

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th February at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

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

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on the 19th January, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed after an amendment in section 5: to read '1760'. The minutes were approved by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Dack.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Reply received from Highways re gully maintenance stating that the gully clearing machine removes water and debris (see 6.7) but to get in touch if any drains need inspecting. Cllr E Town said the gully near the pub was bubbling up this morning and suspects there may be a blockage further down – Clerk to report this to Highways.

3.2 Cllr Bell said that the street light previously reported several times is now working in Park Lane – he was told that it had been incorrectly marked.

3.3 Cllr Dack – He raised the issue of publishing information to meet the Transparency Code. Rik is willing to publish the extra information on the thirsk.org website. The HDC website now has a facility for Parish Councils to publish information which can be used.

3.4 Protection of Green edges near Methodist Chapel – to research flexible posts (see also 10.3).

4. Update from County and District Councillors if present

County Cllr G Dadd- He said that there is a £14 million black hole in the budget. The authority would have had more severe cuts but rural councils protested at losing out to metropolitan councils and the government lifted this. The council tax rise of 4% has been necessary, 2% of this going to adult social care. He said the spending power of the County Council has been reduced by a third in the last 5 years and spending is to be on essentials. There has been no further information re the Lambert but they did promise a public meeting if the situation was not resolved by January. He said they were still doing outpatients but not inpatients at the Lambert. He said there is to be more localism and the general revenue account is to be replaced a business structure account. Cllr Craig thanked County Cllr Dadd for speaking at the meeting.

5. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr J Dack- He said that the deadline for filling in the questionnaire for the new local plan (about areas for future building) was tomorrow.

Cllr D Bell – Highways had replied to Clerk's query and they will leave the two salt bins in place we currently pay for should the Parish Council decide to take over the maintenance (see 6.9). He asked the Clerk about the fence which was down at the Woundales beside the road which had been reported. The Clerk has received a reply and the work to repair the fence and some vegetation is to be carried out within the next three months (see 6.8).

Cllr E Town – Cllr Town said a chicken wire fence had been put round the periphery of the 6ft wooden fence at the Woundales, the fence currently under appeal for enforcement action. Communication during the month with District Cllr B Baker stated that no action can be taken when a case is ongoing. Cllr Town said that she wanted to make sure the authority knew of the fence as not sure who had put it up or what its' purpose was. Clerk to inform the enforcement officer to make sure the fence is known about (see also 6.10).

Cllr D Craig – He said that the bulb is out in the telephone box and he will attend to it.

6. Correspondence

6.1 HDC. Parish Council Consultations on Planning applications and the Community Infrastructure levy event at Civic Centre, Northallerton, 24th Feb at 6.30 to 8.30 pm. HDC is encouraging more online use re planning applications and to discuss the implication of payments to the Parish Council under the Community Infrastructure Levy.

6.2 HDC Waste & Recycling Collection Policy booklet & flyer. 'Update' magazine for February (includes information on the new re-cycling scheme, flooding, community emergency plans, OS maps and Tour de Yorkshire on 1st May).

6.3 Wicksteed playgrounds leaflet.

6.4 HDC Parish Liaison Meeting. Thursday 31st March at 7.00 pm at the Civic Centre. Two representatives are invited. To confirm attendance after March Parish Council meeting.

6.5 Rural Arts. Posters for boards asking for volunteers for local charities.

6.6 RAY (Rural Action Yorkshire). Information on keeping warm.

6.7 Highways reply re gullies: The scheduled gully maintenance clears all the water and debris from the gully and the system is jet cleared through. Any ad-hoc maintenance is usually jet clearance. The Parish Council's comments have been forwarded to the contractor as it seems incorrect information has been given. Due to the prolonged wet weather highway drainage systems have reached capacity more frequently recently. To notify Highways if the Parish Council wish to arrange for the Highways Officer to inspect the drains.

6.8 Highways reply re damaged fencing on the Woundales road: The Highways Officer has placed an order for the fencing to be repaired and some vegetation maintenance. The works should be complete in the next 3 months.

6.9 NYCC reply re salt bins: NYCC have no objection to the two salt bins that we pay the contribution towards remaining and the PC taking over responsibility for their maintenance.

6.10 Correspondence between HDC and the Parish Council re the chicken wire fence which has been put up outside the 6 foot wooden fence currently under appeal.

6.11 Royal Air Force. Notification of increased aircraft movements for various events and exercises taking place from RAF Leeming from 19th February to 25th March.

7. Planning Applications

7.1 Proposed two storey extension to rear, increase roof height with a change of roof material to natural slate with dormer to rear elevation at Borrowby Hill for Mrs Anna Michell, (16/00324/FUL). The plans were viewed and discussed and the Parish Council had no objections.

7.2 Prior approval approved for prior notification for change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling and associated operational development (15/02756/MBN) at Greystone Flatts for Mr & Mrs Armitage.

8. Finance

Cheque written out: Rural Activities Park, (Donation towards maintenance) £100.00

The Clerk has spoken to CE & CM Walker about the Parish Council accepting the grass cutting quotation and contacted the other two contractors who tendered for the work.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 It was said that the banks are getting cut up near Chestnut Bank. Cllr Dack said there is damage to the verge outside Ashford Cottage and he would speak to the nearby resident about the matter.

10. Open Forum

10.1 A resident said that the crossroads sign for the junction near the pub is in the pub car park. Clerk to report the sign which is to be moved back to the base of the sign's pole.

10.2 Bus stop signposts – A resident asked when the posts will be replaced. Cllr Craig said this will be done when the weather is better.

10.3 Re the protection for the edges of the Green near the Methodist church, a resident asked if using tree trunk circles would be more attractive than using signposts. Cllr Craig said they are not collapsible like flexible signs. It was said that the areas to put the protection would be at the top and bottom corner and traffic from the Highway would not pass this.

10.4 A resident had spoken to Highways as he is concerned about the stability of the bank near Gate Lane/Back Lane junction. He said large vehicles are damaging the bank. He will let the Parish Council know of any developments.

10.5 A resident reported that the drain up Coffin Lane, the second past Long Lane, was full of mud. Clerk to report this along with the pub drain to Highways.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The Acting Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.04 pm. The next meeting will take place on March 17th at 8.00 pm.