

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2015 at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

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

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd January, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Cllr Bell said that he had cut the corner of the hedge outside Ivy House and said that the owners would now be doing the rest.

3.2 A19 – A resident spoke about the increased noise from the A19 over the past 18 months. The Chairman said that Autolink's reply had said that the extra length of quieter surface had been done inadvertently last time and was not on the required programme. A resident said the noise level is unacceptable and a reading should be taken. The Chairman advised him to write to the Parish Council with a view that the matter can be raised again with Highways. It was said that Autolink was the contractor used by Highways.

4. Update from County and District Councillors if present

District Cllr J Watson:

- District Cllr Watson said that Mr Jared Clark had taken the planning application refusal to appeal. All new information is to be sent to Bristol; existing comments are to be forwarded.
- She said HDC have not increased Council Tax this year.
- There have been several meetings about the collection of waste. Any changes will be implemented next year and said there may be more kerbside cardboard re-cycling.

County Cllr G Dadd:

He said that the County Council have increased Council tax by about 2% - he said that the County have an ageing population and they have not got the financial reserves that the District Council have. He said it is a difficult situation. He said Thirsk library will have to be run by volunteers. He said that the County had 'cut a lot of fat' and staff cuts now would be 'evolution rather than revolution', meaning certain roles will not be replaced.

Questions were invited from the floor: A resident said road patching was not very good. It was also said that some road markings had been done but not others. The Chairman asked if there was a programme for replacing signs and said Devon has one. He said signage and road markings need to be readable. County Cllr Dadd said that the Council generally wait until there are several jobs to do in the area then do them together but resources are limited.

5. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr Town – She said a committee member from HRAP has asked her if the Parish Council will donate towards the maintenance costs of the HRAP and said the Parish Council did not send a cheque last year. HRAP said that the Parish Council had supported a decision a few years ago to donate each year. The books were checked and £100 has been donated previously so it was agreed to donate £200.00 for 2014 and 2015 together.

The other Borrowby Parish Councillors had nothing further to raise.

6. Correspondence

6.1 NYCC is implementing a new ordering system called Oracle I Procurement. When procuring goods and services a valid purchase order number will need to be used.

6.2 NHS, Yorkshire Ambulance Service. Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (HRWCC) are running a community based initiative in collaboration with Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust (YAS) to install community defibrillators in as many villages as possible within its CCG boundary. There are 25 defibrillators to be allocated to villages which do not have one. They will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

6.3 HDC Standards Panel. Appointment of Parish Council Representatives. Three nominations have been received – since three places were available there is no requirement for a voting process. The nominations are:

1. Greta Lidster (Smeatons with Hornby Parish Council).
2. Caroline Artingstell (Sutton under Whitestonecliffe Parish Council).
3. Barbara Slater (Brompton Parish Council).

6.4 Wicksteed Playscapes brochure.

6.5 NYCC. Douglas G Huzzard, Senior Project Manager. Letter about Implementation of part 1 of the Commons Act 2006 to update the registration system established by the Commons Registration Act 1965. Applications can be made to amend the registers to bring them up-to-date, amend any mistakes or omissions. The transitional period runs from 15th December 2014 until 14th December 2018

6.6 Rural Action Yorkshire. Winter weather event, Northallerton Town Hall, 4th March 2015. The morning session is aimed at community leaders/Parish Councillors and the afternoon session is for residents. Poster and flyers.

6.7 NYCC. Posters about a Local and Family History Day, 14.03.2015, at The Pavilions, Harrogate.

6.8 NYCC /HDC posters – Private Water Supply maintenance advice; Keeping Warm.

6.9 Rural Action Yorkshire. 52 community ideas.

7. Planning Applications

Planning Applications

- Application for the construction of a garage to the rear of the dwelling house at Moss House for Mrs N Wilson. (15/00007/FUL).
The Parish Council have no objections. It was said that HDC has specified that the garage should be made from brick or stone. The Parish Councillors said that, although the village is in a Conservation Area, other garages in the village are built from all sorts of materials.

Planning Decisions

- Permission granted for alterations to dwelling house as amended by plans received on 11th February 2015 for Dr Thomas Selmes at 3 The Byre (14/02587/FUL).
- Permission granted for variation of Condition 4 of Reference Number 07/03092/FUL) – use of stables and horse exercise area at Burtree Hill Stables for Mr and Mrs Eleanor.

Planning Appeal

Mr Clark has launched an appeal against HDC's decision to refuse planning permission for a replacement dwelling at the Woundales (See 4.). Cllr Bell advised that any comments about the planning appeal are sent to the Bristol address. He suggested that the Clerk forward the comments again against the proposal.

8. Finance

Cheques written out:

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| HRAP donation towards maintenance costs 2014 & 2015 | £200.00 |
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9. Any Other Business

9.1 Election – The Clerk has attended a briefing at HDC about the forthcoming elections. Nomination forms were given out to the Parish Councillors and the Clerk said that if anyone else requires a nomination form to contact HDC.

10. Open Forum

10.1 Protecting the small Green areas in the village – The Clerk had contacted NYCC about the issue of protecting the small strips of land in the village. NYCC replied saying that they don't advise and to speak to a legal adviser. Links were also sent about Village Greens.

10.2 A resident asked about the Charity Field. Resident, Mary Peckitt, said that it was rented out on a 3 year basis and said that the current owners have not done much with it. She said income from the field was originally put towards educating children; after that the income was used for widows and widowers at Christmas.

10.3 A resident said that there had been a number of cold callers at her house saying they were collecting for charities and sometimes they would call after dark and it could be quite intimidating. The Chairman said that people need to be careful and give a firm 'no, thank you' where appropriate; there was also the suggestion of putting up a 'No Cold Callers' sign. A resident mentioned the 'Neighbourhood Watch' scheme. Situation to be monitored.

10.4 The Clerk had written to Mr Walker asking if he could meet up in the village with Cllr Bell to discuss details of the grass cutting this year. No reply has been received - Clerk to chase up.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The next Meeting will take place on Thursday 26th March 2015. The meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.