

**AN ORDINARY MEETING OF BISHOP THORNTON & WARSILL  
PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

**in Bishop Thornton RC School.**

**Present**

Cllr (Chair) Mr B Baker, Cllr Mrs A Peacock, Cllr Mr C A Stobbs Cllr Dr J Gillingham, Cllr Mrs B Rickards and Cllr Mr R Hughes.

**Also in attendance**

The Clerk and 1 member of the Public

**A copy of all the papers are held in the Minutes File**

- 1     **WELCOME.**  
Cllr Mr B Baker welcomed everybody to the meeting.
- 2     **APOLOGIES.**  
No apologies were received. 7.31 p.m.
- 3     **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**  
(i) Cllr Mrs B Rickards declared a personal pecuniary and non-prejudicial interest in the reporting of Parish Council meetings for the Pateley Bridge and Nidderdale Herald. 7.32 p.m.
- 4     **MINUTES.**  
The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in Bishop Thornton CE School were confirmed as being an accurate account of proceedings and duly signed by the Chairman. (UNANIMOUS DECISION) 7.34 p.m.
- 5     **EXEMPT INFORMATION.**  
There were no exempt matters. 7.35 p.m.
- 6     **MATTERS ARISING:** 7.36 p.m.  
There were no matters arising from previous minutes not covered on the agenda.
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- 7.1 No Planning Applications relevant to the area have been received for consideration since the last meeting of the full Parish Council/General Purposes Committee.
- 7.2 No notification has been received since the last meeting of the full Parish Council/ General Purposes Committee that any Planning Applications, relevant to the area, have been granted
- 7.3 No notification has been received since the last meeting of the full Parish Council/ General Purposes Committee that any Planning Applications, relevant to the area, have been refused
- 7.4 Notification has been received since the last meeting of the full Parish Council / General Purposes Committee that any Planning Applications, relevant to the area, have been withdrawn.
- (a) THORNTON GRANGE FARM, BISHOP THORNTON: (6.61.151.G.FUL) – Listed building application for erection of single storey extension for Mr and Mrs R Bromiley
- (b) THORNTON GRANGE FARM, BISHOP THORNTON: (6.61.151.H.LB) –

Listed building application for erection of single storey extension for Mr and Mrs R Bromiley.

- (c) HIGHFIELD HOUSE, BISHOP THORNTON: (6.61.17.C.FUL) – Conversion of attached outbuilding to form additional living accommodation with the erection of a single storey rear extension and replacement of roof with the installation of rooflights for Mrs W Edwards
- (d) HIGHFIELD HOUSE, BISHOP THORNTON: (6.61.17.D.LB) – Listed building application for conversion of attached outbuilding to form additional living accommodation with the erection of a single storey rear extension and replacement of roof with the installation of rooflights for Mrs W Edwards

7.5 The following notifications have been received since the last meeting of the full Parish Council/ General Purposes Committee regarding alleged breaches of planning regulations

- (a) CHURCH COTTAGES, COLBER LANE, BISHOP THORNTON:  
(11/00017/ENFNOT) – for Mr Soroka
- (b) LAND TO WEST OF THE OLD MILL COTTAGE, SHAW MILLS:  
(11/00048/PR15) – Adverse condition of land – Mr Hudson

7.6 Notification has been received since the last meeting of the full Parish Council/ General Purposes Committee that the following Planning Application, relevant to the area, has gone to appeal.

- (a) CHURCH COTTAGES, COLBER LANE, BISHOP THORNTON:  
(11/00017/ENFNOT) – for Mr Soroka

7.7 The following additional planning matter was discussed:

- (a) PC LETTER TO HBC CHIEF EXECUTIVE RE RECENT PLANNING DECISIONS – Councillors read and agreed the wording of a letter to be sent HBC's Chief Executive expressing the Parish Councils growing concerns with the actions and reactions of Harrogate Councils Planning Department. Councillors also agreed that the letter should be copied to Julian Smith MP, Andrew Jones MP and District Councillor Christine Hill but not sent to the press until a response had been received from the Chief Executive.  
(UNANIMOUS DECISION)

- (b) LETTER FROM JULIAN SMITH MP – Councillors acknowledged receipt of a copy of a letter, submitted by a parishioner, from Julian Smith MP advising the Parish Council to take their concerns with HBC's Planning Department to the Ombudsman's Office.

7.48 p.m.

## 8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 PAYMENTS: The following payment was agreed:

- (a) BISHOP THORNTON RC SCHOOL - 4 Meetings rent to 31/03/11 - £40.00
- (b) BISHOP THORNTON CE SCHOOL - 4 Meetings rent to 31/03/11 - £40.00

(UNANIMOUS DECISION)

8.2 OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS: No other financial matters were discussed.

7.50 p.m.

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## 9.1 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:

- (a) KISSING GATE/FOOTPATH/BRIDGES/ROAD REPAIRS –
- (i) PARKING / TRAFFIC ISSUES, COLBER LANE, BISHOP THORNTON -  
The Clerk informed Councillors the Caroline Smith, NYCC's Countryside Ranger has, in an e-mail dated 31/01/11, organised a contractor to undertake repairs to the Bridge at Low Kettlesprings and is meeting with the landowner to discuss improvements to both kissing gates on the footpath between Grange

- (ii) Close and Cut Throat Lane, Shaw Mills in the hope that the work will be completed by the end of the financial year.  
The Clerk reported that in an e-mail dated 9/2/11 the NYCC Highways (Area 6 Starbeck) Inspector stated that the potholes on Watergate Hill had been repaired. Cllr Mr C A. Stobbs informed the meeting that this was not in fact the case and
- (iii) the road outside the Farm was breaking up.  
The Chairman reported that NYCC Highways maintain that the issue of 'mud on the highway along South Lane', Warsill is still being pursued with the owners of the adjacent farm, that the farms new entrance is now underway and that associated work on the public highway has not yet commenced. Any such work will be required to be completed according to NYCC's specifications and will be

(b) overseen routinely inspected.

(i) **PARKING / TRAFFIC ISSUES, COLBER LANE, BISHOP THORNTON**

The Chairman read an e-mail dated 03/02/11 from NYCC's Traffic Management and DC Engineer stating that after having visited Colber Lane and observed the 'parking/speeding problems' highlighted by the District Councillor in a recent e-mail to NYCC's Highway's Department she had concluded that the concerns raised were not sufficient to warrant any further action.

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(i) **OTHER HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:**

- (ii) Cllr Mrs B Rickards reported that Cut Throat Lane was once again in need of repair.

The Clerk reported that the Planning Inspectorate had finally confirmed the diversion of Bridleway No. 15. 13/37 and Footpath No 15. 13/36 at Woodfield Mill, Bishop Thornton which was first applied in November 2009.

8.00 p.m.

10. **NYCC CONSULTATION ON LIBRARY PROPOSAL:** Councillors discussed NYCC's proposed closures of both local library buildings and the mobile library and concluded that there was little hope of the service being maintained unless someone was willing to assist or a location such as in St. John's Church could be found that would facilitate the continuation of a reduced library service to the villages.

8.03 p.m.

11. **NIDDERDALE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS GROUP:** Councillors acknowledged receipt of the agenda for the next meeting of the Nidderdale Safer Neighbourhood Group at Pateley Bridge Council Offices on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011. The Chairman agreed to attend the meeting.

8.05 p.m.

12. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA (For information only):**

(i) **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PARISH CHARTER:**

Councillors acknowledged receipt on NYCC's newly approved Parish Charter.

- (ii) **HIGH NORTH FARM PLANNING PROBLEMS:** The Chairman detailed the problems recently faced by the new owners of High North Farm, Fellbeck in their dealings with HBC's Planning Department.

(iii)

**THE PARISHES PUBLIC FOOTPATHS:** The Clerk reported that a complaint had been made by a Harrogate resident to NYCC's Paths Department detailing the problems he had encountered when leading walks in and around the Parishes path network.

8.10 p.m.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12 pm and called the next Ordinary Parish Meeting for Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in Bishop Thornton CE School.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

**J A Gant**

Clerk to Bishop Thornton & Warsill Parish Council