

Minutes from the Extraordinary Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies

None received. Present: the chairman (Cllr Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Craig), Cllr Bell, Cllr Dack, Cllr Norfolk, the Clerk and 12 members of the public.

2. Response to TLB Parish Council

The Chairman explained that members of the Thornton-Le-Beans Parish Council had met up with Borrowby Parish Council before the November meeting. Thornton-Le-Beans Parish Council had suggested Borrowby raise their precept to form a fund in case an appeal was made by the applicants against the refusal of Hambleton District Council to grant planning permission for the egg factory. Borrowby Parish Council have previously been told that no amount of money would affect the outcome of an appeal as the inspector looks at the information that has already been presented. Cllr Craig said that to use precept money to form a fund would not be an appropriate use of public funds and he was totally against it; he said you don't know if the parishioners were against the planning application or not so it could be seen as undemocratic. The Chairman said that although the application is not in Borrowby's parish, the village would have been considerably affected had the application gone ahead. He said there were originally 2 objections from HDC for refusal but that was then extended to 6. He said Highways had not objected, although they can't dictate who uses the roads unless there are weight limits. The Chairman had emphasised the Highway issues in his talk at the planning committee meeting. Cllr Dack said that any possible appeal would be against HDC's decision of refusal so it should be up to HDC to support their decision if an appeal was made. To explain the history, he said that Thornton-Le-Beans had initially asked their parishioners for individual subscriptions to form a fund before the first planning application was heard; they then followed a second stage of raising their precept to 'even out the cost' when a second application was put in. The money was used to hire consultants. He said Thornton-Le-Beans are asking Borrowby to jump to that 'second stage'. After further discussion it was decided not to raise the precept to form a fund. 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 separate group, a fund quite distinct from the Parish Council.

3. Setting the precept for 2023

It was decided to keep the precept figure the same as last year, £4,500.00. £1000.00 will be granted to the Hillside Rural Activities Park for the play area as agreed previously.

4. Other business

- Plans for stable block & store, Bob Lane (22/02751/FUL) – To be considered further. The buildings look large.
- Cheques to sign: Clerk's salary (Sept – Dec 2022), £350 – signed.

5. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 19th January at 8.00 pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was closed at 8.15 pm.