

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th October 2023 at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from the Chairman. Present: The Acting Chairman (Vice Chairman, Cllr J Dack), Cllr D Bell, Cllr A Norfolk, Cllr N Whitley, the Clerk, North Yorkshire Cllr A Baker and three members of the public.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st September, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Whitley.

3. Matters Arising

Proceeded to updates.

4. Update from North Yorkshire Councillor if present

Cllr Alyson Baker said that there is a consultation about polling stations until 18th November – they are mainly looking at the ones that haven't been used much. She mentioned that there are now plans for legislation for putting electric charging points in- new houses to ensure the best quality charging points are installed. Cllr Norfolk queried rentals legislation. Cllr Baker said that the percentage of rentals could be stated in a neighbourhood plan. Cllr Dack asked about the sub-divisions in North Yorkshire/ parliamentary constituencies and asked if local decisions will be made at the centre of the Thirsk/Malton constituency? Cllr Baker said her division does cross boundaries, e.g., Richmond, but she wouldn't have a vote there, but she would liaise with the Councillor there and vice versa. Cllr Dack said the administrative structure needs to be made clear when considering a neighbourhood plan. Cllr Bell said a building line had been drawn up on a village plan for Borrowby, but this was some time ago and not sure if it still stands.

5. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr Bell – He mentioned that the signs around the village are dirty, and one is broken at the bottom of Park Lane and some water running down the road. To follow up.

6. Village/neighbourhood plan discussion

Cllr Dack, Acting Chairman, asked if, firstly, we want a neighbourhood plan and, secondly, how do we set about getting one if this option is decided? Cllr Bell said the village plan was set out in the 1990's and was put together by the Parish Council under the legislation of Hambleton District Council. Cllr Dack said that the neighbourhood plan appears to be the modern version of village plans with more information. A neighbourhood plan has to go through a series of stages, involves referendums, and is worked up to a full document. Clerk to order the book on SLCC website: 'The Power of Neighbourhood Planning'. It is thought the Ingleby Arncliffe Neighbourhood Plan took about 6 years to complete. It was suggested contacting Ingleby Arncliffe Parish Council about their plan to find out what is involved. Cllr Whitley said the Parish Council should do a bit of research, link in with Ingleby Arncliffe and maybe even talk with them, find out how valuable a plan would be and

then make a decision on whether to pursue a neighbourhood plan. He said that the neighbourhood plan looks at other things apart from planning, such as fuel poverty, housing, de-carbonising homes, empty properties, etc. It was questioned how much affordable housing there could be? Cllr Norfolk asked how you keep affordable housing affordable? It was said that housing down the lower part of the village could not be built as the access is onto a 60 mph road. The amount of affordable housing on the original plans was also queried. It was asked that, if a neighbourhood plan was not drawn up, could the existing village plan be updated/anything done to strengthen it?

7. Correspondence

- 7.1 North Yorkshire Council – Consultation until 11/12 on Draft Housing Strategy.
- 7.2 Knayton Parish Council – copy of email re vehicle-activated signs. It is understood Knayton Parish Council are pursuing the cost.
- 7.3 NYC - Precept figure for 2024 to be forwarded by 31st December 2023.
- 7.4 NYC - Changes for re-charges for unscheduled by-elections for Parish Councils.

8. Planning Applications

- 8.1 Works to trees in a conservation area (chestnut tree) ZB23/02042/CAT).
No objections.

9. Finance

Cheques written out:

CE & CM Walker Ltd – grass cutting (September)	£265.20
SLCC – Book order (neighbourhood planning)	£29.30

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 Cllr Bell asked if anyone knows of a Christmas tree supplier for a tree for the village this year – to follow up.
- 10.2 The HRAP needs more committee members. Cllr Whitley will attend the AGM at the pub to find out more about it.

11. Open Forum

- 10.1 A resident suggested planting a weeping cherry tree on the bottom Green rather than a rowan tree, which had been suggested at the last meeting. The Parish Council said that the works to the other trees will be done first then a decision can be made on what type of tree to be planted afterwards.
- 11.2 Hedges – Cllr Bell said the further hedge works in Park Lane are in hand. He said the hedge further up the road needs pruning and said Sandy will do this.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on in January 2024 at 8.00 pm in the village hall (date TBC). The Acting Chairman, Cllr Dack thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.