

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th January at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished all a Happy New Year. County Cllr G Dadd submitted apologies on behalf on District Cllr B Baker in case he didn't make it. 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 and five member of the public.

2. Chairman – change of address

The Chairman had contacted the Parish Councillors to notify them of his change of address to just outside the village and to ask them if they were happy that he continued as Chairman or even on the Parish Council. Cllr E Town said that he met all the requirements for serving on the Parish Council and the Parish Councillors said they were happy to see him continue on the Parish Council and as Chairman.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on November 12th, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 Recycling - The Chairman disputed the removal of mini re-cycling centres from pubs. County Cllr G Dadd said that the financial incentive is there for businesses to recycle and that they should not use residents' bins. The Chairman said there is a lot of fly tipping. Cllr Dadd said that it is a criminal offence but it does happen. There is a charge for rubble at the re-cycling centres.

5. Charity field

Cllr Craig said that the charity field committee are still looking for a Clerk and had been told that a historic document implied that they could ask the Parish Council Clerk to do the work. The Parish Council Clerk said that Clerks now have to apply for PAYE and are no longer able to be 'self-employed' and do work for others so the charity field would need an individual Clerk position for which she did not wish to apply. The charity field has been researched and a section had been put in the old Parish Council Minutes by a former Clerk, Mr Ralph Ford. Having read the information Cllr Bell said that it is not an obligation for the Parish Council to supply clerical services and Cllr Town said that it is a Trustee responsibility. A resident on the committee was asked about the financial income of the charity field by County Cllr Dadd – the rent is confidential but the resident indicated it was quite low. The resident said the rent can vary and some money is to be kept back for repairs and some distributed to the widows/widowers in the village. County Cllr G Dadd said it would be worth looking into how viable the charity is considering the running problems. It was said that the charity field was started in 1760 and the rent went to the 'poor' which was later changed to 'widows and widowers.'

6. Update from County and District Councillors if present

County Cllr Gareth Dadd – He said they were expected to make £15 million of savings for a balanced budget and this would be a drain on reserves for the next 6 to 12 months. He said the easier cuts had been made and now service changes will have to take place. He said

they will do their best to protect the most vulnerable; he said more money is allocated to metropolitan/urban areas than rural areas by the Government. The Chairman asked if cuts would affect the elderly, e.g. NHS beds? County Cllr Dadd said they are now able to raise Council tax a further 2% and a further 2% is to go towards adult social services, meaning that council tax will have to be raised to just under 4%. He said a lot of money was put into the NHS but a lot of it was lost on bureaucracy. The Chairman said that the Lambert hospital used to serve a lot of people when they had been discharged from larger hospitals. County Cllr G Dadd agreed with this and said if clinical care is needed James Cook has the excellence but after this more personal care is better served by local hospitals. A resident asked about the current situation with the Lambert hospital and C Cllr Dadd said that he understood they are doing their best to recruit staff and re-open.

A resident said that the day after the pub gully was cleared it bubbled up again and when she had spoken to the operative he said the machine took the water out but not the silt. Clerk to contact Highways about this.

7. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr Dack – He attended the Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting. He said they discussed the transparency code and said that Parish Councils can use their site to put information online. The Clerk said that Rick puts the information on the thirsk.org website at the moment for Borrowby Parish Council and can add in the new information requirements. To check through the Data Transparency Act. Cllr Dack will send the contact information to the Clerk. Cllr Dack also attended the Thirsk ‘Issues and Options’ Consultation (about allocating areas for building up to 2035) and said there was no additional information to that sent in the booklet. The questionnaire can be filled in online and be submitted up to 19th February. The Chairman said that there needs to be public transport to serve new development.

Cllr Bell – He said the street light that had been reported a few times had not been fixed and he had since chased this up and would contact them again. He said there had been noisy rally cars in the area but no information had been given about it beforehand. He said someone had received a letter about it and he was going to ask to see it to see who was responsible.

Cllr Craig – He said the bulb has been replaced in the telephone box. He said he was still awaiting the piping to repair the bus stop poles/signs.

The Chairman and Cllr E Town had nothing further to add.

8. Correspondence

8.1 NYCC Minerals & Waste plan. Consultation.

8.2 Rural Action Yorkshire. Poster about grant funding available for communities interested in setting up a winter weather scheme.

8.3 Hambleton Area Committee Meeting. Monday 30th November.

8.4 HDC. Issues and Options Consultation. Drop in sessions 14th January at Thirsk Town Hall, 2.00 – 6.30 pm and 19th January, 2.00 – 7.00 pm at Northallerton Town Hall. The consultation (about allocated sites for building up to 2035) runs from 11th January to 19th February. Questionnaire and booklet enclosed.

8.5 Sia (Spinal Injuries Association). Fundraising packs available for holding a fish & Chip supper. Poster put on boards.

8.6 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine. January 2016.

8.7 Community Resilience Training. Event on 25th February at Leyburn or 1st March at Pickering Memorial Hall.

9. Planning applications

- Appeal by Mr Jared Clark against ground C of Enforcement notice (application ref: 13/00205/CAT3) (appeal ref: APP/G2713/C/15/3137463) at Riverside View, Woundales Lane, Knayton, North Yorkshire.

The Parish Council submitted comments as they had done previously objecting to the wall height of 6 feet and the creosoted telegraph poles used as planters near the beck; possible pollution problems due to close proximity to the beck which is prone to flooding - it is an area of special interest for wild flowers/nature.

- Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to two dwellings and associated operational development at Greystone Flatts Farm for Mr & Mrs Armitage (15/02756/MBN).

The Parish Council had no objections.

- Extension to dwellinghouse, alterations to attached outbuilding to form habitable accommodation, driveway, carport and vehicular access to include new verge crossing and construction of new walls and fences at Leake House for Mr & Mrs Sadler (15/02743/FUL).

The Parish Council had no objections.

- Permission granted for listed building consent for internal repair and alterations to dwelling at Hillcrest for Mr David Wilson (15/00891/LBC).

10. Finance

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| Cheques signed: | Clerk's quarterly salary (Sept – Dec 2015) | £250.00 |
| | SLCC (Membership renewal) | £48.00 |

Grass cutting tendering

Quotation received from CE & CM Walker for grass cutting for 2016: Green £28 per cut & VAT, Verges £90 & VAT.

Quotation from Mr Simpson: £250 plus VAT for Green and Verges plus £60 for insurance.

Quotation from Shire Country Services: Verge and Green mowing together would be £200 per cut assuming approx. 8 cuts. Green only would be £95 per cut assuming approx. 4 cuts.

The Parish Council decided to accept the quotation of the current grass cutters, Ce & CM Walker as they were the cheapest and have done a good job. Clerk to contact grass cutters.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Open Forum

- Resident, Mr Hogg, thanked the Parish Council for their prompt response in putting up a 'No Parking' sign on the Green near the Methodist church. He said that the corners of the Green had been taken off by vehicles and asked if a few stones or posts could be put up or some fencing. It was decided initially to contact the residents living around the Green to bring the problem to their attention.
- It was mentioned that there are a lot of mole hills on the banks.
- A resident mentioned how nice the Christmas tree and lights were this year.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is planned for Thursday February 18th 2016.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 9.20pm.