

MINUTES FROM THE BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2013 AT 8.00 PM IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the Chairman, Cllr F Wachsberger. The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman, Cllr D Frith. Others present: Cllr D Craig, Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town, the Clerk and six members of the public. County Cllr G Dadd arrived at the meeting later on and gave his apologies for arriving late. Cllr D Frith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2013, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed after a small amendment: new 'gate' rather than 'stile' parallel with Park Lane (Open Forum).

3. Matters arising

3.1 Streetlights - The lights are now all working, apart from the one at the bottom of the village (see 7).

3.2 Litter Bin – Still await new bin in centre of village to be put in place of one demolished by lorry. HDC had said it would be put in place as soon as possible.

3.3 Clerk had contacted HDC again. Sandbags now all delivered.

4. Update from HDC and NYCC Councillors if present

County Cllr G Dadd arrived later on and spoke at the meeting. He said that ministers had been understanding when the issue of the unfair formula relating to school funding was raised. He said the County Council were trying to work with them for a more positive outcome. He said that there was no rise in Council tax but things were getting serious in terms of the budget and further cuts are needed. He said that the Council had just heard that they had lost the PFI funding for the waste incinerator proposal at Knaresborough which originally had credit PFI approval. He said that the pothole problem was widespread in the country but our region fared better than some areas; NYCC were doing what they could. He mentioned the plan to reduce street lighting times at night.

5. Update from BPC Councillors

Cllr Wachsberger – Cllr Wachsberger had forwarded a few issues to the meeting:

- He suggested contacting planning again to see if a Tree Preservation Order can be put on the oak tree near the entrance to the Peacock's farm development at the top of the village. He stated that hard core had been put down near the tree. Acting Chairman, Cllr D Frith, asked the Clerk to contact planning again.
- He said that, as a result of the constant verge erosion on the main road near the village hall, the bank could be in danger of collapsing. He suggested putting up a wall or some sort of widening at this point. Cllr Frith said that a wall would support the verge. Cllr D Craig pointed out that a vehicle hitting a wall would be worse than damaging the verge. Cllr Frith asked the Clerk to write to NYCC Highways to ask if anything can be done.

Cllr D Bell – He said that he had seen men in a hired pick-up cleaning road signs and said how costly and inefficient this would be. Re the problem of the verge erosion on the main road near the village hall, he suggested the use of a smaller snow plough through the village. When County Cllr Dadd arrived later on he said that snow ploughs were a standard size.

6. Affordable Housing update

Cllr Frith said that things were moving on: he said that NYCC had walked round the outside of the possible site for affordable housing on land behind his house, to report on the access. Their recommendations are to be put forward at a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March – he thought the Rural Housing Enabler, A Madden, would attend that meeting first before attending a Borrowby Parish Council meeting.

7. Road maintenance and street lighting

It was reported that the two lights which were working intermittently: one at the corner of the green near the chapel and also the light opposite 'Rose Villa', have now been fixed. The light near 'Bridge House' is still out but scheduled for fixing by the Council.

The road patching to repair the potholes near the school is very poor and has not done the job.

8. Tree Planting

Cllr E Town said it has been suggested that the poor trees at the bottom of the village are removed and replaced with the new oak tree – the residents near the green would not object to this proposal. To discuss at a further meeting when the Chairman is present.

9. Correspondence

9.01 Spinal Injuries Association. Poster to advertise fund raising by holding a fish & chips supper on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Contact details to order a fund-raising pack.

9.02 HDC. Information about the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule. CIL is a new charge that local authorities in England can place on new development in their area. The money generated through the levy will contribute to the funding of infrastructure to support growth; the consultation period runs from 18<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> March.

9.03 NYCC County Committee for Hambleton. Next meeting 28.01.13.

9.04 Glasdon. Brochure advertising street furniture.

9.05 HDC Rural Housing Enabler, Amanda Madden. Poster and letter about a call for land for Travellers which needs to be within a mile of a large village or town.

9.06 HDC Play Factor event, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the Golden Lion Hotel. To be forwarded to the RAP.

9.07 SOLC. Training programmes.

9.08 North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework. There have been a number of changes to the planning system which can be seen on their website.

9.09 Lisa Wilson, HDC Lifestyles manager. On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 the Cabinet approved the Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation action plan for Borrowby. Projects listed and funding applied for. When funds become available we will be contacted to confirm that the projects are still planned and still a priority for the community. HRAP will then have to fill in forms. Lisa Wilson is to be contacted if any projects are no longer planned, have been completed using other funds or have changed significantly from the original scheme and if costs are reduced due to other funding.

9.10 HDC. Due to the changes taking place to Real Time PAYE for the next financial year HDC would need to make changes to the system and this would mean a one-off fee of £1275 shared between customers which would mean a charge of £159 to all 8 Clerks if they stay with them (more if not), plus an increase in quarterly admin to £30 (£120 per annum). Borrowby Parish Council has, up till now, been paying £55 per annum with HDC. The Clerk has contacted the internal auditor, John Harron, and he can take Borrowby Parish Council on as a new PAYE client for £15.75 per quarter, which is a concessionary rate, which would be £63 per annum. The Parish Councillors agreed that the Clerk can change to the payroll service provided by John Harron.

10. Planning applications

Permission has been granted for the planning application for the construction of an orangery at Pear Tree House, Back Lane, for New Addition Windows (delegated decision). 12/02160/FUL.

11. Finance

Cllr D Frith asked if the Parish Councillors were in agreement with giving the annual donation of £100 to the RAP for on-going maintenance. The Parish Councillors all agreed.

Cheques written out

Hillside Rural Activities Park (Annual donation)	£100.00
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12. Any Other Business

12.1 A resident queried the stiles which needed fixing at the top of the village – Mr Haigh said that two have been done.

12.2 It was said that the top of the wall outside Kath Sculley's house is coming off. Cllr D Bell agreed to do an estimate for repair.

13. Open Forum

13.1 A resident said that he was pleased that hard core had been put down near the oak tree at the top of the village near the entrance to the Peacock's farm development but said that a lot of the verge had been cut away – although he did not object he asked whether permission had been sought. Cllr D Bell said that the grass verge shouldn't be dug up without permission.

13.2 Chestnut tree – A resident said that the old chestnut tree is an eye sore and the younger chestnut further down had originally been planted as a future replacement for the old tree. Cllr Frith said he agrees. The tree was severely cut back as a result of several diseases, giving it a chance for new growth. Clerk to check the report/monitoring timescale.

13.3 A resident said that there was some development taking place at the Woundales and some footings were going in. Cllr Bell is to look into this.

14. Date of next Meeting

Cllr Frith thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.