

MINUTES FROM THE OPEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY APRIL 17TH 2014 AT 7.30 PM IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Cllr G Dadd and Mr & Mrs Johnson. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Craig), Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town, the Clerk and 4 members of the public. District Cllr J Watson arrived later on.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Open Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 13th April 2013 were agreed and signed after a few amendments: Section 4: 'Simon' Walker in place of 'Sam', 'booking' secretary and 'thanks to Norma', in place of 'Sheila'.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Village Activities:

Village Hall – Cllr Town referred to the Village Hall Chairman's Report from the February AGM. The village hall is thriving and had over 240 bookings in 2013. Simon Walker is the Chairman, Norma Sutton is the Bookings Secretary and Cllr Town is the Treasurer. Sheila Dennis is staying on as a Committee Member. Malcolm Bell is retiring from the Committee after over 30 years helping out with the village hall. Lucy was thanked for setting the village hall heating system and Eddie Fernside for carrying out general repairs. There were many functions in 2013 including a bingo night, which raised over £300, and a village party which was organised on the Green with the Parish Council. Regular users of the village hall include: Yoga group, Parish Council, Pony Club, Show Committee, TOTs group, the Book Club, Marie Curie Charity weekend and Carl Banks running his Christmas creative workshops. The Village Physiotherapist runs sessions in the former post office room and a twice-weekly Pilates class has been set up.

Footpaths -

Mr J S Haigh gave an update about footpaths in the village:

Given the amount of rainfall in recent months it has not been encouraging to walkers to venture 'off tarmac'. An email from Karen requesting an update on footpaths for this meeting got me out and about last weekend. Parishioners may recall from the last Annual Parish Meeting report of 2013 that there was work to be done on two stiles in the Carrodell House area. These are in a field to the south and west of the farm. They had been modified (cut in half) to prevent goats from trying to climb over the stiles. I am pleased to report that two new substantial stiles and hand posts have been erected in lieu of the modified ones. There is also new, well orientated direction arrows signage fitted. This now completes the programme of work (3 items) first highlighted in April 2011. Given the financial constraints on Local Government we have done well over time. Work has also been completed on two other stiles on the same walk from Long Lane, west round Greystone Flatts Farm and south to St Helen's Lane. The hope now is for some decent weather to encourage us to walk our local footpaths.

Mr Haigh said that more maps had been duplicated and some are in the phone box. The Chairman suggested putting some of the maps in the pub.

HRAP – It was thought that all the planned work had been undertaken now and they were awaiting grants.

Flooding – Peter Johnson had emailed the Clerk to say that there hasn't been a problem with flooding for a few years now so hopefully the problems have been resolved. Should any future problems arise, however, there will need to be new volunteers to steer the action; Peter and Ann will provide any previous information if required.

Oil Syndicate

Osmotherley Oil Syndicate Report – 2014 **Report by Jeremy Benn**

The Osmotherley Area Oil Group is an informal collective of households who co-ordinate heating oil orders in order to increase purchasing power. The Group was set up by Ellen Cross and Tristan Sillars in 2011. Community Organisations can also join (Leake Church, Borrowby Methodist Church and the Borrowby and Knayton Village Halls all buy their oil from the Group).

The Oil Group collates orders via three volunteers: Elaine Temple (Ingleby Arncliffe), Syd H (Osmotherley) and Jeremy Benn (Borrowby & Knayton). Tristan Sillars undertakes the negotiation on the price on behalf of the whole Group. The chosen supplier is then sent everyone's orders and deliveries generally take place in the following 7-10 days.

The Oil Group does not enter into any contracts with the supplier - it is merely an intermediary and each member is responsible for settling their own bills.

- The Oil Group as a whole currently has 210 members split into 3 'sub-groups'
- The Borrowby & Knayton 'sub-group' currently has 79 members, of which 47 are from Borrowby
- The Group currently places an order every two months. A typical order is for 80,000 litres over around 100 'drops' or individual orders
- Over the last 3 years the price negotiated has varied between 50.84 pence per litre and 58.80 pence (with an average of 55.13 pence)
- The average saving is between 3-5 p per litre over the price quoted to an individual - which is a saving of £15-£25 on a typical 500 litre order
- Since its inception, the Oil Group has saved an estimated £ 50,000 for its members

New members are welcome to join at any time. This just requires your name, address, e-mail and daytime telephone number and a description of where your oil tank is. Email to borrowbyknaytonoil@gmail.com or telephone Jeremy Benn on 01845 537366 or to drop a note off at Riseborough House, Borrowby, Thirsk, YO7 4QQ. All communication is by e-mail. For those without e-mail, a 'Buddy' system is used where a neighbour or friend with e-mail passes on the information about the next order, etc.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.00 pm. The next Open Annual Parish Meeting will take place in April 2015.