

HARTWITH cum WINSLEY PARISH COUNCIL. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 20-2-18.

1. PRESENT. T. Watson, B. Thornton, H. Benn, H. Barker, R. Titchmarsh, Catherine Barber (Nat. Trust), Cllr. M. Harrison (NYCC). 5 members of the parish.

2. APOLOGIES. N. Milnes, L. Milnes

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. T. Watson declared his position on the HBC Planning Committee and would not take part in planning decisions. H. Barker said that she was a neighbour of the National Trust at Brimham Rocks.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF 9-1-18. The minutes were read and proposed and seconded as a true record. Passed unanimously.

5. MATTERS arising from the minutes. There were none.

6. PRESENTATION BY THE NATIONAL TRUST ON PROPOSALS TO FENCE AN AREA OF BRIMHAM ROCKS TO GRAZE CATTLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL. (Catherine Barber). Points included: there would be no stiles on footpaths where there would be kissing gates, no fences on general public areas of car parks and shops, distances from the roadside would be lead by Highways, Barrett's field would be opened for parking on busy days, there would be stock fences and not deer fences, all existing field gates would remain.

There were questions from the meeting covering common land issues, costs, access, effect on habitats, relations with neighbouring farmers.

Catherine barber explained that all views will be taken into account before the proposal goes to planning at Harrogate with proposals on common land being presented to the Secretary of State.

7. EXTERNAL REPORTS. NYCC – recent weather has impacted on the roads which is now a priority. The County Council will be continuing to invest in LED street lighting and will make changes as they occur as well as rolling out new areas. The County Council will be setting their budget on 21-2-18 and it looks like being near to 4.9% due to increased demands and financial pressures. The Parish Council raised the issue of grit bins not being refilled by Highways and the lack of grit piles on Brimham Moor road from the crossroads to the car park entrance.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. Shepherds Lodge Farm extension for machinery store. No objection A. Benny Carr Farm to demolish garage and rebuild extension. No Objection A. New Foundry, Summerbridge to build one dwelling. No objection A.

9. PLANNING DECISIONS. Fir Tree Farm erection of single storey extension. Granted. High Pasture Farm erection of single storey extension. Granted.

10. PLANNING MATTERS. Mansion House TPO confirmed.

11. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT. No news on outstanding enquiries to Fiddlers Green, Rose Cottage, Dougill Hall.

12. FINANCE.	February Cheques.	Gross	Vat	Net
G.H. Brookes (rock salt)		57.60	9.60	48.00
R.R. Ryder (Xmas trees)		160.00	nil	160.00
		217.60	9.60	208.00
Cash at Bank.	Business Money Manager			6141.97

Treasurer Account		198.06
		6340.03
Less: Todays cheques	217.60	
Unpresented cheques	1361.90	(1579.50)
Cash Available 21-2-18		4760.53
Cash received		nil

13. NEW YORK MILLS. The street lights are still out and Clerk will contact Estates at Harrogate.

14. WAR MEMORIAL. A reply from the War Memorails trust following the initial application request for funding showed that they required accredited Structural engineers to make a report with recommendations. It was felt that this would be additional costs, though there was still an intension to repair or replace or part replace the memorial.

15.WEBSITE. The website is now being run by James Thornton Website Services. The clerk has applied for additional funding to cover up-dating the website.

16. Summerbridge Methodit Church has agreed that the shed, that is no longer required by the playgroup, on the edge of the church carpark can be used by the Parish council for sandbags if required. There is also a small paving base that could be used for a grit bin.

17. SMELTHOUSES TRAFFIC. Highways have agreed that a keep clear sign could be placed adjacent to the pavement on the bridge to keep the area clear for traffic. The cost would be £212.00 and this has been referred to the local householder.

18.FLOODING IN SMELTHOUSES. Mike Wickens from HBC has agreed to look into remedial measures to limit flooding in the bridge area in Smelthouses.

19.HIGHWAYS MATTERS. The clerk was asked to report the road surface in Whinbush Lane, water on the road between Birchfield Farm and Stripe Lane and the road surface on Grantley Bank.

20. HARROGATE LOCAL PLAN. There was a discussion on the local housing plan and Councillors were shown the form for making representations during the consultation period.

21.PARISH ELECTIONS. All Parish Councils are for election on May 3rd 2018. Councillors were offered nomination papers. They can be handed in to HBC between March 26th and April 6th.

22.INFORMATION EXCHANGE. The Parish were contacted by Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company who are hoping to extend the Dales bus service during the summer months. A request was made for funding to help with this proposal. It was agreed to send £50.00 to the Company to support better access in the Dales.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting will be on TUESDAY 27th MARCH at 7.00pm in Summerbridge Methodist Church.

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