

Minutes from the Borrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2024 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 J Dack), Cllr D Bell, Cllr A Norfolk, Cllr N Whitley, the Clerk, County Cllr Alyson Baker and one member of the public.

2.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2024, which were previously circulated, were agreed and signed.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Green Bin Subscription – This is increasing in March to £46.50. The first collection will be in March and North Yorkshire Council are omitting the Christmas free collection.

4.0 Update from North Yorkshire Councillor if present

C Cllr A Baker advised putting some form of plan for the village in place – she said the Parish Council can focus on the areas they would like to see developed and protect village greens. The Chairman has read the neighbourhood plan book and said when rules and regulations are put in place by the Council they keep getting changed, especially planning laws. He said it would involve three years of work to put a neighbourhood plan in place. Cllr Norfolk said preparing a village design statement is a route towards this. The only legally binding document is a neighbourhood plan, and plans need to be in line with the unitary plan being prepared by North Yorkshire Council.

C Cllr Baker said there had been a home to school transport consultation. She said after this year Council tax will be harmonised over the whole of North Yorkshire. She said there were increasing costs from social care, a rise in the minimum wage and increased costs of road repairs. She said NYC are rationalising staff, but this is a long and difficult process. She said the £350 remaining in the locality budget would be given to HRAP. It was asked what savings are being made by the unitary authority? C Cllr Baker said there are savings in salaries by rationalisation and some re-location of staff and there will also be the rationalisation of properties. She said care costs were huge. The Chairman suggested extending care onto the NHS, e.g. cottage hospitals which had previously been closed. The Chairman said the Parish Council have a responsibility to report issues on behalf of residents. C Cllr Baker said reporting things can be done by both the Parish Council and residents as more reporting may help in flagging up an issue. She said the Thirsk and Malton area committee meeting takes place next week at Stone Cross.

5.0 Update from Borrowby Parish Councillors

Cllr Bell mentioned works to repair the water leak on Park Lane.

6.0 Recent tree works and re-plantings

The Parish Council had received an email from the forestry commission regarding the works which took place to remove the three trees on the lower green following adverse effects on the neighbouring property. Cllr Bell brought a forestry commission handbook to the meeting forwarded by the tree surgeon, Nick Walker, and the works had complied with the rules as less than 5m had been felled. Planning permission had not been needed for this area as it is out of the conservation area zone. The Parish Council then discussed the tree re-plantings which will be located on the Green further away from the boundary hedge with a property. Cllr Norfolk suggested planting trees that don't grow too large, and rowan trees were suggested. Cllr Dack and Cllr Whitley said they thought rowans would be a good choice. The Chairman will source some trees. Clerk to reply to the forestry commission with further information on the tree works carried out.

7.0 Village/Neighbourhood plan discussion

Cllr Norfolk now has the book to read about neighbourhood planning. Cllr Dack said if the Parish Council do get to a stage of preparing a village design statement or a neighbourhood plan the document would need to be considered within the context of the emerging local plan for North Yorkshire. The Chairman said that we are dependent upon the national policy as they can still change the plans. He said, to give a theoretical example, the Parish Council could ask for six houses to be built but then be told by NYC to build a lot more. It was said that a neighbourhood plan could be a good defence but could also be proactive but must be 'in tune' with the North Yorkshire Plan. The Chairman said to continue with the reading and monitor.

8.0 Correspondence

8.1 Forestry Commission – they have received notification of the tree felling on the lower Green and are asking the Parish Council for further information.

8.2 North Yorkshire Council – Passenger transport.

To review and renew the local bus service contracts in Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale and Scarborough 'Park and Ride'.

8.3 North Yorkshire enforcement officer – queries regarding a property in the village. The officer reported no breach of planning conditions; new path is a Highways matter.

8.4 Knayton Parish Council Clerk – Notification of a meeting to discuss local speeding. Borrowby Parish Councillors are invited to attend the meeting where representatives of North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Traffic Management (vehicle activated signs) will be present. Cllr Whitley said Knayton Parish Council are considering matrix signs in the village as well as the school, the latter of which would affect Borrowby residents and be an issue to consider support. Speed surveys are also being carried out.

8.5 CE & CM Walker grass cutters – They have a shortage of staff able to do strimming. To monitor and consider alternatives.

8.6 JACS village gateways brochure.

9.0 Planning Applications

9.1 Application for replacement of four timber windows to front elevation, to include 2No. dormer windows to first floor. Installation of new timber door surround at Primrose Cottage for Sam Greaves (B24/00399/FUL). No objections.

9.2 Siting of garden pergola at High View for Thomas Selmes (ZB24/00460/FUL). No objections.

10.0 Finance

Cheques written out:

Clerk's quarterly salary	£350.00
Stationery/stamps/printing	£72.77

11.0 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12.0 Open Forum

12.1 Regarding 8.3, it was said that there should be a stipulation of no parking on the corner outside the property as it presents a hazard to road users.

13.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 25th April at approximately 8.00 pm in the village hall, following the Open Annual Parish Meeting. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.17 pm.