

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH
MARCH 2011 IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 PM

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Shelagh Foster. Present: The Chairman, (Cllr R Craig), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Frith), Cllr D Craig, Cllr F Wachsberger, the Clerk, County Cllr G Dadd, District Cllr N Clack and eight members of the public.

County Cllr G Dadd was invited to speak at the meeting first as he had another engagement to attend. He said the County Council had set a budget but they were still 6 million pounds short and waiting till May to fill the budget shortfall; he said he expected that current re-organisations would fill the gap. He said the North Yorkshire Times newspaper had gone, although he didn't expect this would save money in the medium term and was not a great cost saving as revenue was raised from advertising. He said the Highways budget had been cut from Central Government but said the main emphasis from Highways would be safety. He said they were working at removing unnecessary rules and cited the increased 30mps signage in Borrowby as an example and was awaiting a reply- he said there should be more say locally. He said Thirsk library had escaped the cuts but there may be some voluntary measures needed to keep some libraries going. He said that the mobile libraries were going. The Chairman asked if filling in the pot holes would be regarded as necessary by the County Council. Cllr Dadd said that there has been extra money from Central Government to deal with pot holes following the winter weather and they would do what they could. There have been claims totalling 60 to 80 thousand pounds from motorists this past year for damage to vehicles as a result of pot holes. A resident asked why the policy seems generally to close roads for maintenance rather than operate a traffic lights/one lane system. Cllr G Dadd said that by closing the road means the repairs can be done much quicker and there are health and safety issues; keeping the road open during road works may mean the work takes triple the time. A resident said the diversion signs put up when roads are closed are often misleading and he had got misled on a road in Wensleydale. Cllr Dadd said that, although not commenting on specific cases, the more signage there is, the more confusing it is for the motorist, especially there are two lots of diversion signs nearby. The Chairman thanked Cllr Dad for attending and talking at the meeting.

District Cllr N Clack was then invited to talk at the meeting. He said that the District Council was £600,000 short and was trying to make the savings at the rear end/overheads, etc. He said that there will be some committee changes and there would be one less cabinet member and a proposed reduction of 50% in the number of Councillors. There is a 3 year pay freeze in Councillors' allowances. He said re the introduction of PAYE for Parish Council Clerks, where Clerks will be paid through the a payroll rather than gross, Hambleton District Council will be able to offer this PAYE service and he would forward this information. He said that the elections were on May 5th 2011. Cllr Wachsberger asked why there had been a local housing survey and a county

one. Councillor Clack said that the county survey was a sub-regional one, for the York and North Yorkshire sub-region paid for by Central Government a few years ago

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th February 2011, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- 3.1 It was reported that the hedges at Wildcroft and Pinfold had been done. A resident said that the hedge at Pinfold could still do with more being taken off.
- 3.2 Methodist Chapel – Re the letter from Crinda Wilson, Manager of the Methodist circuit, the information that the Parish Council has indicates that Mr Consett owns the land around the chapel. Clerk has replied to Ms Wilson and referred her to NYCC records department if she needs more information/documents. Ms Wilson thanked the Parish Council for their help.
- 3.3 Royal Wedding – Although Cllr Foster was not at the meeting and she is involved with the arrangements, Cllr Frith said that the royal wedding had been discussed at the meeting he had been to and they wondered if Borrowby Parish Council may consider contributing towards some of the expenses, such as the cake, commemorative coins, mugs for the children. The cake was still under discussion. Cllr Frith said that a few years ago the Parish Council contributed towards mugs for the jubilee in 1977. The Chairman asked the floor and the Parish Councillors about contributing towards the royal wedding celebrations and it was decided that a maximum of £100 would be donated.
- 3.4 Participatory Budgeting – Cllr Frith reported that the task group for the project included Cllr Frith, Cllr Wachsberger, Linda Gibbon, Steven Wood, Ian Goldsmith, Richard Critchlow and Sue Seddon. A meeting has taken place on 24th February which he said was very fruitful and they had worked out a timescale. Cllr Frith said that a flyer was to be produced closer to the date of the voting meeting. He said two groups had contacted him with some queries but he had not yet received any finished nominations. He said that the task group are meeting on Monday 28th March and the bids need to be in by Friday 25th March. If feasible they are looking at having the bidding meeting on Thursday 31st March in Knayton School at 7 pm. At the meeting each bidder will give a short talk and voting slips will be given out. The money for the funding will be given to the Parish Council who distribute the money as directed by the task group, since the task group has been delegated this authority by the Parish Council.
- 3.5 Affordable Housing – The final report has been received from Amanda Madden. The Parish Councillors said they would like a bit longer to look at the report and discuss at another meeting, probably at the next meeting in April.

4. Correspondence

- 4.1 NYCC County Committee for Hambleton. Agenda for the next meeting to be held on Monday 7th March at 2 pm in County Hall.
- 4.2 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.
- 4.3 HDC, Helen Hewards, Planning Policy Officer. Letter to say that the Council members agreed to adopt the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) on 22 February 2011. A summary sheet of the new SPD was enclosed. Cllr Frith said that the original document set out how much green space should be available for the number of houses.
- 4.4 PAYE – New legislation requires employees of Parish Council to be paid by PAYE. The Parish Council have received emails from two accountancy businesses: D Tonks and John Harron stating that they can provide this service for a fee. The Parish Councillors said that they would probably take up Cllr Clack's suggestion of using HDC's payroll.
- 4.5 Election forms. The Clerk attended a briefing on 7th March and collected the nomination forms. The forms are with the Chairman – Parish Councillors who wish to remain on the Parish Council or any other residents interested in becoming a Parish Councillor must fill a nomination form in and return it to Hambleton District Council, Stone Cross by 4th April. The posters about the election have been put on the notice boards
- 4.6 Village Hall training courses – There are courses run by Rural Action Yorkshire at Sutton-under-forest and East Rounton. The information was passed onto the Village Hall Committee of Borrowby and some of them are attending the course at East Rounton.
- 4.7 Yorkshire and Humberside Leadership Conference – this takes place on Friday 25th March.
- 4.8 Joan Jackson, a student at Leeds University, is doing research on Parish plans has asked if they could speak to anyone who was involved in setting up the plan for Borrowby a few years ago. Cllr Frith has forwarded the email to Ann Johnson who may be able to help.
- 4.9 Participatory Budgeting – Cllr Frith has attended the meeting a circulated the minutes. The Royal Wedding was also discussed.
- 4.10 The RSPB have asked if there is local newsletter in which they could put an article encouraging people to make their gardens more wildlife friendly. Cllr Frith has given him the contact for the Parish magazine.
- 4.11 North Yorkshire Public Transport Scheme – Document outlining the changes to bus timetables. Cllr Frith pointed out that there were changes in the route from Thirsk to York.
- 4.12 HDC Housing Enabler, Amanda Madden – Affordable housing report. (See 3.5).
- 4.13 Crinda Wilson, Methodist Circuit Manager. Letter thanking the Parish Council for the information on file relating to ownership of the lane that passes in front of the chapel and the green. (See 3.2).
- 4.14 Village Hall Committee – Letter asking if the Parish Council would be prepared to contribute towards the Royal Wedding expenses (see 3.3)
- 4.15 Borrowby Bridge Group – They are looking for more members to join them. Anyone interested should contact Ann Johnson or Janet Peckitt.

- 4.16 Glasdon – Brochure of street furniture products.
 4.17 Update – Magazine from YLCA. It is &70.00 for a year's prescription.

5. Planning

- 5.1 A planning application was received for the construction of an equestrian worker's dwelling with detached domestic garage at Burtree Hill Stables, Long Lane, Borrowby, for Mr C Elenor and Mrs K Elenor. Ref 11/00395/FUL. Comments to be returned by 18th March.

The dwelling is to be build further into the land and not where the caravan is at present. Cllrs R and D Craig declared an interest. Cllr Frith said that although the business is successful this should not be seen as 'the thin edge of the wedge' for building outside the development line. Cllr Wachsberger said that he thinks the dwelling should be where the caravan is now. Clerk to reply to HDC.

6. Finance:

Cheques written out:

Clerk's two month salary	£138.00
Duplication (for Participatory Budgeting Project)	(£11.70 (£10.00)

The salt bin invoice has not yet been received but was due to be sent at the end of February.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Open Forum

- 8.1 The chestnut tree – The files have been checked. A letter from A Whitehead Associates, Arboricultural Consultant, sent to HDC in 2004, said that NYCC had accepted their report but responded that the maintenance works were beyond the County's budget and that they intended to continue with their felling scenario. Mr Crook, of Chestnut House, was very unhappy at the proposal to remove the tree and set up a trust to look after the horse chestnut tree for the next 10 – 20 years. With the benefit of the trust fund established by Mr Crook, the Parish Council has adopted the horse chestnut tree from NYCC Highways.
- 8.2 Peacocks developments – There have been some obstructions during the developments. Cllr Frith said that photos should be taken and a log made of the problems. It was said that they believed the area was to be landscaped first before any residency in the field was taken up but was reported that they are living there already. Cllr Frith said he would check if the conditions had been breached.
- 8.3 The hunt – A resident said that during the hunt on Saturday last week the hounds had run into his garden and asked if other people had had

any problems. Cllr Frith said the hounds had run in his garden and caused a disturbance to his family. It was decided that the Clerk should write a letter to the hunt about the problem. It was said that it was the hunt which uses West Rounton Kennels.

- 8.4 A resident said that water was running down the road just below the gates down Park Lane. Clerk to contact NYCC.
- 8.5 A resident asked if there was any progress to putting a seat under the oak tree at the top of the village. The Chairman said that NYCC said they wouldn't permit this. It was pointed out that the grass banking near the tree was being badly damaged and eroding due to works in Peacocks field. Kerbing was suggested but there was a query about the distance from the road but the Parish Council will consider the idea.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman said that the next Parish Council Meeting would take place on Thursday 21st April at 8.00 pm and thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.