

MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY AT 8.00 PM IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies

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

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2014, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Tree Surgeon - A quotation has been received from North Riding Tree Services for £700 to fell the remaining old chestnut tree, prune the smaller chestnut tree and trim the trees on the lower green. The Parish Council agreed to accept the quotation and Cllr Bell is to contact them and arrange for the works to be done.

3.2 Grass Verges - Cllr Bell brought a letter and map with the grass areas marked on to be sent off to try and claim the areas as Parish Council land.

3.3 Water running down the road near 'Rose Bank' – Resident, Mary Peckitt, said that Yorkshire Water had cut out the tree roots blocking the drain and flushed the drain out. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Yorkshire Water.

It was said that the gulley near 'Field House' was still blocked with stones. Clerk to ask NYCC when the next visit is scheduled to clear the gullies and to mention the blocked gulley outside 'Field House' and also the one near 'The Mill' just outside the village.

3.4 Honeycomb Paving Stones - The information about proposals for filling in/path forming is being put in the Village Hall newsletter.

3.5 Christmas Tree for Borrowby – The tree looked really good. Clerk to send letter of thanks to supplier. The Chairman said that the Parish Council may put additional lights on a tree on the lower green next year. Spare bulbs to be purchased for current set of lights. It was suggested buying some LED bulbs if additional lights are needed.

4. Update from County and District Councillors if present

District Councillor Janet Watson said that she had been to one scrutiny meeting and that ambulance response times had been discussed. The Clerk has not heard anything further from Tim Wood re the fence/developments at the Woundales – District Cllr Watson said she would chase this up. She asked if there was a map of the village as she had found it difficult to locate some of the houses. The Village Hall committee have some maps and District Cllr Watson will be able to have a copy. There is a multiple re-cycling place in Thirsk - The Chairman said that it would be a good idea for the village to have a re-cycling bank and it would likely reduce the cost of house collections. He said litter is a problem in

Borrowby at the moment – it was said that litter picking was not done in Borrowby but someone else said that one lady was known to do some litter picking

5. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr D Craig – He said that one set of bulbs was not used on the tree as it was smaller than previous years and not as many lights required.

Cllr D Bell - He said that some road signs need repairing: The sign outside ‘Rectory House’ (Cowesby, Borrowby at Knayton junction) and the sign outside ‘Borrowby Farm’ both need new brackets. The signs in the area are all rather dirty. Clerk to contact Highways.

Cllr Wachsberger – He said that the Village Hall Chairman informed him that a soakaway was being put in at Hillcrest, opposite the Village Hall. It was pointed out that if the soakaway fills up the bank might erode. The Chairman said that the work should be properly supervised. Cllr Bell said that water could be channelled into the sewerage system rather than building a soakaway. A resident said water could be diverted into a surface water drain.

Cllr Wachsberger said that a letter had been received from a Knayton resident, Mr Dredge, about the increased road noise following re-surfacing last year. Cllr Bell asked the Clerk to look up the history of the road noise problem in the minutes: NYCC had agreed to use the quieter surface material (until contract expires in 2027) to be first used in about 2008. Mr Dredge had taken the matter up with NYCC who found out that during the re-surfacing last year hot surface asphalt surfacing had been used instead of the Thin Surface Course System (which results in less road noise). The contractors, Autolink, have agreed to install the Thin Surface Course System after the winter, likely to be in the summer months. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr Dredge for drawing this matter to the Parish Council’s attention.

Cllr Town had nothing further to raise.

6. Correspondence

6.1 NYCC Business & Environmental Services. The DMMO application to record a public bridleway at Chestnut Bank, Borrowby, was discussed at the planning and regulatory functions sub-committee; the members resolved that an Order should be made to add the route to the Definitive Map as a Restricted Byeway. The Order will be sent to the legal team who will publicise the legal notice. If there are no objections the route will be added to the Definitive Map; if there are objections which cannot be resolved, the matter will be referred to the Secretary of State.

6.2 Hambleton & Richmondshire Citizens Advice Bureau. Letter with information about their work and request for donations. The Parish Council agreed that any donations made need to be of direct link for the residents of Borrowby and this is not appropriate. However, the Parish Councillors agreed to put some posters up on the notice boards – Clerk to contact them.

6.3 HDC. Minutes from the Parish Liaison Meeting held on 7th November in Northallerton. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 5th June.

6.4 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

6.5 HDC Update – December issue.

7. Planning Applications

- Permission has been granted for proposed works to fell an apple tree at High View, Back Lane, for Miss J Dinwiddie (13/02130/CAT).

8. Fianance

Clerk's quarterly salary	£237.50
SLCC Membership Renewal	£48.00
Precept amount applied for 2014	£2000.00

9. Any Other Business

9.1 The Chairman said that new reflector posts are to be put up at the bend near 'Crosby Farm' but this has not yet been done. Clerk to contact NYCC to ask when the posts will be put in place.

9.2 Tree Preservation Order, oak tree. Cllr Bell said that the tree surgeon said he could not do the survey. District Cllr Watson will speak to Planning HDC – Clerk to supply contact information and brief history of the issue.

10. Open Forum

10.1 A resident said that the planning application for a replacement building to form a garden room, which has just been granted permission, looks like it is for a dwelling. The Parish Council said that the conditions state that the garden room cannot be used as a separate dwelling in its own right

10.2 A resident said that on the land down the bottom of Back Lane it is a quagmire. Cllr Bell said there are no gullies down there and it is not Parish Council land. The Chairman said he would have a look at it and Cllr Bell said he would see who was responsible for this area.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 20th February at 8.00 pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.