around the notice board at the south end of the village is looking much safer. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Council to Mr Alan Smith for his endeavours.
- 3.6 With reference to 8.2, the Clerk reported that the "No Through Road" sign had been removed from outside Brant Bank. A new "No Through Road" sign has now been erected at the T-junction from Allerton Wath Road to Mayfield - Haygarth House - as had been requested by the Parish Council some months ago.
- 3.7 With reference to 8.3, there is no improvement to grass bank outside Wildcroft. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner (thought to be a Mr Goodwin).

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Various items of correspondence including the following:

- 4.1 Letter dated 22 November from HDC Corporate Finance. This requested a statement of the amount of Precept required, and is dealt with in Minute 6 below.
- 4.2 Letter dated 22 November for HDC about Christmas Tree Recycling.
- 4.3 Letter dated 1 December from Hambleton Strategic Partnership on the subject its review of the Community Plan.
- 4.4 Letter dated 22 December from NYCC Public Transport about their review of contracted bus services. The Clerk was asked to confirm that the taxi bus service from Borrowby to Thirsk and Northallerton should be maintained.

- 4.5 Letter dated 31 December from Mr and Mrs A Delamore on the subject of Chestnut Bank. The Clerk reported that he thanked Mrs Delamore for the letter and had explained some of the background to the present situation, and why it was considered necessary to formalise the right of way on the road above the bank.
- 4.6 Letter dated 9 January from NYCC Highways about Chestnut Bank, dealt with under Item 7 below.

## 5. PLANNING

- 5.1 **Field House - felling of trees.** This Planning Application was received with a letter dated 23 November from HDC Planning. It was circulated to Councillors and no objections were raised.
- 5.2 **Wildcroft - alterations to window** This was a minor revision to reduce the size of one of the windows in a previously approved application. No objections were raised
- 5.3 **Woundales Lane - Replacement dwelling.** Notice has been received (letter from HDC dated 4 January 2006) that the Appeal from Mr Clark to the Planning Inspectorate has been withdrawn consequent on the modified application having been granted.
- 5.4 **Grimston House, Cophill Lane, Knayton** - Foundations for a building are being constructed at this address. This work had been seen by a villager and he brought the matter to the attention of the Chairman, who then asked the Clerk to look into the situation. The Clerk reported that he had discussed this with HDC Planning. The situation now is that one of the Planning Officers, Mr Kendal, has been out to see the development. He says that he has advised the owner that the work being carried out requires Planning Permission, and that he should receive a Planning Application within the next few weeks.
- 5.5 **Goose Green - felling of apple tree and light pruning of other fruit trees.** This "Proposal to carry out tree work in a conservation area" was received with a letter dated 9 January 2006 from HDC Planning. No objections were raised.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT AND PRECEPT

- 6.1 Since the last meeting a cheque has been issued in the sum of £26.74 for publications from YLCA to assist the Councillors in their roles on the Parish Council. This was approved unanimously by the Council
- 6.2 The Clerk tabled a document describing the financial situation so far this financial year, with a forecast of the situation at the end of the year. The document also sets out a proposed budget for the next financial year, and provides the groundwork for determining the Precept for next year. This was discussed by the Council, and, taking into account the pressure on HDC over its own expenditure, approval was given by a unanimous decision to request the same Precept as this year, with no addition for inflation.

## 7. CHESTNUT BANK

There has been a lot of interest and activity in the completion of the Right of Way Evidence Forms. The number of forms handed in so far amounts to over 70. Some of the forms have not been completed fully, with the route on the back of the form not having been marked in a few cases and the route not having been signed in rather more. It is essential that the route is marked on the plan by the person filling in the form. Also people should be asked to sign against where they have marked the route and indicate how they marked the route in the box on the bottom right corner of the map.

The letter dated 9 January from the Area Manager for NYCC Highways, Eddy Hayward, refers to his letter of 21 November and confirms that the suggestion of a "Stopping Up Order" as mooted by Mr S Pimperton in his letter dated 10 January 2005 is no longer relevant.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 It was reported that a request had been received for a grit box to be sited in Back Lane in the area behind Kirby Close and Hillcrest. The Clerk was asked to pass this request on to NYCC Highways.
- 8.2 A complaint had been received from a resident that the car park at the Village Hall was frequently full and there was no room for people attending functions at the Village Hall to park their cars. Tonight was a good example - the car park was full even before the hall was opened for this meeting. The Chairman said he would discuss this with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.
- 8.3 The Chairman extended his thanks to all who had helped to erect the Christmas tree on the green (initially and after it was blown over in the high winds). He asked the Clerk to write to Tom and Penny for supplying the tree. He also noted that it would make things easier in future if there was a permanent electricity supply for the lights, and he will discuss this with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.
- 8.4 Cllr Frith advised the Council, and the public attending the meeting, of the pastoral visit of the Bishop of Whitby. The Bishop will be leading a meeting in Knayton Village Hall this coming Sunday (from 2.30 to 4.15 pm) at which the subject will be the role of the Church in the present day.

## 9. OPEN FORUM

- 9.1 Miss J Dinwiddie said that it was she who had requested a grit box in Back Lane. She also asked if the dormer windows recently built into Wildcroft had received Planning Permission, and this was confirmed by the Chairman. With regard to the earlier discussion about parking on the Village Hall car park she reported that only two of the cars belonged to residents of Kirby Close. It was noted that parking was a general problem in the village, and Mr Tim Hogg commented on three cars which were often parked on the grass triangle outside the Chapel, and causing damage to the grass.
- 9.2 Mrs A Johnson noted that the footpath from the Wildcroft steps to the rear of the village hall was not useable because of the work presently being carried out on the house. The Chairman said that we would look into this on completion of the building work.
- 9.3 Mrs A Johnson quoted from the notes of a multi-agency meeting held on 20 October on the subject of flooding in Borrowby. She handed notes of the meeting to the Clerk for filing and reference by the Council. She made the point that it was important for the Parish Council to consider the impact of each new Planning Application on the general problem of flooding in the village. She also reported that Cllr D Frith had been elected as Vice Chairman of the Borrowby Drainage Improvement Project (DIP).
- 9.4 Mr J Grawthorpe asked what the Parish Council was trying to achieve by getting the Right of Way evidence forms completed. The Chairman replied that basically we were attempting to maintain the character and appearance of the village. The track over Chestnut Bank had always been a Right of Way and we were taking steps formalise that situation.
- 9.5 Miss M Peckitt reported that it appeared that a small farm building in a field down Bob Lane was being slept in, and that the person concerned was leaving his car on the bridge over the beck on the Knayton road. The Chairman said we need to keep the situation under review. She also reported that the culvert in Main Street was still blocked.

## 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday 22 February 2006 at 8.00pm in Borrowby Village Hall. *(NOTE: Venue changed later to Borrowby Methodist Chapel)*  
There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

Signed:.....Dated:.....