

MINUTES FROM THE OPEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH APRIL 2012 AT 7.30 PM IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Apologies

The Chairman opened up the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies were received from District Councillor N Clack, Mr Peter Johnson, John Haigh, County Cllr G Dadd, who may not be at the meeting unless late, and Parish Cllr D Craig for being late. Present: The Chairman (Cllr R Craig), The Vice Chairman (Cllr D Frith), Cllr F Wachsberger, the Clerk and nine members of the public.

2. Minutes

The minutes from the Open Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 19th 2011, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising

There was only one matter arising: Cllr D Frith said how nice the village was looking with all the bulbs and said Carl Banks and the other people involved in planting the bulbs had done a good job.

4. Village activities

4.1 Rural Activities Park - Alan gave an update. He said the electricity in the new building would be connected in the next few days. He said they were still within budget concerning the new building in the RAP. He said they were trying to make sure the field was well used – next Tuesday they will be having running races (and there had been a race 6 weeks ago). In June the local Parish Junior schools will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in the RAP. He said arrangements for the Borrowby/Knayton Diamond Jubilee celebration day had not yet been fixed. A Whitley will organise a run round the villages, maybe 2 – 3 hours, but it has not yet been finalised; there is a meeting next Tuesday to finalise details. He said that there will be a barbecue at lunchtime and something to eat for tea and a church service sometime during the day, probably about 3.00 pm time. He said there were plans to include tennis, football, cricket and races for the children and there were some ideas for fancy dress. He invited people to forward their ideas for the day and asked for volunteers to help. Alan invited questions: Cllr F Wachsberger asked when the pavilion was expected to be finished. Alan said it probably would not be this year and said they have a series of contractors doing the work. He said when the building was water-tight it would probably be painted – cement/white. The inside is not to be plastered and will be just block work. An underwater heating and recovery system is to be put in. They have been considering putting up solar panels. Cllr D Frith has suggested to the vicar that a church service like a ‘songs of praise’ service is likely to have a wider appeal. The Chairman thanked Alan and said that it sounds as if the RAP is being well used. Cllr D Frith suggested putting forward the ideas for Jubilee mugs at the meeting next week. A resident suggested counting the number of children to give mugs to – Cllr Frith said the mugs could be financed by the Parish Council if they were to be for the Borrowby children only. Cllr F Wachsberger asked Alan if the RAP were considering planting any trees around the RAP and said the Woodland Trust could supply free trees. Alan said there were no plans for this. He said that for the Jubilee Knayton were putting a tree in at the west side of the road towards Northallerton, fencing it in and planting shrubs around it. Alan said the hedging needs to be put in on the west side at some point, but the main thing was to get the building put up first in the RAP.

4.2 Village Hall – Simon Walker has taken over the Chairmanship from Mr Alan Delamore. Carol Finch is no longer on the committee but has been replaced by Julia Harrison. The village hall remains well used and the charges haven’t been increased this year.

Norman, Sheila, Sue Bell and Gareth Sykes (auditing) have all helped on the committee. There were no fund raising events this year. The Royal Wedding Celebration was well attended. Regular users of the village hall include yoga group, Parish Council, pony club, PCC, workshops from Carl Banks, book club, village physio and salsa classes. A newsletter is going out in June and will ask people for information from previous events. There were no fund raising events last year. The event in the village hall to celebrate the Royal Wedding was well attended.

4.3 Flooding Issues

Mr Peter Johnson had reported in an email that there had not been much activity. He said that there had been only infrequent and minor flood events (mainly on the road and some nearby fields). It is not clear to what extent this is due to the works carried out and to what extent the weather has subsided. The request for an additional 55 sandbags has been put in following an email from HDC asking for orders to be put in promptly.

4.4 Footpaths

It was reported that the way marking has been done down Tim's field. Some work on stiles was expected.

4.5 Oil Syndicate

Jeremy Benn had forwarded some information about the oil syndicate. He said the Osmotherley area oil group has nearly 200 members and is run by volunteers for which Ellen Cross maintains the database and co-ordinates orders. Jeremy Ben is the coordinator for the oil group for Borrowby and Knayton. Once a month he asks for orders then obtains quotes from 5 suppliers for the heating oil and the cheapest is chosen – the price of the oil fluctuates but there is generally a saving of 5p per litre by this bulk buying method. No cash is handled by the oil group, each person directly paying for their own oil. He said the next orders would be in May, July and September. He said new members are welcome and there is a form to fill in.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place in April 2013, probably the third Thursday.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 8.10 pm.