

MINUTES OF THE OPEN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 14TH APRIL 2016
IN BORROWBY VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 PM

1. Apologies - Apologies were received from County Cllr G Dadd. Present: the Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Craig), Cllr D Bell, Cllr E Town, Cllr J Dack, the Clerk, Mr Richard Morrice and eight members of the public.
2. Minutes – The minutes from the Open Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th April 2015, which were previously circulated and read, were agreed and signed.
3. Matters arising - There were no matters arising.
4. Village Activities

Village Hall

Cllr Town, the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee, gave an update about the village hall this past year. She said the Village Hall AGM was held in January 2016 and Simon agreed to be Chairman, Cllr Town- the treasurer, Norma Sutton- bookings secretary, Sally- minutes secretary and Mr Tim Hogg is now a committee member. Cllr Town said that the village hall had regular bookings for yoga, the Parish Council, youth club, tots club, show committee, Carl Banks workshops, Cllr Wachsberger – photography courses, church meetings, Saturday book club and many children's parties. She said Ruth now uses the room for photography work which was formerly used by the village physiotherapist. Cllr Town said some roof work had been carried out to the back of the village hall and the committee had applied for a grant which covered the cost. The Chairman said there is no sign for the village hall and this would be helpful for strangers. Cllr Town said she would look into this matter.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Town for the update.

Footpaths

Mr John Haigh, who regularly walks on the Borrowby footpaths, supplied a report for the Parish Council which was read out by the Chairman:

'A quick survey on Sunday the 3rd of April 2016 shows better conditions than anticipated. A walk from the village green down to Allerton Wath road is now generally free of standing water in the fields. Similarly, the arable land down to the becks is well drained. The worst areas are the gateways, which are a challenge, wellingtons are still preferred.

Walking up St. Helen's lane shows the bottom half as a quagmire, only passable with difficulty, although this has often been true in other winters. The pasture fields are still very wet when walking up the lane. The final top section gives a chance to clean your footwear.

So, overall, a much improved situation, but choose your footwear carefully. I would ask parishioners to report any problems through Parish Council meetings.'

The Chairman thanked John Haigh for his report.

Hillside Rural Activities Park

An update of the Hillside Rural Activities Park (HRAP) was given by Mr Richard Morrice, the HRAP treasurer. He said the HRAP was well used and included football, cricket, Hillside Scout group, pony club and the annual Borrowby show. He said the junior football league was doing well, Thirsk cricket club were regular users and Allerton Junior athletics club. He said last year's costs were covered and there

was a one-off fund raising Hillside fireworks event. He said 90% of the income came from Borrowby show, Hillside Alive music and barbecue event, Yorkshire Sport horse show and the Willowman festival in June. He said they had donations from Borrowby Parish Council and Knayton Parish Council and others towards maintenance costs. He said the insurance cost is about £1500.00 per annum.

He said the building is now clad and this was funded by HDC and Mr John Dredge volunteered his time. He said the work to the section used by the scouts has been completed. He said hedging had been planted at the north entrance. He said they purchased a new grass cutter last year. Mr Morrice said outstanding jobs included fencing the children's playground, works to a dead tree on the western boundary and fitting the changing rooms and internal repairs. He said they were going to put a sign up at the entrance with the post code in case this is needed for emergency vehicles. A resident asked about the planning application last year to put a dwelling on the site – permission had been refused and he said an application has not been re-submitted. The Chairman asked if HDC provided many grants. Mr Morrice said that HDC had given grants towards capital expenditure but not towards ongoing maintenance. Mr Morrice said the HRAP was a good facility which is well used in the area.

The Chairman thanked Mr Morrice for his report.

Oil Syndicate

Mike Brown, Co-ordinator for Borrowby, Knayton & Hillside villages, sent in a report for the year ending 2015, which was read out by the Chairman:

'51 customers within Borrowby village are members of the scheme.

During 2015 they placed 208 individual orders for heating oil totalling 84,750 ltrs. We place orders six times each year.

The Borrowby Knayton & Hillside section of the oil group has 110 members making it the second largest group in the Osmotherley oil co-operative (just behind Osmotherley). Our section alone supplied 163,350ltrs during 2015. In line with the falling price of oil on world markets 2015 saw exceptionally low heating oil prices passed on to customers, the average price paid for the year was 31.3p/ltr with the lowest price just under 28p. Since the 2015 year end it went even lower but has since risen slightly again. Obviously with low prices the supplier's profits are very tight but the group generally achieves a 2 to 3pence discount to the market price. For Borrowby village alone this equates to between £1695 and £2542 savings dependent on the assumed discount.

New members are welcome, there are no membership fees whatsoever and the entire co-operative is run by unpaid volunteers.'

To join simply e mail borrowbyknaytonoil@gmail.com

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Sally spoke about the £100.00 which Borrowby Parish Council had donated several years ago towards the running of the Sports Day. She said the Sports Day was held for 3 years and she asked if the money remaining could be used for the Youth Club. The Parish Council agreed.

5.2 A resident said that the grass on the bank had been cut except for outside 'High View'. Cllr Bell said it had been queried in the past over who owned this section and it was thought that David owned it. Cllr Bell will look into the matter. The Chairman thanked the resident for bringing this matter to the attention of the Parish Council.

6. Date of next Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and said the next Open Parish Meeting will take place in April 2017.