

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

1.0 Apologies for absence

No apologies were received. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Craig), Cllr D Bell, Cllr J Dack, Cllr A Norfolk, the Clerk, County Cllr A Baker, District Cllr A Robinson and six members of the public.

2.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the meeting on 24th November, which were previously circulated, were approved, proposed by Cllr Bell, and seconded by Cllr Norfolk.

The minutes from the extraordinary meeting held on 5th January were approved later on in the meeting after the Chairman gave a summary concerning the egg factory (8.3), proposed by Cllr Craig and seconded by Cllr Bell, after an amendment of the sentence to read: 'It was suggested that, should an appeal be made by the egg factory applicant, and it is shown that extra funding is necessary, the money might be raised by local voluntary contributions to a fund quite distinct from the Parish Council'.

3.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

3.1 The carol singing was held a week earlier than usual but the Parish Council were pleased it went ahead. Money was raised from voluntary contributions and was donated to the food banks (£154.00).

3.2 The Chairman attended a Highways workshop. He said that a lot of the staff are still working from home. County Cllr A Baker said that working from home was helpful to those people who had further to travel. She added that there is a shortage of educational psychologists at present.

4.0 Update from County and District Councillors if present

County Cllr A Baker

She said the green bin charge would be increasing to £43.50 per year. She said that the fire brigade reported an increase in fires and referred to the safety information (6.4).

District Cllr A Robinson

He didn't have anything to report.

5.0 Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr Bell said that some new lights are needed for the Christmas tree. To progress new lights and check if there are any suitable ones in the sale.

6.0 Correspondence

6.1 Community-led housing – Newsletter.

6.2 North Yorkshire Chief Executive – Information on parish charter consultation. Questionnaire (18th January – 12th April).

6.3 SLCC membership renewal information.

6.4 North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner- Information on safety in the home this winter.

6.5 Community First newsletter.

6.6 Knayton Parish Council – Update re the overgrown hedge near the bridge. The Highways department are asking the landowner to maintain the hedge, although at the time of inspection it was not deemed a safety critical issue. Highways had no record of a

footpath described here. A resident said at the meeting that there had been a footpath in this area for many years.

6.7 Kevin Hollinrake - Newsletter.

6.8 Arien Designs Ltd - Advertisement for signs, etc.

6.9 Futurform – Outdoor re-cycled plastic seating.

6.10 District Cllr A Robinson – He said the District Council had donated a total of £30,000 between Hambleton Foodshare and Community Works foodbanks and the District Community Care Association who deliver hot meals. Hambleton is also offering 'warm spaces' grants and some help with a housing fund.

6.11 Sally Wilson – She has taken over the running of the defibrillator which now needs new pads and batteries. She asked if there was sufficient funding remaining to cover this. There is £285.02 remaining in the defibrillator fund. Sally attended the meeting, and a cheque was made out for £207.28 (8.1).

7.0 Planning

Planning Applications

1. Works to fell trees at High View for Mr Thomas Selmes (22/02665/CAT).
2. Replacement of existing UPVC windows with timber windows of altered design at High View for Mr Thomas Selmes (22/02704/FUL. No objections.
3. Formation of replacement stable block and store with new field shelter and store in OS field 6771, Bob Lane, for Mr P Nee(22/02751/FUL).

Borrowby Parish Council are concerned that the plans are for a very large development of 8 stalls, storage, and workshop buildings; the free-standing structure is higher than the roofline of the stable block and the whole development is like a business structure. The Parish Council are also concerned about the suitability of the access down Bob Lane for large horse boxes. Also, it was suggested that a clause should be put in to prevent any other caravans, house or other residential development on the site. Reply sent to HDC.

4. Works to ash tree subject to a TPO in OS field 8880 for Mrs Deborah Whitley (23/00059/TPO). No objections
5. Proposed internal alterations and extension to existing farmhouse including detached oak-framed garage at Sugar Hill Farm, Knayton, for Mr P Stephenson (22/02927/FUL). No objections.

Planning decisions

1. Permission granted for application to replace all rooves, re-instatement of chimney stack, some fenestration changes to walls and roof at the rear and all windows and doors to be replaced at Fern Bank for Mrs Grail Metcalf (22/02508/FUL).
2. Permission granted for works to fell trees at High View for Mr Thomas Selmes (22/02665/CAT).

8.0 Finance

8.1 Financial Transactions:

Cheques written out:

SLCC (Society of Parish Council Clerk)	£73.00
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Mr & Mrs Reveley (Donation towards electricity for Christmas lights)	£20.00
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Safelincs Ltd (Defibrillator pads and batteries)	£207.28
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The remaining balance in the defibrillator fund is £77.74

8.2 CIL fund update

There is approximately £258 remaining in the CIL fund. Cllr Bell is sourcing a replacement seat using CIL funding.

Clerk progressing the application for a replacement Broadacres seat from the Broadacres Sustainability grant scheme.

8.3 Precept

The Chairman gave an update about the egg factory application. Borrowby Parish Council had met members of Thornton-Le-Beans Parish Council to discuss the matter. He said Thornton-Le-Beans wanted Borrowby to increase their precept to form a 'fighting fund' in case there is an appeal against HDC for refusal of planning permission. The Chairman has since spoken to Tim Wood at HDC planning for more information. If an appeal was lodged by the applicant an independent inspector would look at all the reasons and objections that had been put forward, but the facts would remain the same; no new information has come to light. He said Thornton-Le Beans had initially received voluntary donations for a 'fighting fund' but they then went on to raise their precept ten- fold last year for the fund used to seek the advice of experts in issues against the planning application. He said Thornton-Le-Beans Parish Council planned to give any money not used back to the residents. Borrowby had held an extraordinary meeting at the beginning of January and decided to keep the precept the same as last year, £4,500. If issues do arise relating to the egg factory application, then the bridge can be crossed at that stage. It had been suggested that any necessary funding should be from voluntary donations and not from precept and organised by a group quite distinct from the Parish Council. District Cllr A Robinson said that any appeal would be looked at by one inspector who will look at the existing written representations - concerns can still be forwarded. He said money doesn't come into it at this stage; it is only if the inspector allows the appeal, in which case it could go to a judicial review which can cost £50,000 upwards.

9.0 Any Other Business

9.1 It was said that the application to re-route the footpath about 2 feet back from the prior route near Newburn had been turned down even though it looks sensible. County Cllr A Baker said that she will investigate this.

10.0 Open Forum

10.1 Erosion of road opposite village hall – await reply from Highways.

11.0 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th February at 8.00 pm in the village. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.