

MINUTES FROM THE BORROWBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH APRIL 2014 AT 8.00 PM IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies

Apologies received from County Cllr G Dadd and District Cllr J Watson. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Frith), Cllr D Craig, Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town and 5 members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday 20th March, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed after an amendment (Cllr Frith suggested the addition of a seat to the lower Green in section 7).

3. Matters arising

3.1 Trees – The old chestnut tree has been felled. Cllr Frith asked if anything can be done about the stump of the tree and suggested making a feature of it, such as a woodcarving and mentioned the craftsman from Knayton. A resident suggested hollowing it out and putting flowers in – it was also said a flower tub could be put on top. The options are to be considered. There had been a suggestion to plant another chestnut on the other side of the track up from Grey House. Cllr D Bell said another tree may not be needed and the younger chestnut had been planted further down several years ago as a replacement.

Oak tree – Still await inspection/report by the tree surgeon. Cllr Bell to follow up.

3.2 Road Maintenance – Areas outside the RAP and school are on the Highways programme for maintenance.

3.3 Soak-away – Reply received from Mr Scully (see section 6.)

3.4 Caravan in field – Cllr D Frith had spoken to the caravan owner, who has previously been asked by Hambleton Planning to move the caravan, but he didn't receive any assurance from him. The owner of the caravan said he had spoken to an officer and said that there were other caravans in fields. Cllr Frith said the other caravans were tourers. To pursue the matter with District Cllr Watson with whom the matter had been previously discussed.

4. Update from County and District Councillors if present: Not present.

5. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

The Chairman – Further to Cllr David Frith's resignation, he said that Cllr Frith had been a Parish Councillor for the last nine years. He thanked Cllr Frith for all his work over the years and presented him with a bottle of wine. Regarding the village, he said the daffodils looked nice, the verges have been cut and things looked neat and tidy.

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

6. Correspondence

6.1 Wickstead Playscapes brochure.

6.2 NYCC, Andrew Brown, Area Ranger – Reply to Clerk's query - the section that has been surfaced on St Helen's Lane is a public bridleway and ultimately the County Council are responsible for the surface and consent should have been sought by before changes were made. He has inspected the bridleway and it is suitable for all types of bridleway user and is an improvement on the previous surface so no further action is being taken.

6.3 Autolink, Neil Raper. The Operations plan is to carry out the re-surfacing of the section of the A19 near Knayton with the quieter surface material starting on Sunday night, 13th July, and it will take about 5 days. The works will require overnight closure of the southbound carriageway and there will be a local diversion.

6.4 Rural Action Yorkshire. Invitation to an event on Monday 28th April about emergency planning and how communities can prepare for adverse weather situations.

6.5 HDC Electoral Services Team. Notices to display on the boards about the European Parliamentary Elections on 22nd May 2014.

6.6 Mr Justin Scully – Reply to Clerk’s letter asking him to accept responsibility for the soak-away at Hillcrest. He stated that, as the land on which the soak-away is located neither belongs to the County or Parish Councils, then it is the responsibility of the Hillcrest owner now and in the future, unless ownership of the land were to change. Since the soak-away takes a proportion of the rainwater from the property next door, any future problems would be the responsibility of each home pro-rata to their usage of the soak-away. The Clerk was asked to reply saying that the Parish Council had noted his comments.

6.7 10 Downing Street. Information about the new tax cut for businesses and charities.

6.8 Fire Brigade Union, North Yorkshire. Information about the Fire Cover Review. The Union is opposing any cuts in to any part of the fire service in North Yorkshire.

6.9 Jayne Cowell. She wrote a letter stating that she had been disappointed by the response from people at the March Parish Council Meeting and stated that if any of the contractors’ vehicles park near the corner she asks them to move. Cllr Bell said that a van had been parked on the corner two days running, despite him having left phone messages for Mrs Cowell when she did not answer. The Chairman said that he took a photo as there was a car and 3 contractor’s cars parked between the gate and the corner, nearly causing a collision. Cllr Frith said it would have been better if Mr Cowell had sat with the Councillors at the last meeting and questions controlled by the Chairman. The Chairman said it had been arranged for Mrs Cowell to speak first at the Meeting but she arrived late.

7. Finance

Cheques written out: Salt Bins 2013/2014 winter £180.00
Village Hall (Hall Hire for Meetings Jan – March 2014) £21.00

NYCC have said that the contribution for verge grass cutting this season will be £814.45.

Next year there will be no funding from NYCC for Parish Council grass cutting.

8. Planning

8.1 Planning application for alterations and extensions to existing dwelling and alterations to the driveway and parking arrangements at Rose Bank for Mr & Mrs D Jackson (14/00738/FUL). Cllr Town declared an interest. The remaining Parish Councillors had no objections to the application. Clerk to reply.

8.2 Woundales application – a resident said that he had spoken to the Council and the application had been put back so there is still time to reply. Cllr Bell said that 20 people had objected. The resident said that many conditions had applied for refusal when the application was put in a few years ago and they should still apply now and said he had contacted the District Cllr Watson.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Open Forum

9.1 A resident asked when Oaktree Bank would be repaired. The Chairman said it is on the works programme. Regarding the re-surfacing of the A19 near Knayton, this is programmed to be re-done in July 2014.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting will be on 15th May.