

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of Borrowby Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting. Present: Cllr F Wachsberger, Cllr D Craig, Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town, the Clerk, and four members of the public. County Cllr G Dadd arrived later on.

2. Signing Acceptance of Office forms for Parish Councillors

The Clerk handed out Acceptance of Office forms to the nominated candidates which were filled in and signed. There has been no change in the Parish Councillors since before the election period and there were the same amount of nominations as places so no local election was necessary. The Councillors are: Cllr F Wachsberger, Cllr D Craig, Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town and Cllr J Dack.

3. Election of Chairman

Cllr F Wachsberger was elected as Chairman, proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Craig.

4. Election of Vice Chairman and other Officers

Cllr D Craig was elected as Vice Chairman, proposed by Cllr Wachsberger and seconded by Cllr Bell.

5. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2015, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed.

6. Matters arising

6.1 Grass cutting – Cllr Bell had caught up with the grass cutter, Mr Walker, in the village and asked him to use the strimmer on the banking as it is cut a bit low with the mower. He said the grass cutters were doing a good job. The Chairman agreed and added that many people had said it was looking nice. He said that quotations should be sought from 3 contactors next year.

6.2 Woundales appeal – A resident asked if anything had been heard about the Woundales appeal. Cllr Bell said he thinks the planning visit has recently taken place but it may be a few weeks before the results are published.

7. Update from County and District Councillors if present

County Cllr G Dadd – He thanked the Borrowby Parish Councillors for their good work and said that he or District Cllr Baker would do their best to attend the meetings. He said the County Council have a budget and need to make savings and there is still a 'black hole' but they are trying to improve efficiency. He said whatever the outcome of the General Election had been; there would still have been a squeeze on local Government. He said the Government was working towards more devolution - as North Yorkshire is between West Yorkshire and the North East, the County may join with West Yorkshire or there may be more evolved powers for North Yorkshire/York. He said the library consultations were ongoing.

8. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

The Parish Councillors had nothing further to add.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine, May 2015.

9.2 List of voting results from the local elections.

9.3 'The Clerk' magazine. May 2015.

9.4 HDC. Agenda for the Parish Liaison Meeting on Thursday 4th June 2015 at 7.00 pm at the Civic Centre, Northallerton. Following the notice at the last meeting, the Clerk had confirmed the proposed attendance of Cllr F Wachsberger and Cllr J Dack.

9.5 Email: NYCC Bus subsidy reductions. A consultation on the proposals is on their website and a questionnaire can be filled in.

9.6 Email: HDC is consulting on its draft size, type and tenure of new homes supplementary planning document. Comments can be made on their website.

10. Planning Applications

- Permission granted for works to trees at Kipsinende for Mr John Hall (15/00659/CAT).
- Email from HDC with a response from the applicants for the stable block at Cockstride House relating to some of the points made by Borrowby Parish Council.
- Permission has been refused for prior notification for change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse and associated operational development at Borrowby Showfield for Mr J Consett (15/00740/MBN).

11. Chairman's Report

The Chairman said many things had been done this year: the grass cutting had been good and the internal audit requires tendering for next year. He said there had been cutbacks from North Yorkshire County Council and Hambleton District Council as they had faced budget cuts. He said the Parish Council were monitoring the problem of increased noise from the A19 due to shorter section being re-surfaced with 'the quieter surfacing' and were currently in contact with Highways.

12. Financial Report

The Internal Audit had been completed.

The end of year accounts 2014/2015 were circulated. The balance is nearly £1500 lower than last year 2013/2014. Next year NYCC are not funding the verge grass cutting so this will have to be funded by the Parish Council. The amount NYCC contributed in 2013/2014 was £792.96.

12.1 Approve Annual Accounts

The accounts were agreed and signed.

The Annual Return was signed and the Clerk will now send it to the External Auditors.

12.2 Approve Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment was reviewed, agreed and signed.

12.3 Approve Fixed Assets Register

The Fixed Assets register was agreed and signed.

12.4 Approve Clerk's Honorarium

The Parish Councillors agreed to increase the Clerk's Honorarium from £950.00 p/a to £1000.00 p/a. There had been no increase for the past two years.

Cheques signed:

CE & CM Walker Grass Cutting (April 2015) £170.40

Clerk to ask for cost breakdown for the grass between the bridge and Knayton School.

Receipts

First half yearly precept	£1500.00
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13. Any Other Business

13.1 Cllr Bell said that the Parish Council are very fortunate to have the support of County Cllr Gareth Dadd and, like he had thanked the Parish Councillors earlier, the Clerk should send our thanks to him.

13.2 The change of use of a house in Knayton to a care home was raised. Borrowby has no information on this as it is in the Knayton Parish. Clerk was asked to contact Knayton Parish Council for information on the consultation response.

14. Open Forum

14.1 The Clerk said that the matter about the renovations without notification at Greenacres had been discussed with planning who wanted further details. The Chairman said the property had undergone a complete renovation with a new roof an alteration in back roof from flat to sloping.

14.2 Cllr Dack asked if we had heard anything back about the poor condition of the signs. The Chairman said he would take some photos and send them to County Cllr Gareth Dadd.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and said the next meeting will take place on Thursday 25th June. The Meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.