

MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH
APRIL 2012 AT 8.15 PM IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies

The Chairman opened up the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies were received from District Cllr N Clack, Mr Peter Johnson, John Haigh, County Cllr G Dadd who would not be at the meeting unless late and Parish Cllr D Craig who would be at the meeting late. Present: The Chairman (Cllr R Craig), Vice Chairman (Cllr D Frith), Cllr F Wachsberger, the Clerk and nine members of the public. Cllr D Craig arrived later but County Cllr Dadd was unable to attend.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th March 2012, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

- 3.1 Flyer for new Parish Councillors – Cllr Wachsberger is doing this and will put it up in the village hall and in the newsletter.
- 3.2 Cllr D Frith said that he had delivered the cheque to Leake PCC.
- 3.3 Grass Cutting of verges – Have quotations from CE & CM Walker and D Bell and need one more – Tim said Sandy Kidson could provide a quotation. Clerk to speak to NYCC about the verge cutting.

4. Correspondence

- 4.1 Diamond Jubilee brochure - products for street parties. Has been passed onto the RAP committee.
- 4.2 The Local Government Boundary Commission. The review has started to make sure that every Councillor in each ward represents the same number of electors. The number of Councillors can be reduced and they are consulting on a council size of 28 members, 16 fewer than at present. The closing date for comments is 8th May 2012 and the boundary commission will then take the provisional decision on council size and begin a public consultation on ward boundaries, expected to run from June 20th 2012 to 28th August 2012. The commission will formulate draft recommendations and publish these in about November 2012. An 8 week public consultation will follow this during which time the commission would welcome views from the Parish and Town Councils. It would expect to publish the decisions in the spring 2013.
- 4.3 Plantscape. Planting schemes for the Diamond Jubilee.
- 4.4 Society of Local Council clerks – Conferences for 2012. None listed of much relevance to Borrowby Parish Council.
- 4.5 Glasdon – Street furniture catalogue.

5. Planning

- 5.1 Approval given for alterations and extension to existing dwelling at Cockstride House for Mr & Mrs J Taylor as amended by email received by HDC on 14th March 2012 (12/00218/FUL).
- 5.2 Planning application for the proposed felling of a laburnum tree and the pruning of a silver birch tree at Wildcroft for Mr J Goodwin (12/00750/CAT). The laburnum is falling over and the silver birch tree needs pruning because of excessive shading. Replied with no objections.

6. Finance

Cheques written out:

A Whitehead Associates Ltd		£425.00
(Pollarding of large horst chestnut tree	VAT	<u>£85.00</u>
and lightly reducing the young neighbouring	Total	<u>£510.00</u>
horse chestnut tree)		

Clerk's training day £11.25

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Open Forum

- 8.1 Dog fouling – There is a lot of dog fouling at the bottom of the village and someone noticed someone's dog fouling the footpath outside the 30 mph zone. Someone said there was dog mess on the footpath outside one of the Council houses. Cllr D Frith said that, unless you witness an incident and take a photograph, there is little you can do. There are anti-fouling signs up in the village but it was decided putting more up would not stop the problem. It was suggested that a more humorous poster could be more effective. It was decided that if someone witnessed someone letting their dog foul and not clearing it up, a polite letter should be sent in the first instance to the owner. The problem of pink bags of dog waste being left in Bob Lane and the slip road to the A19 seems to have stopped.
- 8.2 Friarage Services – a resident asked whether the Parish Council had responded to the threatened cuts in services to the children's and maternity services – a meeting is being held tonight in Thirsk. County Cllr Gareth Dadd had said at the February Parish Council Meeting that the best time to write would be when it went to the formal consultation stage. Clerk to contact County Cllr Gareth Dadd and ask if now is an appropriate time to write to forward the Parish Council's views.
- 8.3 The Chairman said that two places will be vacant on the Parish Council after the May meeting and a Parish Council representative on the village hall committee will be needed.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is booked for Thursday May 17th at 8.00 pm in the village hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.