

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BISHOP THORNTON AND  
WARSILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN  
BISHOP THORNTON CE SCHOOL, BISHOP THORNTON,  
ON THURSDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2009 AT 7.51 pm**

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- 1. PRESENT:** Cllr Mr B Baker, Cllr Dr J Gillingham, Cllr Mrs B Rickards, Cllr Mrs A Peacock, Cllr Mr R Hughes, District Cllr Mrs C Hill, County Cllr Mrs H Garnett, the Clerk and 2 members of the public.
- 2. ELECTION TO OFFICE:**  
Nominations had been sought for the office of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council and were as follows: for Chair, Cllr Mr B Baker was proposed by Cllr Mr A Stobbs; for Vice-Chair Dr J Gillingham was proposed by Cllr Mr B Baker. Cllr Mr B Baker and Cllr Dr J Gillingham were unanimously elected to Office for the forthcoming year  
(7.54 pm)
- 3. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:**  
Cllr Mr B Baker and Cllr Dr J Gillingham formally accepted the respective Offices of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.  
(7.55 pm)
- 4. APOLOGIES:** No apologies were received.  
(7.56 pm)
- 5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**  
Cllr Mrs B Rickards declared a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest in the reporting of Parish Council meetings for the Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale Herald.  
(7.57pm)
- 6. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 were with minor corrections agreed to be a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.  
(7.58 pm)
- 7. EXEMPT INFORMATION:**  
There were no exempt matters.  
(7.59 pm)
- 8. CONFIRMATION OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2009/10:**  
Councillors confirmed Mrs Davis as the Parish Council's Internal auditor for the forthcoming year and thanked her once again for undertaking the task.  
(UNANIMOUS DECISION)  
(8.00 pm)

**9. ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT:**

Councillors discussed and agreed that the level of risk to the Parish Council remains the same as it was last year and that all appropriate action had been made to take account of and alleviate possible risks.

(UNANIMOUS DECISION)

(8.01 pm)

**10. MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising from previous minutes.

(8.02 pm)

**11. PLANNING:**

**11.1** The following planning application received since the last meeting of the full Parish Council / General Purposes Committee was considered.

**(a) LOW KETTLESPRING FARM, BISHOP THORNTON - (6.61.159.FUL):** Erection of replacement agricultural building for Mr Peter Walmsley - **NO OBJECTIONS.** (UNANIMOUS DECISION)

**11.2 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:**

No other Planning matters were discussed.

(8.05 pm)

**12. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**12.1 PRECEPT:** - Councillors acknowledged the receipt of £900 as the first half-yearly precept from HBC.

**12.2 PAYMENT:** - Councillors agreed the following payment for Advertising the Annual Parish Meeting in the public notice section of the Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale Herald -

JOHNSTON PUBLISHING LTD - Public Notice - £56.14

(UNANIMOUS DECISION)

**12.3 OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS:** - Items not covered on the agenda: No other financial matters were discussed.

(8.08 pm)

**13. HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:**

**13.1 OTHER HIGHWAY MATTERS** - The following items were discussed:-

◆ **Road Repairs** – Cllr Mr B Baker confirmed receipt of an e-mail from NYCC Highways stating that defects along Dole Bank and from the Drovers to Bishop Thornton had been ‘addressed’ by the Highway Inspector. Other Highway issues have been added to the programme for attention and it is anticipated that this work will be undertaken in June.

◆ **‘Stackyard’, Bishop Thornton** – District Cllr Mrs Hill stated that HBC had not replied to her queries regarding the anomalies surrounding the proposed development of the stackyard for affordable housing while refusing the owners application to build a single dwelling.

◆ **Drovers** – A sign has been erected offering the freehold sale of the building as a public house with price on application.

(8.11 pm)

**14. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA (For Information Only):**

◆ **Overhanging Trees, Warsill** – Cllr Mr B Baker informed the meeting that he had approached the owners of Warren Park Caravan site regarding the cutting back of trees on the Warsill Road. Parishioners concerns over the overhanging trees were once again aired and Councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to the owners of the Caravan Park following another approach by Cllr Mr Baker.

◆ **Boulders/Stones on verge, Warsill** – Councillors acknowledged that another year had passed and still no action had been taken by NYCC to have the boulders/stones removed from the verge adjacent to Warsill Caravan Park. Councillors agreed that in light of the reorganisation of the Highways Department it would be appropriate to acquaint the new Highways management team with the fact that undertakings had been made in both 2007 and 2008 to initiate legal proceedings with a view to getting the boulders removed.

◆ **Bus Service through Bishop Thornton & Shaw Mills** – Councillors acknowledged that problems still exist for passengers using the early morning bus service into Harrogate and agreed that the Clerk should again contact NYCC in relation to this matter. County Cllr. Mrs H Garnett also undertook to look into the situation.

(8.14 pm)

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.15 pm and called the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council for Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Warsill Parish Hall.

**The Minutes were agreed and signed as being a true record of proceeding by the Chairperson at an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009**