

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 22nd January 2015
at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

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

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th November, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Cllr Bell said that the hedge outside Ivy House was due to be cut this weekend.

3.2 Welcome Pack – The Chairman asked if the newcomers in the village had received a welcome pack. Cllr Town said that they should have received a copy and that some were kept in the telephone box.

3.3 Christmas Tree – The Chairman said that the Christmas tree looked good and was appreciated. The Parish Councillors agreed to donate £10 to Mr and Mrs Reveley for the electricity running costs of the lights on the bottom Green.

4. Grass Cutting for 2015

The Clerk had phoned the grass cutters and asked if the frequency of the cuts could be reduced, since the Parish Council now has to finance all the grass cutting in the village. There were 12 cuts of both the Green and verges this year. Mr Walker said that the frequency of cutting the verges could be reduced to 10 but felt that the Green still needed 12 cuts. The new quotation is £26 per cut & VAT for the Green and £90 per cut & VAT for the verges. The Clerk was asked to accept the quotation but to ask if Mr Walker could meet one of the Parish Councillors in the village to discuss the details of the grass cutting.

5. Woundales issues

District Cllr Watson has sent an email with an update about the Woundales. She said NYCC have no issues with the new fence or the change of levels of the verge adjoining the fence. She will keep the Parish Council informed with the outcome. Cllr Bell said it was unfair that one person was told to reduce the height of his fence yet another is allowed the higher fence. Cllr Town queried whether this could be the case because the person asked to reduce the height of the fence lives in the village. The Clerk was asked to reply to District Cllr Watson saying that the Parish Council feel it is important that HDC keep on top of the situation.

6. Update from County and District Councillors if present

None were present but District Cllr Watson sent an update on the Woundales issues (see 5.)

7. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

The Borrowby Parish Councillors had nothing further to raise.

8. Correspondence

8.1 HDC Standards Hearing panel. Information about appointing a Parish Council representative to the panel. Parish Council nominations are invited. Parish Councils will then be asked to vote for a candidate when the nominations are put forward. Person nomination attached and any nominations to be received in writing by 30th January.

8.2 HDC. Information about the Parish Council elections which are to take place on Thursday 7th May 2015 – they are being combined with the Parliamentary General Elections taking place on the same day. There will be a £100 nominal charge for an uncontested election and the cost of an election will be £500 to £4000).

8.3 Hags SMP – Playground equipment brochure.

8.4 HDC 'Update' magazine. December 2014. Posters for notice boards.

8.5 HDC. Draft interim Policy Guidance Note questionnaire. The paper has been prepared to guide the Council in considering planning applications for new housing development in and around smaller settlements of the District's Plan Area. Questionnaire filled in and returned.

8.6 NYCC Area Committee Meeting agenda for 26th January.

8.7 SLCC Membership renewal form.

8.8 Email from District Cllr Watson re the Woundales (see 5.)

8.9 Grass cutting quotation from CE & CM Walker (see 10.).

9. Planning Applications

Planning Decisions

- Permission granted for the construction of a replacement garage at West Brae for Mr E Fearnside (14/02054/FUL).
- Permission granted for listed building consent for the demolition of the existing detached garage and construction of a replacement detached domestic garage with annexe above at The Mill House for Mrs M Elm (14/02291/LBC).
- Permission granted for the demolition of existing detached garage and construction of a replacement detached domestic garage with annexe above at The Mill House for Mrs M Elm (14/02219/FUL).
- Permission granted for alterations and extension to roof space with dormer windows and extension to domestic curtilage at Bellavista for Mr D Askey (14/01909/FUL).

Planning applications

- Planning application for alterations to dwelling house at 3 The Byre for Dr Thomas Selmes (14/02587/FUL). To reply with no objections.

10. Finance

Cheques written out:

Mrs K Crewdson (Clerk's salary Oct – Dec 2014)	£237.50
Mrs E Town (Christmas Lights)	£37.00
Borrowby Village Hall (for bookings Oct/Nov)	£14.00
Mr & Mrs Reveley (electricity for lights on Green)	£10.00
SCCC (membership renewal)	£48.00
Church (war memorial centenary research donation)	£30.00

CE & CM Walker sent the grass cutting quotation for 2015: Green £26.00 per cut & VAT, Verges £90.00 per cut & VAT (see 4.).

Precept for 2015/2016: The agreed precept figure of £3000.00 was applied for.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 A19 re-surfacing – Clerk has sent letter to Autolink expressing disappointment at the smaller length of road that was re-instated with the quite course system as the increased noise is evident in the village.

12. Open Forum

12.1 Protecting the small Green areas in the village – To claim ownership a form, a statement of truth and a fee has to be submitted- evidence has to be forwarded – grass cutting alone is not sufficient to claim ownership. The Clerk said that Village Green status application had been suggested previously, but this also would involve collecting evidence. Cllr Wachsberger suggested that the Clerk contact District Cllr Watson about the matter.

12.2 A resident suggested increasing the number of lights on the bottom Green next Christmas.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The next Meeting will take place on Thursday 26th February 2015. The meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.