

BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 31 August 2005 commencing at 8.00pm

Present: Cllr G Weir (Chairman), Cllrs F Cowton, D Frith, D Jackson and Mrs C Thornton
D Laskey (Retiring Clerk) and P Harrison (Clerk)

There was a public attendance of five.

Office of Clerk to the Parish Council: The resignation of Mr D Laskey was noted, and the Chairman thanked him for his contribution over the years of his office, and particularly so over recent months with the introduction of such a high proportion of new Councillors. The appointment of Mr P Harrison as Clerk was confirmed. It was noted that this appointment is on a temporary basis only, until a person who lives in the village can be appointed

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2005 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman. The manuscript alteration of Mr F Cowton's name in the minutes was noted.

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 It was noted that the reference to "Parish Council Development Control" under the Planning section of the Minutes should have read "Hambleton District Council Development Control".

2.2 Arrangements are in hand for the new signatories to be approved by Lloyds TSB.

2.3 The Parish Council appointed all Councillors to be Trustees of the Borrowby Charity Field, with the exception of Cllr F Cowton who declined the invitation to be a Trustee.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

A number of general items had been circulated and it agreed that the Clerk would send the copies of "Country Air", the newsletter of the Yorkshire Rural Community Council, and "The Playing Field" the newsletter of the York and North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association to Mr Moray Finch, Chairman of the Rural Activities Park.

3.1 Home to school transport – a letter from North Yorkshire County Council Environmental Services dated 10/08/05 asked for comments on this subject. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Mainstream School Transport Officer confirming that the service must be maintained at least to the present level.

3.2 Woundales Bridge – A letter from Mouchel Parkman dated 15/08/05 advised the Parish Council about their plans for works to be carried out on the bridge during this financial year. The Parish Council discussed this but had no comments to make.

3.3 Cllr Frith tabled a consultation document from Hambleton District Council on the Local Development Framework (LDF) and the Core Strategy Preferred Options. It was agreed that the questionnaire accompanying this document would be handed over to the Chairman who would arrange for a sub-committee to meet in order to complete and then return the questionnaire to Hambleton District Council. It was recognized that officially today was the last day for questionnaires to be returned, but Cllr Frith would speak to HDC to obtain some flexibility on this.

4. PLANNING ISSUES

4.1 Alteration and extensions to Greystone Flatts (Ref 05/01653) – Approval was given to this application.

4.2 Revised Application for the construction of a dwelling on OS Field 5804 Woundales Lane (Ref 05/00786/FUL) – Consideration of this application and the site visit with HDC did not change the view of the Parish Council that the application should be refused. The Councillors had seen no evidence to cause them to remove the objections they had expressed in the past.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Vehicular access at the junction on Allerton Wath Road to the minor road to Ings House etc (OS Grid Ref SE 421 889). It was reported that there had been problems when heavy traffic had used this road without realizing that it was a dead end. A solution to this would be to erect a "No Through Road for Vehicles" sign at the entrance to the road. The Clerk was asked to take this up with NYC Highways.

5.2 Grass cutting – It was reported that there were a number of complaints about the effectiveness of the programme for cutting grass on the road verges in the village. This grass cutting is carried out by contractors working for North Yorkshire Highways Department, and the Clerk was asked to look into this.

6. OPEN FORUM

6.1 Borrowby Flood Group – Mrs Ann Johnson reported on the present situation. After explaining the recent events in the ongoing project to resolve the flooding problems at the south end of the village she handed over a report by the consultants, Messrs Atkins. Copies of the "Findings and Recommendations" of the report were handed to each Councillor. A meeting has been arranged in Borrowby Village Hall for next Wednesday at 7.30pm, at which representatives of the Environment Agency will be available to explain the report, and Mrs Johnson asked for the support of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the cost of the hire of the hall for that meeting would be borne by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to include this subject on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

6.2 Ownership of the grass bank north of the chestnut tree – Miss Mary Peckett asked if there had been a resolution to the problem posed by a letter from the owner of Chestnut House in which the ownership of the grass bank north of the chestnut tree was queried. The Clerk was asked to look into this and report back to the Council.

6.3 Highway problems generally – Road gully gratings become partially blocked by rubbish washed down during spell of heavy rain and cause safety problems on the main road through the village. On the A19 slip road there still appears to be a problem with road gully gratings being too high to take the surface water from the road. The previous Clerk's letter to Highways Dept has not yet received a reply. The Clerk was asked to speak to Highways about these matters.

There was a query about the timing of the proposed resurfacing of the A19 as it passes between Borrowby and Knayton. The speaker said that he understood that the originally planned date was 2012. However, in view of the resurfacing being carried out on the Thirsk by-pass ahead of time, could we expect the work near Borrowby to be brought forward? The Clerk was asked to look into this.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was agreed to be on Wednesday 28 September 2005 at 8.00pm in Borrowby Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed:.....Dated:.....