

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BISHOP THORNTON AND
WARSILL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN
BISHOP THORNTON C.E. SCHOOL,
BISHOP THORNTON
ON THURSDAY, 21st. MAY 2009
AT 7.30 PM.**

- 1. PRESENT:-** Cllr (Chair) Mr B Baker, 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. APOLOGIES:-** No apologies were received.
- 3. 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.
- 4. MINUTES:-** The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2008 in Bishop Thornton C.E. School were confirmed as being an accurate account of proceedings and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5. REPORTS 2008/9:-**
 - (A) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:-**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked District Cllr Mrs C Hill and County Cllr Mrs H Garnett for their help and support for the Parish Council over this last year. He also thanked his fellow Councillors for their support and the Clerk for all her efforts on behalf of the Parish Council. He noted that during the past year Parish Councillors have dealt with 24 Planning Applications of which 11 were granted, 1 withdrawn, 1 had not been required, 6 refused and 5 still awaited a decision from HBC. He noted that two applications namely the Drovers and the 'Stackyard' continued to be of concern; HBC's seemingly having no regard to common sense when considering either matter, adhering to policy come what may. He also noted, once again that various Highway matters had been taken up with NYCC, particularly in Warsill where the road is deemed to be the 'worst' in Nidderdale. Continued promises of improvements and repairs seem vague and when undertaken prove inadequate. As for the problems associated with the Bus Service through Bishop Thornton and Shaw Mills, these have been rumbling on for at least three years due to changes in operator, time-tables, route, lack of change and ticket machines. It seems that political correctness and bureaucracy requires a committee meeting even to make the simplest decision.

(B) FINANCIAL REPORT:- The Clerk/RFO presented the financial report for the year ending 31st March 2009. £1039.42 had been brought forward from the previous year and £1,800 had been received in Precept giving a balance of £2839.42. Payments totalling £1608.61 had been agreed and made during the year. One payment of £15.00 remained outstanding.

The balance as per payment and receipts stood at:

	£ - p
Barclays Bank Current A/C	1245.81
Less O/S Cheques	0.00
Cash in Hand	<u>15.00</u>
	1230.81

The details were discussed and Councillors unanimously agreed the Accounts and completed the annual governance statement. Both truly represent the financial business transacted by the Council for the year ending 31st March 2009. Cllr Mrs B Rickards thanked the Clerk for the clarity with which the accounts were presented. The Chairman and the Clerk/ RFO duly signed copies of the Financial and Assurance Statements.

6. PARISHIONER'S 'QUESTION TIME'

Parishioners were invited to question Parish Councillors regarding the business undertaken by the Parish Council over the past year. No questions were forthcoming.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:-

In line with new NYCC bookings policy Councillors were presented with and agreed the dates of ten Parish Council meetings for the next year. Seven of those meetings are to alternate between Bishop Thornton CE School and Bishop Thornton RC School and will with the exception of October and May take place on the last Thursday of the month. The three remaining meetings in June, July and September will be held at Warsill on the last Thursday of the month. It was also agreed that the Parish Council should not meet in August or December unless absolutely necessary when an ad hoc meeting of the General Purpose Committee may be called.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA (For information only):-

There was no other business.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

There being no further business the Annual Parish Meeting was closed at 7.50 p.m. The Annual Parish Meeting was followed by the Parish Councils Annual General Meeting.

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 25th June 2009