

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th March 2023 at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1.0 Apologies

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, and six members of the public.

2.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th February, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Dack, and seconded by Cllr Craig.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Cllr Bell – He said the condition of the road opposite the village hall had been reported and await repairs when Highways have the finance (see 8.10). The gullies down the road near the iron bridge have all been jetted. He said the gullies near the Knayton path near the bridge had not yet been cleared.

3.2 Cllr Dack had reported the lamppost number for repair. He asked if there was a postcode map? The Chairman said that since the lampposts are numbered, even if there are several lampposts within the same postcode, the authorities should be able to locate it. County Cllr A Baker mentioned the 'What 3 Words' app as a good device for identifying an accurate location.

3.3 Hedges to be pruned: overgrown hedge in Park Lane – the owners have been contacted and await response. The Chairman will speak to the owners again about the overgrown hedge near Wildcroft.

4.0 Update from North Yorkshire Councillors if present

District Councillor Andy Robinson – He said it was the last full Council meeting on Tuesday of the present Council. A few long service awards were presented, one person having completed 40 years' service. He said it was the last planning meeting today of the present Council – he said the Borrowby planning application, Pinfold Cottage, had been passed. An egg unit application in a different area (Raskelf) was passed, even though it was recommended for refusal by officers on two grounds. The Chairman thanked District Cllr Andy Robinson for his help with Parish Council matters and especially for his input for the local Thornton-Le-Beans egg unit application.

County Cllr A Baker – She also thanked District Cllr Andy Robinson for his work and support. She said the locality budget was sent early so that anything can be ratified by 25th April. She said there had not been many applications so far for the community safety fund – organisations with community safety projects can apply. Residents should have received their Council tax bills which are increasing- raw material costs have increased, e.g., bitumen for roads – there will be some savings due to staff redundancies, but this will take time to filter through. She is holding a surgery at the Galtres Centre in Easingwold on April 14th, 10 till 12. She will organise another one in Thirsk. There are still some members of staff working from home – this can also be an advantage being able to employ someone who lives a long way away, e.g., one staff member is from Cornwall. The boundary commission is going to change the boundaries – this is done to keep a similar number of electors in each. She said that a lot of new houses have been built in Bedale and Easingwold. It was said that a lot of houses had been built in Thirsk and Northallerton too. Cllr Dack said he would have liked to have seen the 'harmonisation' levels of Council tax shown separately on the bills – showing the increase separately from the general increase would be clearer. County Cllr A Baker said she would raise this point

with the Council. She said they are increasing Council tax on second homes. Cllr A Baker is on the planning committee for Thirsk and Malton and the licencing committee.

The Chairman thanked County Cllr A Baker and District Cllr A Robinson for the updates.

5.0 Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

No further updates.

6.0 Village Seat

Broadacres fund. The Parish Council have been awarded a grant of £400.00 for a replacement Broadacres seat and surrounding plantings. Cllr Bell is viewing suitable benches and has seen a mahogany one for around £320. To consider suitable plantings for around the bench.

7.0 Coronation event

Parish Councillors are meeting up with the village hall committee later this month with a view to planning an event on the Sunday. County Cllr A Baker said that a lot of people will want to watch the Coronation on tv on the Saturday. It was suggested that a picnic would be a good idea.

8.0 Correspondence

8.1 SLCC & NALC – News updates.

8.2 Dash Ltd – Advertisement for commemorative mugs & flags.

8.3 NALC bulletin.

8.4 Yorkshire Play Company – Advertisement for play equipment.

8.5 North Yorkshire Now newsletter.

8.6 Agenda for Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport & Access Partnership meeting, 06.03.2023, in Northallerton.

8.7 Sally Wilson – Defibrillator information. Training may be arranged with ‘Re-starting Hearts’, Northallerton.

8.8 Knayton Parish Council – Confirmation that Knayton Parish Council are not planning an event for the coronation weekend, although a community sports event is being held on 24th June.

8.9 County Cllr A Baker – Information on community grants for coronation events.

8.10 Area 2 Highways – They will repair the potholes on the strip of road opposite the village hall and leading to Park Lane when funding is received.

9.0 Planning Applications

- Construction of dormer window and porch and installation of gable window and rooflights at Pinfold Cottage for Mr & Mrs Laws (23/00101/FUL). Application will be heard at the committee meeting on 16th March. Invitation to speak.
- Re-instatement post fire damage – roof to be re-built and have a gable end at ‘Sycamores’ for Mr Andrew Mosley. (23/00423/FUL). No objections.
- Egg factory – an appeal has been lodged by the applicant against refusal of planning permission by HDC and await further information about the appeal, timings, etc. When this information is available Tim Wood, from HDC planning, will meet with both Borrowby and Thornton-Le-Beans Parish Councils, but it is thought no new points have been raised in addition to the current list of objections against the application.
- Works to fell a conifer tree in a conservation area at Hillside Cottage for D Harrison. (23/00589/CAT). No objections.

Planning Decisions

- 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). Refused.
- 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). Approved.
- Works to Ash Tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order at OS Field 8880 Borrowby for Mrs Deborah Whitley (23/00059/TPO). Approved.

10.0 Finance

10.1 Financial transactions:

Clerk's salary (Jan – March 2023)	£350.00
Stationery/stamps/printing	£68.00

10.2 CIL fund

Any additional expenditure on the Broadacres seat/plantings will come out of the CIL fund. It was mentioned that another seat could do with replacing. Cllr Bell pursuing suitable seats.

10.3 Defibrillator fund

Sally Wilson has carried out the battery/defibrillator replacements. The remaining balance in the defibrillator fund is £77.74. She has suggested increasing the fund for future replacements which will be required in a few years' time. (See also 8.7).

11.0 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12.0 Open Forum

12.1 It was mentioned that the streetlights had come on early – it was said they are on a timer and adjusted by the Council.

District Cllr Robinson said that it would be a good idea to have a few additional streetlights between Borrowby and the school at Knayton. County Cllr A Baker mentioned the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner department grant which concentrates on safety projects. It was also suggested to contact Knayton Parish Council so that a joint approach to Highways can be made and to suggest to Highways the possibility of applying for the safety grant mentioned by County Cllr A Baker for part-funding.

13.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday April 20th at the earlier time of 7.30 pm in the village hall, starting with the Open Annual Parish Meeting and followed by the April Parish Council Meeting. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.