

MINUTES FROM THE BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY AT 8.00 PM IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies

None received. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Frith), Cllr D Craig, Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town, County Cllr G Dadd, District Cllr J Watson, the Clerk and six members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed after a few amendments: 3.5 to read 'may put additional lights..' and 'if additional lights..' in place of additional tree and 5. Soak away put in 'at Hillcrest, opposite the Village Hall' in place of at the Village Hall and 6.1 to read 'Byway' in place of Bridleway.

3. Matters arising

3.1 A resident suggested that, further to Autolink having used the incorrect material last year for re-surfacing the A19 southbound near Knayton, the Parish Council should contact Autolink for a timetable for repeating the re-surfacing work in this section after the winter with the correct thin course system which will result in less road noise. County Cllr Dadd said that the Highways programme of works will be finalised in the next few months. He said Cllr Watson had got a commitment from them through the central highways team. The Chairman said Autolink generally look after the road well.

3.2 Cllr Bell said that the trees had been pruned on the Green at the bottom of the village and the work further up the village on the trees has yet to be done.

3.3 Reflector posts – The Chairman said that these had not been replaced yet.

3.4 Soak-away, Hillcrest – The Chairman read out a letter about the soak-away from Mr Scully, who has now moved down south; Mr Scully said that before building control can give the final sign-off, they require a letter from the Parish Council confirming they are satisfied with the location of the soak-away. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to Mr Scully to ask him to first accept responsibility for the soak-away and with any future problems should they arise.

4. Gulley Cleaning

The Chairman asked County Cllr Dadd how the gulley cleaning system works. County Cllr Dadd said the contractors, Ringways, worked on a job by job basis – he said they are now strengthening works so that each gulley, on average, was cleared every 12 months. Cllr Bell said the gullies in villages usually need doing more often as there is more farming/silty run-off. A resident said the gulley had not been done just out of the village; the Clerk said that this gulley near Mill House and the gullies outside Field House, which are blocked with stones, have been put on the list by NYCC for clearing during the next scheduled visit.

5. Update from County and District Councillors if present

District Cllr Janet Watson – Further to an update in January from Tim Wood, Hambleton Planning Dept, nothing further has been received and there was no mention of the fence.

When Cllr Watson spoke to Mr Cunningham re the oak tree, he repeated the reply given to the Parish Council and said he needed a report first on the tree before looking further regarding the Parish Council's request for a Tree Preservation Order. Cllr Bell to ask the tree surgeon to do a report.

A resident reported that the owner of a caravan in a field in Bob Lane had been told to move it after 28 days by Planning, but he has merely located it at a different part of the field at the bottom near the hedge but it should be moved from the site altogether. District Cllr Watson will look into this.

County Cllr Gareth Dadd - He said that the funding of verge grass cutting will no longer be funded by the County Council from 2015/16. This will give a year's notice for Parish Councils to adjust precepts to cover this.

He said the milder winter has helped Highway issues and more money has been put into the pot-hole fund. He said there had been a 1% increase in Councillor Allowances – the advice of an independent panel had been disregarded. Some financial cuts are very hard: bus subsidies had been reduced; charges are being introduced for rubble (they are allowing small businesses to deposit rubble). The Chairman said that many mini-buses are standing unused and could help re cuts to services. A resident asked if people with free passes could contribute to the fare to help bus services like they do with the Park and Ride. County Cllr Dadd said that the government do not allow them to accept any money

from people with free passes, even though park and ride services are allowed to do this. County Cllr Dadd said that the decision of the local services indicates the Friarage is likely to become a midwife-led maternity unit.

6. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr D Craig - He said the bulb has been replaced in the telephone box (standard bayonet bulb.)
Cllr Bell, Cllr Town, Cllr Frith and the Chairman had nothing further to add.

7. Correspondence

- Cloverleaf Advocacy Ltd. Free and independent help is provided for people who need assistance to complain about any NHS service, including hospitals, doctors, dentists, pharmacists, ambulances or any other NHS service. Leaflets and poster.
- Glasdon. Street furniture catalogue.
- Review of polling districts and polling places for parliamentary elections. Representations by 28th February. Current arrangements apply for the European Elections in May – the statutory process only applies to elections from 2015.
- NYCC local and family history day, Saturday 15th March at The Pavilions, Harrogate, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Poster.
- NYCC Minerals & Waste joint plan. Poster and leaflet. Comments by 11th April.
- Justin Scully. Letter about the works to put in a soak-away on the bank adjacent to Hillcrest. The letter states that the soak-away has been completed to the specification agreed with building control and the Highways department who have both inspected the site. Before building control can give the final sign-off they require confirmation from the Parish Council that they are satisfied with the location. The Parish Councillors said that Mr Scully must first accept responsibility for the soak-away. Clerk to send letter to Mr Scully.

8. Planning Applications: None received.

9. Finance

Cheques written out:

Spare Bulbs for Christmas tree	£15.00
Village Hall Hire for Meetings Sept – Dec 2013	£28.00

Quotation from CE & CM Walker Ltd for grass cutting: £25/cut plus VAT for Green (£1 per cut more than 2013) and £88/cut plus VAT for the verges (same as 2013).

The Parish Councillors agreed during the month to accept the quotation and the Clerk has informed NYCC to confirm that Borrowby are again organising their own cutting of the verges and has asked the grass cutters to go ahead.

10. Any Other Business

- Cllr Town said that Sheila was now standing down as Village Hall Treasurer. Regarding the filling in of the honeycomb pavings, the costs and options are still being looked at.

11. Open Forum

- The Chairman said that another housing association, North Star, may consider the building of 6 affordable houses – an Open Meeting will be arranged when more information is available.
- District Cllr Watson said, further to recent publicity, no formal application had been put in yet re the possible siting of new police headquarters at South Kilvington.
- It was said that the A19 slip road was in a poor state. Cllr Town said she understood repairs were in the pipeline.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday March 20th at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall.
The meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.