

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from the Chairman, Cllr F Wachsberger. Present: Cllr D Craig (acting Chairman), Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town, Cllr J Dack, the Clerk, County Cllr G Dadd, District Cllr B Baker and six members of the public.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 The washing off of previously marked pot holes and the appearance of new ones had been reported by the Clerk. Cllr Bell said that the pot holes on Back Lane had recently been repaired but some potholes still remained – to monitor.

3.2 Woundales – broken fence – Cllr Bell said that this still had not been repaired. The reply from Highways said: ‘Officers had wrongly advised the Parish Council that a works had been ordered to replace the birds-mouth fencing. Only works necessary in line with the Highway Safety Inspection Manual can be ordered. The fencing is not a safety fence/ barrier and therefore will not be replaced’. Cllr Bell said that there is a big drop to the beck on the other side of the fencing and it should be a safety issue. Photos to be taken and sent.

3.3 It was reported that there are some potholes on the main road, Long Lane opposite the junction with St Helen’s Lane. Clerk to report to Highways.

4. Update from County and District Councillors if present

County Cllr Gareth Dadd – He said there will be an increase in Council tax of 6% to cover social care, done by a 2% increase per year over the next three years. He said North Yorkshire County Council has been put forward for the Council of the Year Awards. He said there had been lots of changes and redundancies and the budget had been cut in half; he said the staff and volunteers/community did deserve some recognition. D Cllr Baker said North Yorkshire is the largest County in the country – stretching from the east coast to six miles short of the west coast. C Cllr Dadd said that there is inequity in the system, metropolitan areas receiving more money and the formula should be reviewed. D Cllr Baker spoke of an evening event with Kevin Hollinrake, South Otterington Village Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

District Cllr Bob Baker – He said that residents can now pay £35 online for the green bin service, for which there has been 40% uptake of the service so far. Asked if a letter was being sent out to residents about the new charge, D Cllr Baker said this would not be done. Cllr Town asked how residents not online would pay - D Cllr Baker said they should be able to phone up or visit the Centre. He said the green bin service was not a statutory service. He said Council tax was increasing by about £5.00 per household this year, but said Hambleton is the third lowest Council tax in the country.

D Cllr Baker said the wall of the former Northallerton prison had been demolished and the area was to be used for a supermarket, cinema, petrol, parking and some housing; three of the listed buildings will remain and may be used for residency.

Cllr Bell asked when the A19 slip road in Sowerby will be built to accommodate the housing development there. D Cllr Baker said that a number of new houses have to be occupied before this is triggered but this should take place soon and may be a four way junction.

5. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr Town – She wondered what function the green boxes had on the telegraph poles. Cllr Craig, Cllr Bell and Cllr Dack had nothing further to add.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Glasdon. Street furniture catalogue.

6.2 NHS – Posters about not wasting medicines.

6.3 Thornton-le-Street history group – Open day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

6.4 Highways – Notification of road closure of Long Lane, Borrowby, for 3 days 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February, for Yorkshire Water to install a new connection.

6.5 Highways – Response to reporting of broken fencing near to the beck at the Woundales. They stated that because the fencing is not a safety fence/barrier it will not be replaced. Cllr Bell said that it is a significant drop down to the beck and it should be a safety issue. Parish Council to photograph the broken fence and follow up.

6.6 Broxap. Litter bin catalogue.

6.7 NYCC is consulting on new proposed approach to maintaining and managing public rights of way.

## 7. Planning Applications

7.1 Planning application for works to trees in a conservation area at Hillcrest (17/00094/CAT) for Mrs Sally Wilson. The Parish Council has replied with no objections.

7.2 Planning application for variation of condition 2 attached to listed building consent (16/02274/LBC) for installation of gas tank in front garden and removal of existing tank in rear garden and re-building of wall to improve parking to the property at West End Farm for Mr R Critchlow (17/00088/MRC). The amendment indicated increases the parking area within the property. The Parish Council is to reply with no objections.

## 8. Finance

Quotation from CE & CM Walker Grass cutters for grass cutting this season 2017: £95.00/cut & VAT for verges (8 – 10 cuts), £30.00/cut & VAT for Green (14 – 16 cuts).

Grass cutting last season, 2016 was £90.00/cut & VAT verges and £28.00 & VAT Green.

Cllr Bell asked if anyone else had submitted a quotation but they had not and said CE & CM Walker had been much cheaper than the other prices sent last year and that they did a good job. The Parish Councillors said that, although there was a small increase in price, CE & CM Walker was still very reasonable and agreed to accept the quotation.

A cheque was written for the HRAP for £100.00 - yearly donation towards the running costs.

## 9. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

## 10. Open Forum

10.1 A resident said some hedges in Borrowby still needed doing. Cllr Bell said some had been done.

10.2 Salt Bins – A resident asked about the salt bins. Cllr Bell said the Parish Council had asked Highways to cease maintaining the two bins currently paid for by the Parish Council who will take on the responsibility.

10.3 A resident asked about the Charity Field. Cllr Craig explained that it is run by the trustees of the Charity Field Committee and sealed bids are put in for renting the field every 3 years. The resident is concerned about the condition of the field which she says is very muddy, has no hard-standing and is not suitable for 2 horses and 2 sheep and questioned how much hay was given. Cllr Dack said that the concerns brought to the attention of the Parish Council will be raised with the charity field trustees. Cllr Craig, who is also a trustee of the charity field, said that the field had been re-seeded and the British Horse Society was satisfied with the animal welfare, but the points raised have been noted.

10.4 A resident said stones had been put on the grass near the iron bridge. Cllr Bell said he will remove these.

10.5 The high fencing has been removed from the Woundales, but the wire is still there – all the development was supposed to have been removed. To photograph then report.

10.6 A resident said plans have been put in to widen the door of the building opposite the village hall.

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

The Acting Chairman said the next meeting will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00 pm and closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.