

BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st December, 2004 Commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllrs D Bell I Hepburn R Royall
Mrs A Johnson Mrs Thornton

There was a public gallery of 27 persons

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th October 2004 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

CORRESPONDENCE

24.11.04 HDC - Mr BH Belshaw Tan House, planning, removal of pear tree
27.11.04 HDC - Miss D Jones and Mr J Goodwin Wildcroft, planning application
30.11.04 Charity Commission – news letter, circulated
06.12.04 HDC - Tan House, removal of pear tree, approved
06.12.04 HDC - Mulberry Hill, work on holly bushes approved
07.12.04 HDC – Village Hall, amended plans
09.12.04 Councillor Howey – Flood Forum
29.12.04 HDC – Community involvement, circulated
06 01 05 HDC – Heather Cottage, planning application approved
09 01 05 Clerks and Councillors – Direct News Letter circulated
11.01.05 NYCC – Mr Crook Chestnut House, ownership of Grass Bank.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr & Mrs J Gawthorpe Grey House, alterations and extension, approved by HDC

Mr & Mrs Jackson Bridge House, rear conservatory approved by HDC

Mr BH Belshaw Tan House, removal of pear tree approved by HDC

Mr J S Haigh Mulberry House, work on holly bushes, approved by HDC

Mrs L Stone Heather Cottage, alterations and extensions at rear of property.

This application was refused by the Parish Council on the basis of additional parking of the owner on the Main Street and additional surface water on the existing overloaded drainage system in the village.

Borrowby Village Hall Committee, alterations and extension to existing building.

This was approved by the Parish Council.

Mrs E M Town Rose Bank, construction of a detached dwelling and double garage.

This application was approved by the Parish Council again highlighting the surface water drainage system currently overloaded in the village causing regular flooding also the public right of way on the south side of the property.

NATIONAL GRID DONATIONS

Six applications for funding were received by the Parish Council as follows:

- 1 Hillside Rural Activities Project
- 2 Children's Play Area
- 3 Borrowby Drainage Improvement Project
- 4 Leake Cricket Club
- 5 Village Hall Project
- 6 Borrowby Methodist Chapel

It was agreed at the meeting that the Children's Play Area should be refused on the basis that no site has been identified and that the Council should commit funds to projects that are ongoing. Funding was also refused for the Borrowby Drainage Improvement Project, the funding for drainage and flood prevention being the responsibility of the highways Department and Hambleton District Council. If local funds are needed they should be provided through the Parish Council Precept.

HILLSIDE RURAL ACTIVITIES PROJECT

A request for £5,000 was received from the Horticultural Society, it was agreed to donate £2,500 for the purchase of equipment for the annual Borrowby Show.

LEAKE CRICKET CLUB

The aim of the club is to attract more junior members and younger players and to provide them with the necessary equipment. It was agreed to donate £250 towards the cost of new equipment.

BORROWBY METHODIST CHURCH

The removal of woodworm from the roof, floors, pews and windows has already been completed at a cost of £2,367 this depleting the chapel funds. It was agreed to send a cheque for £750 towards the costs incurred,

BORROWBY VILLAGE CENTRE PROJECT

Plans have been approved by Borrowby Parish Council to carry out alterations and extend the village hall, equipment to refurbish the hall will be required. As the work to be undertaken will benefit the residents of the village it was agreed to donate £6,500 to purchase the equipment.

As stated previously a cheque for £750 will be forwarded to Borrowby Methodist Church towards their costs.

The remaining funding will be held for a period of three years from the 1st December, 2004 and released upon receipt of proof of purchase.

FLOOD FORUM

Councillor Mrs Johnson attended a meeting in Thirsk Town Hall on the 8th November, 2004 arranged by Thirsk Town Council to create a Flood Action Group the aim to set up its own Community Emergency Plan following the failure of the Hambleton Floodline previously. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Steve Hubbard. Mr Cyril Dyke, head of Customer Services represented Hambleton District Council who stated that the function of Hambleton District Council was to set up an Emergency Contact Centre and provide sand bags. Hambleton District Council is installing a new phone system for the emergency floodline and twenty phone calls to this line would 'trigger' the opening of this centre.

A meeting of the Borrowby Drainage Improvements Group was held on the 23rd November, 2004, nine members were present.

It was agreed to contact the Highways Agency requesting a meeting to discuss the A19 drainage influence on the village. Residents should check visually drains outside their properties to ensure as much water as possible flows underground and not along the street surface.

The group have commented on the DEFRA document 'Making Space for Water' included in their response was that the problems of small communities need to be more fully recognised.

Borrowby is on the agenda of the Hambleton Flood Forum on the 6th December, 2004 and Councillor Mrs Johnson intends to give a presentation on the problems encountered in the past.

An email has been received from Atkins, Consultants, in which they state that they are of the opinion that the flooding in the village is the result of a number of complex flood flow routes including surface water 'run-off' and incapacity of culverted water courses leading to overland flows 'pooling' in the village centre. They have recommended a Phase 2 study including hydraulic modelling of the watercourses to quantify this and the model could then be used to test possible flood alleviation options.

Councillor Mrs Johnson had a meeting with Ms Rosemary Taylor who took over the role in August of Chairperson of Hambleton Community Safety Partnership, Ms Taylor was informed that Borrowby supported Neighbourhood Watch and it was suggested that emails rather than telephone calls should be sent to enable more efficient distribution of information.

Ms Taylor was informed of the Parish Councils invitation to Thirsk Police to attend a Parish Council meeting to answer queries from local residents but that they had declined and suggested that any problems should be put in writing. A LAP co-ordinator of the Police Authority is linked to Thirsk and Ms Taylor agreed to find more information.

It was noted by Ms Taylor that some residents were concerned at the speed and noise of cars through the village as recorded in previous minutes.

On the question of Victim Support Services Ms Taylor noted that we are aware of this and that there is a local representative who kept us up to date.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are reminded by the police to keep doors locked when indoors and keep car keys out of sight away from windows, letter boxes etc.

There have been reports of doorstep callers in the Thirsk area offering to look at and buy, with cash, antiques and jewellery. Do not be tempted, telephone Trading Standard doorstep hotline on 0845 3303313.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance at 30th November, 2004 £11492.18

Current account at 30.11.04		273.07
50% of precept		<u>625.00</u>
		898.07
Expenditure		
Mrs J Wilson		
(Thirsk Generation) 000157	90.00	
Administration Expenses (Clerk)	20.77	
Mazars (Audit)	<u>141.00</u>	<u>251.77</u>
		646.30
Deposit Account	11219.11	
50% of precept	<u>625.00</u>	<u>11844.11</u>
		<u>£12490.41</u>

The Parish Council agreed payment of the following:

Hambleton District Council (Election) 000160	£569.80
Multi Service (Grass Cutting) 000161	£458.06
Notice Board Repairs 000162	£18.60
Admin Expenses (Flood Forum) 000163	£17.09

A letter was received from Hambleton District Council on Council Tax for parishes and requesting the Parish Council precept for 2005/6. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Council meeting on the 19th January, 2005 following examination of the expenditure during the financial year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Christmas tree would be placed in position on Saturday 11th December, 2004 at lunch time, assistance would be appreciated.

Following a letter to the Highways Agency on the condition of the cats eyes on the A19 the Chairman stated that this matter had been dealt with.

Regarding Crosby Bridge, North Yorkshire County Council Environmental Services have informed the Parish Council in writing that they are unable to recommend a priority traffic system at the bridge at this time, They will however, to moderate the

speed of motorists, arrange for the existing ‘slow’ road markings to be refurbished. A solid edge of carriageway marking in white paint will also be put across the bridge on its immediate approaches to give an extra visual warning of the narrowness of the road.

Councillor Mrs Thornton attended a meeting at Stone Cross entitled ‘Hambleton Lifeline’. This is a 24 hour safeguard for people who live alone or for those who may feel vulnerable and at risk and may in an emergency need urgent help. Hambleton District Council will install a neat, easy to use telephone based touch button which connects to the call centre. The person taking the call will have personal details of the caller on their computer system. If the caller is unable to speak to the centre they can still make the necessary arrangements. There is a charge for this service to cover the hire and maintenance of the equipment installed and the provision of 24 hour staff. Payment is by monthly instalments.

There is also a ‘message in a bottle’ scheme, a plastic bottle is provided and a form to be completed with personal details, doctors and medical information, next of kin etc. The completed form is placed in the bottle and the bottle placed in the relevant person’s refrigerator. There are two matching labels, one to be placed on the outside of the refrigerator door and one on the inside of the front door.

Mrs Thornton, now a member of Borrowby Parish Council was elected a trustee of the Charity Field.

OPEN FORUM

The following items were brought to the attention of the Committee and the clerk was instructed to bring these items to the attention of the appropriate authority.

Contractors are installing a telephone mast at the Woundales and there have been complaints of heavy vehicles been driven through Borrowby to gain access to the site and at least two instances where heavy vehicles were unable to pass under the A19 and with the help of residents reverse back into the village causing damage to the road and grass verges.

A public path north of the village in need of repair brought to the attention of the County Council two years ago but no action taken.

A retaining wall near the village hall requires attention also the Iron Bridge has still not been repaired.

A temporary Christmas tree recycling point was agreed on a piece of grass land near Orchard Cottage, opposite the A19 slip road north. Hambleton District Council advised in writing.

The clerk was requested to write to North Yorkshire County Council on the improvement made to the Borrowby/Northallerton Road following resurfacing to ask whether a top dressing is to be added as vehicles using this road have a tendency to slide.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19th January 2005 at 8.0 pm in the village hall,
The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed..... Dated.....