

MINUTES FROM THE BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY 2012 IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished a Happy New Year to one and all.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from District Cllr N Clack. Present: Cllr R Craig (Chairman), Cllr D Frith (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Craig, Cllr F Wachsberger, the Clerk and five members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday 17th November 2012, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

- 3.1 Christmas tree – Cllr Frith said a big thank you to all who helped with the Christmas tree for Borrowby and thanked Bruce especially for transporting it. The supplier, Mr Clarke, thought there may not be any more trees, although Cllr Frith thought there may be one more; the trees are all tall so it would be the top part of the tree. Cllr Frith had offered £35 but Mr Clarke said £30 was acceptable.
- 3.2 Fox's Account – Cllr Frith said that he had not yet been to Thirsk to open this.
- 3.3 Yorkshire Water – Re gravel for pot holes down Bob Lane. Letter sent by the Clerk - await reply.

4. Correspondence

- 4.1 HDC. Review of District Council electoral arrangements. There has been an alteration and the proposed Rudby Ward should be the proposed Leeming Bar Ward.
- 4.2 Park Lane Playgrounds – Brochure. To pass onto RAP.
- 4.3 HDC Thirsk Area Forum Meetings: Tuesday 17th January at Thirsk, Wednesday 18th January at Northallerton.
- 4.4 NYCC. Mark Dunning, project manager – Letter about salt bins stating that the replenishment charge for the bins on Back Lane and Near the Methodist Church is £75 each bin plus VAT which covers the cost of filling the bins twice. The invoice is to be sent in February.
- 4.5 NALC. New guide: 'Planning Explained'.
- 4.6 HDC Update. Posters for re-cycling dates for Christmas trees, domestic abuse. Information about Council Tax referendum.
- 4.7 Diamond Jubilee brochure.
- 4.8 D Reveley. A suggestion to trim the trees at the bottom of the village – if the trees get too thick it is difficult to see the houses, re neighbourhood watch. The Parish Councillors thought the trees looked alright at the moment – they were trimmed a few years ago. To monitor.
- 4.9 NYCC County Committee Meeting – To take place on Tuesday 17th January.
- 4.10 SOLC. Leaflet and form about renewing membership. The cost is £46. The Parish Council agreed to renew the membership.

5. Planning

- 5.1 Application for proposed alterations and single storey extension to existing dwelling at Pinfold Cottage for Mr & Mrs Nigel and Helen Laws. (11/02778/FUL). Replied – no objections.
- 5.2 Planning approval for works to trees at Pinfold Cottage: T1 Lawson cypress, fell; T2 apple, remove; T3 plum tree, reduce, for Mr & Mrs Laws.
- 5.3 Planning approval for listed building consent for the proposed installation of two no windows to the front elevation of the existing dwelling at South Villa for Mr C Davidson. (11/02381/LBC).
- 5.4 The Chairman stated that the Rural Housing Enabler has had one more offer of land and there is no further information at present.

6. Finance

Cheques written out in December 2011:

Election invoice	£200.00
HDC PAYE –quarterly salary	£223.25 (£209.50 & £11.46 administration fee & 2.29 VAT))
Mr D Frith, Christmas tree	£30.00

Cheques written out at this meeting:

SLCC, renewal of membership	£46.00
HRAP	£200.00

Grass Cutting Quotations

Quotation for current Green areas: £23.00 per cut plus 20% vat (£25.60). Approximately 12 to 16 cuts will be done this season. The price has gone up from £21.00 per cut last year. The Parish Council said they are very pleased with the work they do and agreed to accept the quotation for 2012 season.

A second quotation had been sought from the grass cutters for cutting the verges. The quotation from CE & CM Walker is £85.00 per cut plus VAT (£102.00). The Parish Council are to check the amount the Parish Council would receive from NYCC if the responsibility for verge cutting was taken on. Last year the figure was about £730.00.

The precept applied for by Borrowby Parish Council for 2012 is £2000.00, agreed at the last meeting, which is a reduction of just over £33% on the precept figure for the last few years of £2993.00. The Hambleton District Council finance department has reassured us that the figure can be varied each year and does not tie the Parish Council to a lower precept in the future simply because they are asking for a lower amount this year.

7. Any Other Business

- Borrowby footpaths. Mr Haigh said that none of the work had been done and, although he was aware it was low priority, it is over 9 months since it was first reported. The Clerk is to ask for some timescale for the works.
- Footpath to school. Cllr Frith to see Linda Gibbon, Chairman of Knayton Parish Council to see if the caretaker could do the work clearing the grass which has overgrown the path.

8. Open Forum

- Fencing, charity field. Mr Weir has not given Mr Hogg the order for the fencing work yet. Cllr Frith is to chase this up.
- Hedge cutting. Pinfold hedge still needs cutting back – Cllr Wachsberger to speak to the owner. Hedge at Mowbray House – still obstructing the view and needs cutting back to the signs/boundary. Clerk to send letter.
- Cllr Wachsberger said that the new barn in the Peacocks field is quite high. A resident said that there were some animals there now. The Chairman is to give the conditions to Cllr Wachsberger to check.
- A resident asked about receipts for the Participatory Budgeting project. Cllr Frith said that he has collected his receipts and awaits receipts from Knayton Parish Council.
- Diamond Jubilee – The chairman said she learnt at the village hall meeting that the RAP are doing a Diamond Jubilee Celebration so there is no need to do a separate one. Cllr Frith suggested a combined effort with the RAP. Alan said he thought it would be on the Sunday. He said the Queen's Trust may help with grants and asked if the Parish Council would contribute towards the costs – Knayton Parish Council has donated £100.00 in addition to the annual £100.00 towards maintenance of the RAP. The Parish Councillors agreed that Borrowby would do the same and donate £200.00.
- Cllr Wachsberger said that the Woodland Trust will donate 100 trees for free and 60 for the Jubilee. He asked if anyone had any idea where to plant some? He asked if people could think about this and report at the next meeting. Alan said he would take the leaflet to look at and see if any trees could be added round the RAP field.
- The Chairman said the Parish Council still need another Councillor. She said she was going to step down as Chairman and she and Duncan would prefer to leave the Parish Council if other people came forward.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is booked for Thursday 16th February at 8.00 pm in the village hall.