

MINUTES OF THE BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2012 AT 8.00 PM IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Frith), Cllr D Craig, Cllr E Town, Cllr D Bell, County Cllr G Dadd, the Clerk and eight members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Gully Clearing – It was reported that the blocked gullies in the village had now been cleared.

3.2 Grass Cutting – The final cut of the verges for the season has been done.

3.3 Street lights not working – The street light on Park Lane has still not been done – when the Clerk asked about this HDC said water had got into the light and they were awaiting work from the electricity board. The light near the school is still not working. County Cllr G Dadd said to report the numbers of the street lights. Cllr D Bell to check the numbers and inform the Clerk.

4. Update from HDC and NYCC Councillors if present

County Cllr Gareth Dadd was invited to address the meeting. He spoke about school funding and said that with the new funding system there was less scope and discretion of how much funding each school would receive; this would result in some schools receiving a big increase in funding but other schools receiving a big reduction in funding. He said he disagrees with the formula used and he is still lobbying for a few things to be included in the formula.

County Cllr Dadd said that street light illumination time was being reduced. He said that NYCC were planning to turn off street lighting between midnight and 5am, except in certain areas of residential homes or where road safety or crime/antisocial behaviour are an issue. Illumination time has been reduced in Harrogate and is being done in Scarborough; in Hambleton it will be carried out in 2014. He said that the public/Parish Councils are initially consulted on areas where the street lighting needs to be on all night. He said that the reduction in lighting hours will make big savings and that the suggestion had originally come from some members of the public. He asked what people at the meeting thought of this: Cllr D Craig said he thought it was a good idea to reduce street lighting and Cllr D Bell said lights on all night was a waste of money. Members of the public at the meeting also voiced their support for street light reduction hours.

He said that, following changes by the Boundary Commission reducing the number of Councillors, Borrowby and Knayton may join with Osmotherley and a few other villages as a Ward.

The Chairman thanked County Cllr Gareth Dadd for speaking at the meeting.

5. Update from BPC Councillors

Cllr D Craig - No issues.

Cllr E Town – No issues.

Cllr D Frith (Vice Chairman) – He said that the latest statement had been received for the Charity Field and gifts were to be distributed to the widowers in the village.

Cllr D Bell – He reported that he had ordered cheaper Perspex for the noticeboard at £17.50 as it will last for 5 to 6 years. He said that he thought the structure of the noticeboard was sound enough, following being knocked by the lorry which demolished the neighbouring litter bin in the autumn last year. He suggested asking the lorry firm to pay for the Perspex repair to the noticeboard. (Litter bin replacement being organised by HDC and being paid for by the haulage firm responsible for the damage).

Cllr F Wachsberger – He spoke about a car accident that had recently happened at the cross roads in Knayton. He said there are no white lines on the road near the bridge and that there had been two other accidents here and this recent third one in which a Borrowby resident was hospitalised last week. The Chairman of Knayton Parish Council, Cllr Linda Gibbon, was present and said that she has complained about the road safety here. A meeting has been arranged with Nigel Smith, from NYCC, County Cllr Gareth Dadd, P Cllr Wachsberger and P Cllr Gibbon to visit the location with the view of making some road safety improvements. The Chairman said if you are travelling south on the A19 and leave at the slip road to Knayton and turn to go back over the bridge you don't see the line markings but need to Give Way; travelling north up the A19 and exiting at Knayton and driving up the same section of road, you don't have to stop. He said that there had been a lot of near misses and accidents and, although it may be driver error, if anything can be done to improve road safety it should be done. The matter will be discussed at the site meeting.

Cllr Bell said that the potholes had been filled in near the school but it would have been better to re-surface this area. Cllr Dadd said that Highways were inundated with requests for pothole repairs and the £25 thousand funding was shared out to meet the requirements as far as possible.

## 6. Tree planting

The Chairman said that he now has 61 saplings from the Woodland Trust, including one oak tree. He would like suggestions for planting locations. He said that over the past year a lot of trees had been removed from Borrowby gardens and they should be replaced. Cllr Town said that people in Borrowby owning bits of land should be able to fit in the odd tree. The Chairman said that he had approached the HRAP and has not had a response yet but thought that a few trees round the entrance to the new building would look good. Cllr Town suggested collating a list and giving a deadline of a month. The Chairman said the trees had a root ball so would store for a while.

## 7. Correspondence

- 7.1 HDC 'Update' magazine, October 2012. Winter weather poster and letter, flooding poster, leaflet on helping small businesses take on young people.
- 7.2 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine, November 2012.
- 7.3 NYCC County Committee for Hambleton. Notice of meeting on 12.11.2012, 2.00 pm, at County Hall.
- 7.4 HDC Rural Housing Enabler – Information on an event.
- 7.5 'The Clerk' magazine. Conference and training programme for 2013.
- 7.6 HDC. Notice of Poll Election and Situations of Polling Stations. Put on noticeboard.
- 7.7 HDC. The 2013 register of electors was published on 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- 7.8 North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service. Due to trying to make savings paper copies of its Statement of Final Accounts is no longer to be distributed to libraries and Parish Councils. The information can be found on the website: <http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk>.
- 7.9 HDC Rural Housing Enabler – newsletter.
- 7.10 Campaign to Protect Rural England. Meeting 23.11.2012, 7.30 pm, Borrowby Village Hall.

## 8. Planning applications

- 8.1 HDC decision notice. Permission granted for the retrospective application for the construction of an agricultural livestock building (12/01726/FUL) and also for a lean-to agricultural dwelling (12/01725/FUL) for GE Peacock & Son at Leake Greens Farm, Borrowby.

## 9. Affordable Housing Progress

No progress. Linda Gibbon, Chairman of Knayton Parish Council, said that that Knayton never had a surplus of housing but said that someone was allocated an affordable home whose name was not on the list. She said there is a bidding system and if the housing is not taken up it can be offered to someone five miles further out. The Chairman said that Borrowby Parish Council need to check that rule as the Rural Housing Enabler had stated the affordable housing is for people with a local connection.

## 10. Finance

CE & CM Walker Ltd cuts on Green 25.10.2012	£23.00
Verges	£85.00
VAT	£21.60
Total	<u>£129.60</u>

Information received from HMRC about PAYE Real Time Information (from April 2013 frequency that PAYE details sent to HMRC is changing). Letter forwarded to HDC Finance Payroll.

The projected accounts to the end of the year have been considered by the Parish Council. With the reduced precept applied for by Borrowby Parish Council of £2000 for 2011/2012 (from £2993 for several years previously), the overall balance of the Parish Council finances will be lower than the start of the financial year but the balance is still healthy. The Parish Council agreed to apply for a precept of £2000 again.

## 11. Any Other Business

- 11.1 Christmas Tree – The Parish Council will try and get a Christmas tree from Clarkes. Date in December to be decided for cutting down, collecting and putting it up on the village green. The Chairman said that volunteers would be needed.

## 12. Open Forum

- 12.1 Sandbags – It was reported that the sandbags had not yet been delivered. Hambleton District Council had written in February 2012 asking for any requests for sandbags and Peter Johnson had asked for some more. Clerk to chase up.

## 13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday January 17th 2013 at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everybody a Happy Christmas.