

MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 AT 8.00 PM IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies

No apologies were received. Present: The Chairman (Cllr Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr Frith), Cllr D Craig, Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town, the Clerk, County Cllr G Dadd, District Cllr J Watson and eight members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed after correction of the name to Kitson in section 5.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Tree Surgeon - Cllr Bell said that neither of the two tree surgeons had turned up and he will now contact the tree surgeon who did the initial work on the chestnut tree – a quote is to be obtained for felling the remainder of the old tree and pruning the younger chestnut tree. He will also ask for a quote for pruning the trees at the bottom of the village.

3.2 Grass verges - Cllr Bell has seen the solicitor in the village and he thinks the wording of the letter relating to claim ownership of the strips of land should be worded slightly differently. Cllr Bell will sign the amended letter as has been residing in the village for over 20 years.

3.3 Cllr Town thought that less water was running down the road near 'Rose Bank'. Resident Mary Peckitt said she had contacted the Council about the water and they had come out to take a look at it. Yorkshire Water then paid a visit and used a camera to try and check the pipes, which was difficult because of the blockage, but they managed to get a photo which showed that tree roots were obstructing the pipe and, hence, water flow. They will dig the roots out. The Chairman thanked Mary for following up this problem. Cllr Town said that some drains in the village were blocked. Cllr Bell saw the contractors in the village during gully clearing and they had missed a few gullies. County Cllr Dadd advised contacting Highways as they want to know if work is not being done properly. Cllr Bell to supply details and Clerk to contact Highways.

3.4 Honeycomb paving stones. The Chairman from the Village Hall Committee attended the meeting. He said the options for filling in the gaps in the honeycomb pavings had been discussed and a reasonable price had been obtained for using chippings/tarmac but there would be maintenance issues and to do the whole car park would be £8000 to £10,000. Cllr Wachsberger asked if the County Council would contribute but County Cllr Dadd said this would not happen. He said the honeycomb paving stones were cracking a bit and that something needs to be done –the paving stones in poor condition are down the middle section. It was suggested to do a footpath down the middle only as the sides of the car park are in better condition. Cllr Bell said the path should have a slightly rough surface. A resident said flags shouldn't be used. Cllr Bell said that asphalt would be flexible but concrete would crack. The Village Hall Chairman said that a path done in tarmac would be in the region of £2000. Cllr Frith asked if there was a timescale for the work and he said there wasn't. The Village Hall Chairman said that he would put the information in the next newsletter.

4. Update from County and District Councillors if present

County Cllr Gareth Dadd – He said that there is an indication that the Government is thinking of capping the precept so if the Parish Council needed to increase it, now would be the time. He said the local enterprise partnership bids had been put to central Government. Cllr Frith said that the new tarmac that had been put on the footpath down the bottom of the village was good. It was stated that the road up to the slip road was in a terrible state.

District Cllr Janet Watson – She said the Parish Liaison Meeting was well attended and also the Broadband Meeting at Knayton. When asked about response times from HDC she said that within one working day of an email they aim to let you know when you will get a response. The

Parish Council are still awaiting a full response from Tim Wood about the fence being put up on the wrong side at the Woundales.

#### 5. Update from Parish Councillors

Cllr Craig, Cllr Town and Cllr Frith had no further issues to raise.

Cllr Bell asked when the affordable housing meeting is to take place. The Chairman said that he is trying to organise the meeting when the village hall is available and when County Cllr Dadd and Amanda Madden are both able to attend.

Cllr Wachsberger said he attended the Parish Liaison Meeting the District Cllr Watson mentioned and that it was very interesting and informative. He said the next Meeting is on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The Chairman raised the issue of signage for a bend near Crosby Farm on the C5 – Cllr Dadd said that the significant bends on the C5 had been signed but the particular bend the Chairman talked about would have the verge marker replaced but have no signage; he said there had been one accident on this bend and the key was to record personal injuries. Cllr Craig said that if there is too much signage it can lose impact. The Chairman said that, although the Parish Council had to wait a long time for NYCC to put white lines at the junction near the slip road, these lines were done again only a few weeks ago even though they didn't need doing. County Cllr Dadd said that as an area it is most cost effective to do them all at the same time. The Chairman said the 'slow' marking near the bridge had not been re-painted – County Cllr Dadd said that it had been reported and would be done.

#### 6. Street Lighting

Regarding the timing of the night time switch off it was said that the hour change had been corrected, although they are still going off a bit early at about 11.40 pm. County Cllr Dadd said the timing should settle down.

#### 7. Christmas Tree for Borrowby

The trees at Knayton have been inspected and it is intended to cut down and collect the tree on the first Saturday in December. Volunteers will be needed for this.

#### 8. Correspondence

8.1 HDC 'Update'. October 2013.

8.2 HDC Parish Precept Arrangements for the financial year 2014/15. Precept figure to be submitted by the end of December.

8.3 'Wickstead Playscapes' brochure.

NYCC Highways. Works to strengthen the Woundales Bridge will commence on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and take about 6 weeks. A two day road closure is expected at the end of the works for re-surfacing and at other times traffic lights may be used.

8.4 HDC Parish Liaison Meeting. Agenda for the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm at the Civic Centre, Northallerton.

8.5 'Clerk's & Council's Direct' magazine.

8.6 'Primo' play equipment catalogue.

8.7 North Yorkshire Police. Julia Mulligan, the Police & Crime Commissioner, is organising some public engagement events. The Thirsk event will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at East Thirsk Community Hall from 6 – 8 pm. Posters/flyers.

8.8 North Yorkshire Police. Notification of venue change to Thirsk Courthouse for above event.

#### 9. Planning

- Permission had been granted for the construction of an agricultural building for the storage of straw, machinery and livestock during winter at /Cheesemans Croft for Mr B Thornton. (13/01766/FUL).
- Permission has been granted for the construction of a replacement building to the rear of the dwellinghouse to form a garden room at Grey House for Mr & Mrs Ben Smith. (13/02017/LBC).

- Listed Building Consent has been granted for the construction of a replacement building to the rear of the dwellinghouse to form a garden room at Grey House for Mr & Mrs Ben Smith. (13/02017/LBC).

#### 10. Finance

CE & CM Walker (grass cutting on 01/10, 16/10 & 16/10 verges)	136.00
	VAT 27.20
	Total £163.20

Parish precept – HDC would like to know the figure from the Parish Council before the end of December 2013.

The Clerk said that the predicted overall balance to year end 2012/14 would be around £450 lower. The previous year the overall balance had gone down by £472. The Parish Councillors decided to apply for the same precept figure as last year, £2000, since the overall reserves are healthy.

AON insurance sent a letter about the conditions for cover for snow clearance and gritting.

#### 11. Any Other Business

11.1 Cllr Town said that the litter bin which had been damaged by a vehicle has now been removed and the replacement has been put in a different location near to the seat.

#### 12. Open Forum

12.1 The streetlight bulbs not working and reported have now been fixed.

12.2 Some gullies have been blocked with soil. Cllr Bell said he would see if he could do something.

#### 13. Date of next Meeting

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 8.00pm in the village hall.

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and thanked them for attending.

The meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.