

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th September at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

No apologies were received. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Craig), Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town, Cllr J Dack, the Clerk, County Cllr G Dadd, District Cllr B Baker and five members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday 23rd July, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed after an amendment 10.5 'Cotts' to read 'Gotts.'

3. Matters arising

3.1 The Chairman asked the Clerk if Knayton had responded about requesting a contribution towards the grass cutting of the section in Knayton's Parish between the bridge and the school. Borrowby Parish Council had suggested a figure of £120 to £140 for the season, based on 10 to 12 cuts at a suggested figure of £12 per cut, previously agreed upon by the Parish Councillors, less than the figure quoted by the grass cutters which was £20 per cut plus VAT. Knayton thought the amount suggested was excessive and asked for a cost breakdown. Information supplied and await reply.

3.2 Bus stop signs – Cllr Craig said that he will have to buy two poles and weld them together to get the size needed. He will weld a shorter pole onto a longer one and fix it into concrete. The Parish Councillors agreed to authorise the expenditure (approx. £35.00 for each pole). The poles are not galvanised – these are double the price and even harder to find in the sizes required.

3.3 Hedges- The two hedges which needed trimming in the village have been done – at Ivy House some of the hedge has been cut.

4. Update from County and District Councillors if present

County Cllr G Dadd

He spoke about the temporary closure of the Lambert Hospital in Thirsk and questioned why they couldn't get the staff. He said the MP had taken this up. He said that a planned closure can be challenged but an emergency closure on a temporary basis cannot. He said that the Lambert Hospital is an integral part of the community and is dearly held. He said acute care is better done at an expert hospital, but general care is better done near home. County Cllr Dadd then spoke about devolution. He said that there are four or five bids which could affect us. He said there is the two tier system of District and County Councils in the area and all have different agendas, e.g. Craven, Selby Harrogate, Leeds. He said West Yorkshire is unlikely to want to join with the rest of Yorkshire if they join together ('Greater Yorkshire').

County Cllr Dadd said that a comprehensive spending review will be undertaken, probably in 2017 after the County Council elections. He said there could be more cuts. He said that, although the decrease in District Cllrs had saved money, if they increase the expenses it could end up being more expensive.

District Cllr Bob Baker

He said that HDC are prepared for more cuts. He said that the District Councillors have a big area to get round and they could not manage with more cuts in numbers. He said from the consultation 94% of respondents are happy with the waste changes proposed. He said that there will be green and black bins as now plus another bin into which all re-cyclable materials will go (cardboard/plastic./tins) except glass which will go in the blue boxes. The Chairman said that at least brown cardboard can be recycled with kerbside collections.

5. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr E Town said that there was a lot of straw in the gullies. Clerk to report this.
Cllr Bell said there had been a burglary in the village and a lawnmower was stolen.
Cllr Dack, Cllr Craig and the Chairman had nothing further to add.

6. Dog issues in the village

A resident had contacted Cllr Craig regarding an unsupervised dog in the village which had bitten them. The resident did not want to take the matter any further but wanted to raise awareness of the issue and remind people to keep dogs on a lead. Cllr Craig said that dogs must be kept under control for everyone concerned. The Chairman said that dogs should be trained and kept on a lead. Cllr Craig has looked up the legislation and even if a dog has frightened someone it can be deemed dangerous.

7. Grass cutting tendering

CE & CM Walker, Shire Country Services and Thirsk Garden Maintenance Services have agreed to supply a quotation for grass cutting in the 2016 season. Cllr Bell has updated the map with the area of grass cutting required. Clerk to send maps and information.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Street naming – Change of name of Cum Canny Cottage to Valentin Cottage.
- 8.2 Broxap litter bins/recycling units brochure.
- 8.3 HDC Health and Safety at Work. Safety information regarding freestanding goal frames. It was said HRAP also have this letter so no need to send it on to them.
- 8.4 Hambleton & Richmondshire Citizens Advice Bureau AGM, 9th October.
- 8.5 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine, September 2015.
- 8.6 Northallerton & District vsa. Two posters for the boards: 1. Wheels to work scheme and 2. The community car carers' respite sitting and community visiting schemes. Community news booklet.
- 8.7 Email. Hambleton Area Committee Meeting, 7th September.
- 8.8 Email. Autolink, Neil Raper. Information about the works to the A19 southbound carriageway between Osmotherley and South Kilvington scheduled from 06.09.15. - 03.10.15. Works will be carried out at night and diversions put in place.
- 8.9 Email. NYCC. Copies of Traffic Regulation Orders which will be valid from 14th September – implementation of the 40 mph speed limit on Oaktree Bank. , Cllr Bell said that the speed limit should be 30 mph past the school. The Chairman said there should be a 20 mph flashing light outside the school at the beginning and end of the day.
- 8.10 HDC Rural Housing Enabler, Amanda Madden. Event on 23.09.2015 in Helmsley.
- 8.11 Email. Thirsk Sinfonia. Sat 26th September, Thirsk Town Hall, concert.

8.12 DEFRA replied to Clerk's letter about the A19 noise, stating that the northbound section past Borrowby has not been identified as an area for noise management and passed the matter back to Highways. Clerk to ask Mr Leng from Highways if the Parish Council could meet up with him to demonstrate and discuss the noise problem from the A19 northbound.

9. Planning

9.1 Permission granted for all-weather exercise area at Burtree Hill Stables for Mrs K Elenor (15/01297/FUL).

9.2 Permission granted for the construction of a carport with tiled roof at Dove Cottage for Mr & Mrs Calpin (15/01230/FUL).

9.3 HDC Anthony Dozey. He said they were looking to initiate enforcement action shortly regarding the high fence at the Woundales but were checking all the details first.

9.4 HDC. Reply to Clerk's letter about planning conditions being changed. He said that the planning legislation does allow for the modification or removal of a condition.

10. Finance

Cheques written out:

CE & CM Walker Ltd (10/07 Green & Verges & 27/07 Green)	£170.40
(10/08 Green & Verges)	£139.20
Total	£309.60
HDC Uncontested election cost	£100.00
Borrowby Village Hall (hire of hall April – Sept)	£28.00

The Clerk has received the Annual Return back from the External Auditors. All was satisfactory – just a note to sign corrections.

Conclusion of Audit posters put on boards.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Open Forum

12.1 A resident asked if a NO PARKING sign could be put on the grass near the chapel and to state to be used by people attending the chapel only. The Parish Council agreed and will research signs that may be suitable.

12.2 A resident said the cross-roads sign was still down. To be reported.

12.3 Rabbit warrens under A19 slip road – Await reply from Highways.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 15th October.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.