

MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH JULY 2012 AT 8.00 PM IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Bell. Present: Cllr Wachsberger (Chairman), Cllr D Frith (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Craig, Elaine Town, County Cllr G Dadd (who arrived later), the Clerk and five members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on 21st June, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed after an amendment in Open Forum, 8.2, to read 'with good intent' rather than 'nothing done deliberately' referring to the defibrillator.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Mrs Elaine Town was co-opted onto the Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Wachsberger and seconded by Cllr Frith. The Chairman welcomed Elaine Town onto the Parish Council.

3.2 Jubilee Mugs – Cllr /Frith said all the mugs had been distributed to the children. He brought a cheque for £40 for Borrowby Parish Council for the sale of the surplus mugs.

3.3 Road Repairs – The Chairman has informed County Cllr G Dadd about the section of road near the Rural Activities Park in need of pothole repairs.

3.4 Hedges – the hedges near the pub have now been trimmed back.

3.5 Verge Cutting – The Chairman said the contractors are doing a good job; there was just one small section to be added up to the 30 mph sign on Gate Lane - the Clerk has written to the contractors asking them to include this section.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Parker's Wholesale Bulbs Catalogue.

4.2 Clerk's & Council's Direct magazine, July 2012.

4.3 AON Insurance Renewal Premium. Quotation and policy details for renewal: £413.95.

4.4 Local Government Boundary Commission – They are now consulting on the Council size of 28 District Councillors.

4.5 Society of Local Council Clerks – 'The Clerk' magazine.

4.6 Glasdon – street furniture leaflet.

4.7 NYCC Business & Environmental Services. Update about Highways. The cuts in funding are the main challenge. Having a more 'normal' winter last year, they are hoping for more of the same to get back on track with targets and improve the highway condition rather than just repairing winter damage - the two previous winters had required drawing on the winter reserve. A list of the road improvement programmes for the County is enclosed. There is an additional two million pounds to be spent on pothole repairs and each area is being consulted on where they would like the money spent. Work is now being done by a new contractor, Ringway, who will also take on two apprentices.

4.8 HDC Democratic Services Officer, Emma Atkinson. Letter saying there have been insufficient requests from eligible electors to fill the Parish Council vacancy in Borrowby. The Parish Council are now to co-opt a duly qualified person to fill the vacancy. (Co-option of Elaine Town, see 3.1).

5. Planning Applications

No planning applications or decisions were received.

6. Finance

AON Insurance Renewal		£413.95
CE & CM Walker Ltd - grass cutting on 22/06/12		£23.00
07/06/12		<u>£85.00</u>
		£108.00
	VAT	<u>£21.60</u>
	TOTAL	£129.60
PAYE 01/04 – 30/06		£225.00
	Admin fee	£11.46
	VAT	<u>£2.29</u>
	TOTAL	£238.75
Mr D Craig - materials for pointing stone cross		£25.46

Talk by County Cllr Gareth Dadd

County Cllr Gareth Dadd referred to the NYCC letter about the extra pothole work. The Chairman asked about the new contractors – C Cllr Dadd said they are expecting savings but there had been a few teething problems. A resident expressed concern about the overgrown verges on the way to Northallerton. C Cllr Gareth Dadd said that the contractors need to get caught up after a late start. A resident asked why the area near the fish and chip shop in Northallerton needed re-surfacing. C Cllr Dadd said that they have changed the bus arrangement around so people don't have to go to the road to see which buses to get and it didn't comply with disability criteria re kerbs. However, it was suggested that the re-surfacing was a waste of money and there must have been a more economical way of changing things around. C Cllr Dadd said that all six crossing patrols that were on pelican crossings have been removed. The Chairman said that the footpath to the school was now finished by the cubs/scouts. A resident said that the footpath on the other side of the road from this could do with clearing.

7. Any Other Business

Cllr E Town said that the drain was blocked outside 'Rose Bank' and that stones were coming up out of it. Clerk to contact NYCC.

8. Open Forum

8.1 A resident said that Duncan had done an excellent job re-pointing the stone cross. Cllr Duncan Craig said the wet weather had helped as the lime mix is better when dried slowly.

8.2 Tree at Mount Pleasant – The Chairman said that HDC are investigating the application to fell the yew tree, whether the problem is damage or shading.

8.3 Kissing Gate – A new one has been put up.

8.4 Dog Fouling – The Chairman reported that the problem of dog fouling has improved since it was mentioned in the village newsletter.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 20th September at 8.00 pm in the village hall.