

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th November 2014 at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

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

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th October, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed after a small amendment to 7.3, to add in 'Grange' to read :Stillwater and Cleveland 'Grange'.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Ivy House Hedge – Cllr Bell still to see the owners about trimming their hedge.

4. Welcome pack for new residents

The Chairman said that having a welcome pack is a good idea for the village. Cllr Town said that a welcome pack can be downloaded already. Cllr Dack said he had picked up a copy from the phone box and said that he felt Borrowby was a very welcoming place, being a relative newcomer in the village.

5. Update from County and District Councillors if present

District Councillor Janet Watson – She said she had attended the Scrutiny Meeting and Julia Mulligan, the Police and Crime Commissioner, had given a talk and there are plans to move the Headquarters in 2016; work is being carried out to Northallerton Police Station and there will be a gradual withdrawal from the Newby Wiske site. The police are trying to work more closely with Cleveland police. The police are considering using more speed guns, not fixed cameras. A resident said that the survey into a possible site at South Kilvington, which was subsequently dropped, must have cost a lot of money.

District Cllr Watson said that they are planting some suitably sized trees at Thirsk Market place. The Chairman said that it must have been a big expense taking the big trees down and now doing more planting.

The Chairman asked if anyone had questions for District Cllr Watson. Cllr Bell asked why the roundabout end of Long Street was being altered – Cllr Watson said it was getting knocked all the time.

6. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

6.1 Cllr F Wachsberger - The Chairman said the white lining on the Allerton Wath road, SLOW, was extremely faded near the bend and also the GIVE WAY sign coming down Cotcliffe Bank. He will take photos of the poor signing.

6.2 Cllr J Dack – Cllr Dack had attended the Parish Liaison Meeting; the same one District Cllr Watson had attended, and said there had been a good turnout. He said that Julia Mulligan, the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, had talked about the gradual closure of the Newby Wiske and co-location with Cleveland and Hemlington.

He said that superfast broadband was being progressed, installing the easier parts first. He said HDC are reviewing the efficiency of re-cycling; they are thinking of different ways of collecting waste – whether to have the bag and box together or more categories of different waste to collect at the kerbside. He said that in January/February the decisions will be finalised ready for implementation in 2016. He said that the current contract was due to expire so HDC are taking this opportunity to review things.

Cllr Dack said HDC were encouraging communities to improve services themselves, e.g. libraries, bus services. He said the authorities had a strict duty to consider services, but not necessarily provide it.

He said there was a talk about the Warm Healthy Homes project.

Cllr D Bell – He suggested December 6th as the date to put up the Christmas tree outside the Village Hall. See 10.1.

Cllr D Craig and Cllr E Town had nothing further to raise.

7. Correspondence

7.1 HDC A McCormack. HDC has been working towards the adoption of its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule. Any comments to b with HDC by 14.11.2014.

7.2 NYCC. Library consultation – can be viewed online.

7.3 NYCC. The salt bins on Back Lane and near the Methodist Church will be filled twice in the forthcoming season and following any significant snow events and will be £75 per bin & VAT.

7.4 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

7.5 NYCC. Map of areas of grass they will still cut in the area.

7.6 HDC. Register of Interests information. HDC will make this available online.

7.7 SLCC magazine.

7.8 Autolink. Reply to the Parish Council's letter. He explained that the A19 re-surfacing with the quiet course system had been done recently according to the agreement/plans and the same area was covered as in the 2013 re-surfacing. The initial length of thin wearing course that was provided in 2007 was more extensive than had been required because it was more efficient in terms of Autolink's overall works programme at that time. The clerk is to reply stating that the Parish Council and residents are disappointed to hear this and that the extra noise is now more apparent.

8. Planning Applications

8.1 Permission granted for the installation of a pair of dormer windows at Kipsinende for Mr & Mrs J Hall (14/01520/FUL).

8.2 Permission granted for listed building consent for the reconstruction of a chimney stack at Journeyman's House for Mr John Rodnell (14/01715/LBC).

8.3 Permission granted for the application for listed building consent for works to the attached outbuilding as amended by plan and email received by HDC o 25/09/14 for Mr & Mrs A Cowell at Ivy House (14/01812/LBC).

8.4 Permission granted to carry out works to an ash tree subject to TPO no. 1993/21 at Ballathie for Mrs Chaplin (14/02071/TPO).

8.5 Permission granted for proposed works to fell a hawthorn tree at Heather Cottage for Mrs L Casson (14/02023/CAT).

8.6 Permission granted for proposed works to sycamore and hazel trees at Mulberry Hill, Gate Lane, for Mr J S Haigh (14/01986/CAT).

8.7 Permission granted for listed building consent for the fitting of 6 roof lights to rear of the dwelling at The Mill House for Mrs Marilyn Elm (14/01769/LBC).

8.8 Planning application for the construction of a replacement garage and annex accommodation to dwelling at The Mill House for Mrs M Elm (14/02219/FUL). To reply with no objections basically but Cllr Bell pointed out that the annex looks like a separate dwelling.

9. Finance

9.1 Cheques written out:

CE CM Walker (Grass cutting 09.10.14)	£135.60
Mr D Bell	£25.00
Borrowby Village Hall (for bookings July, Sept)	£14.00
Mrs K Crewdson (Stationery & Stamps)	£17.82

Receipt: From NYCC for verge grass cutting: £814.45

Borrowby Parish Council has been asked if they will consider donating towards the costs of the research on the servicemen for the church for the war memorial centenary. It was thought that Knayton Parish Council had donated £30.00. This figure is to be checked and Borrowby Parish Council will donate the same amount.

9.2 Precept for 2015/2016: HDC have asked Borrowby Parish Council to forward their precept figure request before the end of December 2014.

NYCC are no longer financing the verge grass cutting (figure of £814.45) and the Parish Council will need to cover this cost from their precept. The Clerk said that the estimated balance at the year-end 2014/2015 would be down by about £1850 to £1900 on the previous year. This year did include however, £700 cost tree works and £284 for the seat. The total cost of grass cutting for this year was £1267.20. The precept was £2000.00.

The reduction of overall balance from year 2012/13 to 2013/14 was £458 for comparison. The Parish Council decided that a precept figure of £3000.00 should be applied for to partly cover the loss of NYCC funding for verge grass cutting and the reserves should be around £6000.00 at the year-end 2014/2015 but can cover further reduction. The Parish Council decided to look at reducing the grass cutting.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 The Christmas Tree for Borrowby - The Parish Councillors are to collect the tree and put it up on the Village Green at 9 am on 6th December. It was suggested that white lights were purchased for use on the bottom Green.

11. Open Forum

11.1 A resident mentioned asked about the registration of small Green areas in the village. This had been looked at and a letter sent to the authorities but it is a more complicated process and would involve evidence/legal fees. Clerk to bring the file to the next meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked them for attending. The next Meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd January 2015. The meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.