

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th October at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Frith. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), Cllr D Craig, Cllr E Town, Cllr D Bell, the Clerk, County Cllr G Dadd, District Cllr J Watson and 7 members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on 19th September, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed. The minutes from the July meeting which had been corrected, were also agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Cllr Bell said the tree surgeon hasn't done the inspection of the oak tree and said he would find an alternative.

3.2 Cllr Bell said he had marked the small but numerous bits of green around the village which the Parish Council has been maintaining but which do not have registered ownership. A letter is to be written and signed by a Solicitor to NYCC Commons Registration with the map with a view for the Parish Council to seek ownership. SLCC had advised previously that the small strips of green areas would be too small for Village Green status.

3.2 Cllr Town said that discussion about ways to fill in the gaps of the honeycomb pavings in the Village Green car park were continuing.

3.3 Cllr Town said water was continuing to run down the road near 'Rose Bank'. Yorkshire Water is going to investigate this in the next few weeks. It was said that at the bottom of the village sewerage can come out of the pipe – it was said that the sewerage pipe was separate and Cllr Craig questioned whether the connection had been done properly.

4. Update by County Councillors

District Cllr Janet Watson – She said that enquiries were being made about faster Broadband using the electoral roll. She said that there would be free parking on Thursdays within Hambleton in the run up to Christmas and during the few weeks before Christmas. She said that the Parish Liaison Meeting for District and Parish Councils was on November 7th.

County Cllr Gareth Dadd – He spoke about the proposals for a half hour limit on free parking in Northallerton High Street and said this should help with traffic management and keep things flowing. He said that the car parking charges in Northallerton were much lower than in Cities and charges were not the 'be all and end all' of shoppers attending. He said during the Christmas free parking days the meters would be covered up. He said the free parking had been publicised in the D & S.

The Chairman said that the 'blackout' of the Borrowby lights was supposed to be 12 till 5am but it has gradually got earlier to 20 to 12. A resident said that odd lights were still on – it was said that a few lights are supposed to stay on all night. A resident asked what happens when the clock change. C Cllr Dadd said that the system should be coded but there may be teething problems and said to let him know if there were problems. He said that there has been no evidence of crime increasing due to the lighting reduction.

C Cllr Dadd said that County had planned as far ahead as 2020 and that the financial situation will require changes and cuts to services. He said that rather than have a lot of redundancies, which are unpleasant and costly, it was better to not replace some people after they had retired. The Chairman said it seemed that the top executive was paid a lot and had high pay rises – C Cllr Dadd said that this was not the case with NYCC and that he was paid less than many other Councils.

The Chairman thanked County Cllr G Dadd and District Cllr J Watson for speaking at the meeting.

5. Update by Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr Town, Cllr Craig, Cllr Frith and the Chairman had nothing further to raise.

Cllr Bell said that some of the trees on Back Lane were growing into the road and he would organise pruning by Sandy Kitson.

6. Affordable Housing Update

The Chairman attended a conference about affordable housing and said Lord Best from the House of Commons was there. He said the Siltons has a proposal for affordable housing but the local landlord is offering housing rents lower than affordable housing rates. He said that A Madden had asked to attend a Borrowby Parish Council meeting – he said she has a few videos about affordable housing. It was decided that a special meeting will be organised for A Madden to present information on affordable housing and C Cllr Dadd volunteered to chair the meeting.

7. Correspondence

7.1 VG Energy. The Rural Community Energy Fund supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects which provide economic and social benefits to the community. Funding is available and applications invited.

7.2 NYCC post 16 transport to colleges – consulting on increasing charges.

7.3 North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue. Annual accounts available online – no longer distributing paper copies.

7.4 NYCC – Following Clerk's letter NYCC have issued a works order for the gullies along Park Lane to be jetted and cleaned.

7.5 HDC. Hambleton Inaugural Parish Liaison Meeting. 7th November at 7.00 pm at the Civic Centre, Northallerton. Invitation for two members from each Parish Council to attend.

7.6 NYCC Household Waste and Recycling Centres. Consulting on proposals to introduce charges for soil/rubble/plasterboard.

7.7 NYCC. Notice that the salt bins on Back Lane and near the Methodist Church will be filled this winter subject to paying the annual replenishment charge (£75 + VAT pre bin). There will be two fills and an extra one following significant snow events.

7.8 AON. Information about insuring for community fireworks events.

8. Planning

- Application for alterations and extensions to existing agricultural building to form a dwelling at East Woundales, Knayton, for Mr Ian Woodhead (13/01715/FUL).
- Application for listed building consent for alterations to a derelict building to form a garden room at Grey House for Mr & Mrs Ben Smith (13/02017/LBC). To respond with no objections to a garden room in principle, but the plans look like the building could be a house in its own right.
- Application for proposed works to fell an apple tree at High View, Back Lane, for Miss J Dinwiddie (13/02130/CAT). Parish Council have no objections.
- Woundales field – it has been reported that the fence is in the wrong place. To contact Tim Wood from HDC Planning for a response.

9. Finance

Invoices

CE & CM Walker (cutting on 10/09 /13 – Green and verges) £134.40

Receipts

Second precept payment of £1000 should be in the bank shortly.

Grass cutting payment for cutting verges from NYCC £792.96
Clerk to notify NYCC to send to invoice to correct address.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Open Forum

11.1 A resident asked if the plans could be put out at the back a bit earlier before the meeting.

12. Date of next Meeting: Thursday 21st November 2013 at 8.00 pm.