

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 8.15 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

No apologies were received. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Frith), Cllr D Craig, Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town, the Clerk and seven members of the public.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed, after an amendment in AOB to read 'Simon Walker'.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Verge erosion. In response to the Clerk's letter about the erosion of the grass verge beside the main road adjacent to the village hall, NYCC will arrange for a Highways inspector to assess the condition of the verge and ascertain if any repairs/remedial work may be required. The Chairman said that vehicles are getting larger. Cllr Bell said more cars are parked in the road opposite the verge which makes the road narrower.

3.1 Clerk has contacted HDC Planning again but they have not yet responded about the request for a TPO for the oak tree at the top of the village.

3.2 The litter bin has now been put in place near the noticeboard. The bin is sticking out a bit near the road – Cllr Bell will have a look and see if it can be moved further in.

3.3 Streetlights – awaiting response re asking why the bulbs were replaced in the faulty lights then a few weeks later all the lights were replaced.

3.4 Woundales – the structure in the field was queried (different location than the plans for the Woundales camp site). To monitor.

3.5 Permission was granted for the removal of the pear tree at Briar House. (See Planning 9.2).

4. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr Craig – He reported that the noticeboard at the bottom of the village had blown over today in the strong winds. Repair/putting into place to be followed up. He said he was approached by a resident who criticised the Parish Council, complaining of parking on the road and a dog. A resident at the meeting said that parking in the road was a problem in the village and people should not park within 10 yards of a junction. It was said it made things difficult for lorry drivers. The Chairman said people should use their common sense when parking and suggested raising the parking problem in the forthcoming newsletter. A resident said employees parked in the road but they should be provided with parking by their employer. It was mentioned that the vehicle parked regularly near the corner by the residents of West End Farm was a hazard. The Clerk was asked to contact them.

The Chairman, Cllr Bell and Cllr Town did not have anything else to report.

5. Affordable Housing Update

The Chairman said that at the last meeting Mrs Coleman from Broadacres attended and the original plan for 3 properties in Borrowby had now grown up to 12 from their point of view as the smaller number would be uneconomical for them. Amanda Madden, the HDC Rural Housing Enabler, would be able to consider up to 12 houses if Borrowby formed a cluster with the Hillside parishes to also accommodate their affordable housing need. They also spoke about time constraints for funding, but the Chairman said they would not be railroaded into it – he and Cllr Bell had both heard that Hillside residents were assuming Borrowby was going to fill their need but the Chairman said nothing has been decided and no decision taken to form a cluster with the other villages. Cllr Craig said he thought the arguments were flawed and inconsistent at the last meeting. The

Chairman said he has asked Amanda Madden to contact other housing associations to see if they would build the 3 properties to fulfil the housing need for Borrowby. A resident said that a lot of youngsters choose to work away from the area or go off to University and said that nobody local moved into the Broadacres bungalows in the village; it was said that these bungalows were not built with the affordable housing 'conditions'. The resident said they were aware of problems being caused by tenants of affordable housing in Brompton and Hutton Rudby and has heard of it in other places. Another resident said that there are a lot of houses in the village already that may become vacant in the future. A villager said that affordable housing would give consideration to the younger people in the village who cannot afford the present property prices. Cllr Craig said that the low cost housing properties in Knayton were not filled with locals. The Chairman said that some youngsters may wish to stay in the village and live in their own property. A resident said the entrance to the proposed site from the old A19 is lethal and said access was sought years ago and thrown out. NYCC have given permission for the access subject to correct signage being put in place.

#### 6. Road Maintenance and Street lighting

Clerk to pursue query as to why bulbs changed in streetlights before streetlights themselves changed as part of a rolling programme.

#### 7. Tree planting

The HRAP are taking some of the trees. The Chairman said that the trees were now starting to grow a bit.

#### 8. Correspondence

8.1 NYCC Highways. Notification of carriageway strengthening work and re-surfacing works at C11, Cotcliffe Bank starting on 8<sup>th</sup> April for 3 days. The road will be closed and an alternative route signed.

8.2 Streetscape. Play areas brochure.

8.3 NYCC Highways. Notification of proposed works to Knayton Bridge on 6<sup>th</sup> May for approximately 6 weeks for urgent remedial works to restore and maintain the long term stability of the bridge. An alternative route will be signposted. The bridge is on Cleveland Rein over Broad Beck between Knayton and Borrowby.

8.4 Local Boundary Commission of England. Summary of the Commission's Report setting out the final recommendations for Hambleton District Council.

8.5 Email from Lyn Griffiths. Information about a proposal to set up a minibus service for 11 villages in the area which have no public transport. The Parish Councillors thought that it was a highly commendable idea but the proposal does not seem workable as the figures are based on everyone taking part and contributing towards the purchase and running of a minibus. Cllr Craig said that in the event of a default for payment this would be put onto everyone else and was too risky. The Clerk is to reply and to ask to be kept in touch with any progress.

8.6 Village Hall car park – Cllr Town has been following up the filling in of the honeycomb paving stones – Mr Consett couldn't prove he owned the area and a lot of people use the car park. A resident said that the Council in Northallerton (equivalent of HDC) put down the paving stones when the village hall was built. It was suggested by a resident that the people who use the car park every day should contribute to the work to fill in the honeycomb gaps. It was proposed that the Parish Council could contribute towards the filling in of the honeycomb areas. To be followed up.

8.7 HDC. Two books about the areas in Hambleton allocated for development (Allocations Development Plan Document) and maps showing the boundaries (Annex 5 Proposals Map).

8.8 HDC. Email. Notices of Poll for a County Councillor and a District Councillor. Notices printed and put on boards.

8.9 HDC. Notice about new service to collect cardboard.

## 9. Planning applications

9.1 Application for the change of use of agricultural land to a camp site, the construction of an amenity/reception building, parking area and the siting of a disabled caravan and 6 yurts with shepherd huts at Woundales Farm, Knayton, for Mr and Mrs Mortimer (Delegated decision). Ref: 13/00554/FUL. Comments by 29<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk to reply with no objections.

9.2 Planning decision. Permission has been granted for the proposed works to fell a tree at Briar House for Miss C Gott. Ref: 13/00366/CAT).

## 10. Finance

HDC Clerk's Quarterly PAYE	£225.00
Admin Fee	£11.46
VAT	<u>£2.29</u>
Total	£238.75
Hire of Hall for meetings (17.01.13, 21.02.13, 21.03.13)	£21.00

The papers have now been received from Littlejohn LLP, the appointed external auditors this year.

## 11. Any Other Business

11.1 Regarding the stiles which had been sawn off, Cllr Bell said that he was told this had been done to stop the animals jumping over them, but he will speak to the landowner about re-instating them.

## 12. Open Forum

12.1 A resident said that the parking in Northallerton High Street was ridiculous – spaces near the town hall have been taken away and where they have re-painted the bays in the High Street they have made them narrower.

## 13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May and will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.12 pm.