

Minutes from the Open Annual Parish Meeting held in Borrowby Village Hall on Thursday 20th April 2023 at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies - No apologies were received. Present: The Chairman (Cllr F Wachsberger), the Vice Chairman (Cllr D Craig), Cllr D Bell, Cllr J Dack, the Clerk, District Cllr A Robinson and six members of the public.
2. Minutes from the Open Meeting held on 21.04.2022

The minutes from the Open Annual Parish Meeting held on 21.04.22, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed, proposed by Cllr Bell, and seconded by the Chairman.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.
4. Village Updates:
 - 4.1 CIL fund – The fund has almost been spent, £258.40 remaining, which is allocated for a new village seat which Cllr Bell is progressing.
 - 4.2 Village Hall - The AGM took place in March. There has been a gradual increase in regular users, including Pilates, yoga, rural arts, book club, Parish Council, bee-keeper group. A newsletter is to be prepared shortly. Other events that have taken place include a band night, Jubilee party, youth club events and local elections. The village hall had a fundraising day to support emergency supplies for Ukraine and raised £450 and, with Borrowby Kidz raising money from selling ribbons, the total reached was £1000. The money is being sent to the Yorkshire Ukraine fund. Borrowby Kidz are also collecting items to make up bags for the charity for Ukraine children displaced from the war. She thanked everyone for booking and using the Village Hall. Some members have retired from the Village Hall Committee and three members have joined.
 - 4.3 Coronation celebrations - The Parish Council have met with the Village Hall Committee to discuss a Coronation celebration event in the village on the Sunday 7th May. The pub is celebrating on the Saturday. A Big Brunch is planned in the village hall from 10 am– 12 pm. The Clerk has applied successfully for a road closure from 9.00 am until 8.00 pm on the Sunday. There will be a picnic in the afternoon and games. Later there will be a ‘party with Windsor’ where the Coronation evening music event can be watched together from 8 pm.
 - 4.4 Footpaths – Borrowby footpath walker, Mr Chris Bowley sent an email to say he will be walking the paths in the summer and will report any issues.
 - 4.5 Hillside Rural Activities Park (HRAP) – Steve Hogg from the HRAP committee gave an update about the HRAP. He said the bonfire night event raised £3000.00. He said there was a poor response to requests for public donations.

He said the CCTV was now up and running, although there have been some problems which the manufacturer is trying to fix. He said they are trying to purchase an old barn/land, but a project must be forwarded. They had secured funding and purchased a tractor. The football pitch maintenance includes re-seeding and fertiliser application. They don't want to plant any more trees at the HRAP – the tree survey states that HRAP are liable for falling branches. They have received a lot of complaints about dog mess – the committee is seriously considering rules for dogs to be kept on leads if the situation doesn't improve. He said a lot of children use the park, so something needs to be done. He said they need more volunteers and committee members to help run the park.

4.6 Oil Syndicate - Mike Brown, volunteer co-ordinator for the Borrowby oil group, sent in a report for the year:

2022 was a difficult year for all energy users seeing record high prices due to disruption of world supplies following the Ukraine invasion; Heating oil prices doubled in the early part of the year almost overnight. In March 2022 the prices were so volatile that for the first time ever no company would offer to supply the group, such was the uncertainty of price and supplies. By the calendar year end prices had stabilised at 40% higher than December 2021 (prices have eased a little since the year-end). Membership numbers buying oil through the group have remained steady at 234 households. Volume was down on previous years at just under 300,000 litres placing 419 customer orders, less than 2021 but with a key month missing. As ever the group achieve very competitive prices on behalf of its members.

4.7 Charity field – The same tenant is hiring the charity field and the committee are very happy with them. The list of widows has now been amended to include widowers and the Christmas donation will be distributed among them. Cllr Craig said the tenants are looking after the field well.

4.8 Defibrillator – Sally Wilson had sent an update. New batteries and pads had been installed early in 2023 and new ones will be due by March 2027. It is estimated that a new de-fibrillator may be needed by September 2027 and they will be approximately £1500 upwards. There is £77.74 remaining in the fund. She has suggested fundraising for a new device. A training session is being organised for 14th June in Borrowby Village Hall for residents to attend, run by 'Re-starting Hearts in Northallerton'.

5.0 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

6.0 Date of next Open Parish Meeting – April 2024 (Date TBC.)