

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 8.00 pm in Borrowby Village Hall

1.0 Apologies

Apologies were received from County Cllr Alyson Baker later in the meeting. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr J Dack), Cllr D Bell, Cllr A Norfolk, Cllr N Whitley, the Clerk and two members of the public.

2.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23rd January, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Whitley.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 The works to the bridge on Allerton Wath Road are delayed until April.

3.2 The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Mr Chapman for providing the Christmas tree for Borrowby.

3.3 Parking problem near the school – Cllr Norfolk asked if the traffic warden had been seen in the location? The Chairman said a visit had been made at some stage. It was said that it appears some cars using the care home are now parking nearer the school.

4.0 Update from North Yorkshire Councillor if present

Although not present, C Cllr A Baker had sent an email update which was read out later in the meeting: Residents can now pay for their garden bin licence, £46.50; Identification required for voting in Mayoral Election on May 2nd; Encourage residents to report road issues, potholes themselves and to escalate to Parish Council if no results; Councillor Surgery in Thirsk 07/03, Easingwold 05/04; road closure Kirby Sigston 05/03, Crosby new bridge April for 8 weeks.

5.0 Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

The Chairman had read the neighbourhood planning book and said it was a difficult read.

Cllr Norfolk said the plantings look nice at the bottom of the village.

Cllr Dack – He mentioned the new post box. Cllr Bell said the Parish Council had been about to report the condition of the old one when a new one appeared. Cllr Dack mentioned the water at the bottom of the village/drain clearance and said that Yorkshire Water had visited twice.

6.0 Village/Neighbourhood plan discussion

The neighbourhood planning book purchased by the Parish Council has been circulated among most of the Parish Councillors. Cllr Dack said that he would be more inclined to follow the advice in the neighbourhood plan book rather than following the route of other communities. He said the only document that carries the full weight is the neighbourhood plan. He said that if a neighbourhood plan was developed it would need to align to the North Yorkshire Council Local Plan (which is still in progress). A document called the village design statement is like a modern village plan and it was said that Hutton Rudby is preparing one. Cllr Whitley agreed that the neighbourhood plan is the only legally binding document but would probably require the commitment of four to six years work and substantial costs. He said that formulating a village design statement does not have to be validated by external scrutiny, does not need a referendum, is not as costly and to do this would at least be a start. Cllr Dack said that he feels it would be advantageous for the village to have a neighbourhood plan in principle and the other Parish Councillors agreed with this; Cllr Whitley said that this shouldn't mean the Parish Council is committed to formulating a neighbourhood plan. The Chairman suggested the remaining Parish Councillors read the book and the matter can be discussed further. He also suggested that the Parish Councillors write down five things they most wanted to see for the village, e.g. footpaths, more houses. He said Amanda Madden had identified a need for several houses in Borrowby/adjacent villages about seven to eight years ago.

Cllr Whitley said if Borrowby was a larger village he would have no doubt about progressing a neighbourhood plan, but, because Borrowby is a smaller village, a village design statement would be less onerous; in the event of wanting to proceed to a neighbourhood plan at least that would be in place. He said a neighbourhood plan would take three years at the minimum and could be

up to six years and would involve an extensive process of consultation, seeking legal advice and putting documents together. Cllr Bell questioned how much it would cost and how the finance would be raised. It was said that the original village plan was drawn up in 1990 and shows the conservation area and was part of the Vale of Mowbray Local Plan when the local authority was Hambleton District Council. The Chairman reiterated that all the Parish Councillors need to read the book then the matter can be discussed further.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) are holding events in market towns and are encouraging farmers and landowners to attend. Event at Thirsk auction mart on 19/02/24.

7.2 Area 2 Thirsk –

- Crosby new bridge works will now take place on 15th April.
- Sewer works will be carried out on Carlton Road, Carlton Miniott 2nd – 16th April and a traffic light system will be in operation.
- Yorkshire Water are carrying out urgent tankering works on Long Lane, end of January.

7.3 North Yorkshire Plan launch event 05/12/23 – questions/answers from the event.

7.4 CE & CM Walker Ltd – Reply to Clerk's email about grass cutting: they are short of employees trained in strimming and will keep us updated on the situation.

7.5 Knayton Parish Council Clerk, re flooding over the path towards school – Highways investigating who was responsible for a manhole/drain.

7.6 Knayton Parish Council Clerk – they are awaiting a reply from NYC about assistance with matrix signs. They had contacted Knayton Academy again re more concerns about parking on the verge and poor driving behaviour at the beginning and ending of school times.

7.7 Terry Bland, Head of Estates and Health & Safety, Elevate Multi Academy Trust – Reply to Clerk's email. He will liaise with the headteacher, Mrs Clay, and will pass on the details for parents to check mirrors before opening car doors. Near miss forms attached.

8.0 Planning Applications

8.1 Notice of making a Public Path Diversion and Definitive map and Statement Modification Order, Highways Act 1980 & Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, the North Yorkshire Council Public Footpath No. 10, 16/9, Newburn Borrowby, Diversion Order 2024. Any representations or objections by 22/03/24.

9.0 Finance

No cheques written out.

10.0 Any Other Business

10.1 The Parish Council had been contacted by a few residents regarding a property: Council tax rules/path formation and property use. North Yorkshire Planning said they need to contact the person raising these issues rather than the Parish Council. Clerk to reply asking why the Parish Council unable to act on behalf of residents and Chairman will speak to one of the residents raising the issue.

11.0 Open Forum

11.1 Grass cutting – No quotation received yet from CE & CM Walker. A resident asked if the grass area in front of Brittons Row can be included.

11.2 Cllr Bell said some gullies needed clearing more often than others. There is still a water leak in Park Lane.

11.3 The Chairman had attended the Highways Meeting. He said they spoke about climate change and more flooding and need to be prepared for snow clearing should this be required.

12.0 Date of Next Meeting

Propose to move the next meeting to 14th March (TBC) at 8.00 pm in the village hall. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.