

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Norfolk and County Cllr A Baker.

Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr J Dack), Cllr D Bell, Cllr N Whitley, the Clerk and five members of the public.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting minutes held on Thursday 19th October, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Dack.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 The large, designated trees were felled on the lower Green and the neighbours, Mr and Mrs Reveley, are very pleased and sent their thanks. A replacement tree will be planted - type to be decided but have the suggestions of weeping cherry/rowan.

3.2 HRAP – The AGM will take place in the pub and new members are needed.

3.3 Cllr Bell said the hedge trimming on Park Lane has now been done.

4. Update from North Yorkshire Councillor if present

County Cllr Alyson Baker sent an update, including:

- Neighbours can set up a 'No Cold Calling Zone' if enough people request it.
- A consultation is taking place about polling stations.
- North Yorkshire Council are encouraging residents to report road issues like potholes, lights, etc, using the online portal before asking Parish Councils.

5. Christmas Tree for Borrowby

Cllr Bell said he has located a tree from Kirby Sigston which is about 18 – 20 feet. Elaine Town, secretary of the village hall committee, said a new electrical connection had been put in where the lights plug in as water had leaked into the old one. New lights for the Christmas tree are to be purchased from A Turner.

6. Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

6.1 Cllr N Whitley mentioned that two footpaths are difficult to walk along as they have become very narrow due to overgrown hedges and thorns and are extremely boggy. Cllr Whitley to send location details to Clerk who will report.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Dack has read the new book about neighbourhood planning and will circulate it round the Parish Council who can then discuss the matter further. He said undertaking a neighbourhood plan would take about six years to prepare. Consultation would also need to be taken at a local level if there is a decision to proceed. Cllr Dack said there are three layers of planning: Firstly, there is the national planning policy framework which gives guidance (only online so can be changed easily and often). The second level is the local plan which is put together by the Unitary Council, etc. North Yorkshire has set out four main documents: the parish charter (now adopted); housing strategy; notification that engaging in a local plan and the draft statement of community involvement (feedback on local plan). The third level is neighbourhood planning - the neighbourhood plan is the

only document which will have local status. There is a lot of work to form a neighbourhood plan, but once it is adopted by North Yorkshire it forms part of the statutory plan. Cllr Dack said that all the Borrowby Parish Councillors should read the book and decide if the Parish Council should consider creating a neighbourhood plan, consider how feasible it would be and consult the villagers to gather local opinion. He said there must also be a paper trail for the plan. It is said that the Hambleton Local Plan will remain in place until it is replaced by a North Yorkshire Council Plan. The Parish Council would need to apply to North Yorkshire Council for them to be registered as the 'qualifying authority'. He said that the villages of Stokesley, Hornby, Helperby and Hutton Rudby all have neighbourhood plans in progress; only Ingleby Arncliffe locally has completed their neighbourhood plan.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Reply from Highways regarding Parish Council request for additional streetlighting along the path to the school. The approximate cost would be £14,521.67, the main cost being the underground cabling. Due to the lack of reported crime and accidents this would get low priority.

The Clerk had asked if they would consider the request with possible grant funding, but this was not acknowledged in the reply.

8.2 NYC, Ian Godfrey. The precept request for next year is due by the end of December.

8.3 NYC – Polling stations survey 16.10.23 – 13.11.23.

8.4 NYC - Budget survey – consultation closes 18.12.23.

8.5 NYC - Consultation until 23.11.23 about a North Yorkshire Council self-build and custom housebuilding register (with local connection test & administrative fee).

8.6 Borrowby Village Hall – November booking calendar and newsletter. Carols around the tree will take place on 17th December. New members sought for the committee.

8.7 North Yorkshire & York recovery strategy webinar 21.11.23.

9. Planning Applications

9.1 Works to a tree subject to TPO 09/00009/TPO at Field House for Mr P Broadhurst (ZB23/02077/TPO). Application for works to another tree at Field House (ZB/23/02265/CAT)). The Parish Council has no objections to the tree works.

9.2 Permission granted to fell 3 trees in a conservation area at Mulberry Hill for Mrs A Haigh (ZB23/01844/CAT).

9.3 Appeal by Mr Nicholas Walker against the Council decision requesting removal of layer of hardstanding which North Yorkshire Council said should have had planning permission on the land at field OS 4824.

10. Finance

10.1 Cheques written out:

CE & CM Walker grass cutters (cuts on 17/10, Green & Verges)	£207.60
Hillside Rural Activities Park (HRAP) (second part of playpark donation)	£500.00
A Turner Electrical (new lights for Christmas tree)	£372.60

<u>Income:</u> Receipt of grass cutting payment	£208.17
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10.2 Precept for 2024

An estimate to year end would leave a balance of approximately, now £5268.00 including the new lights, which is lower than last year, and costs have increased. Grass cutting has gone up by £222 this year.

It was decided to increase the precept to £5000.00 for 2024/25 (£4500.00 last year).

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Open Forum

12.1 It was said that the contact details of the Borrowby Parish Councillors need updating in the Hillside magazine. Clerk to contact the secretary.

12.2 It was said that the speed of traffic past the school and into the village from the Knayton side is causing concern. The Chairman said that it would be good to have flashing low speed signs around school times and Borrowby and Knayton were considering sharing movable 'matrix' signs. The speed limit had in the past been reduced to 40 mph past the school and the Chairman said it should be 20 mph at school times at the start and end of the day. Area 2 had been asked about groups walking to school and how this would not be appropriate if the road speed is 40 mph. The parking issue by the school has got worse as there are more cars on the road now. The Chairman said a collaborative approach was being made by both the villages of Knayton and Borrowby and the school and there had been a meeting. He said that a few years ago the footpath down to the school was widened by the scouts.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 15th February 2024 in the village hall at 7.30 pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.