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**AN ORDINARY MEETING OF BISHOP THORNTON & WARSILL  
PARISH COUNCIL  
Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
in Bishop Thornton RC School.**

**Present**

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

**Also in attendance**

The Clerk and five members 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.

7.33 p.m.

**MINUTES.**

4 The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010 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:**

There were no matters arising from previous minutes not covered on the agenda.

7.36 p.m.

7 **PLANNING:**

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.

No notification has been received since the last meeting of the full Parish Council/

7.2 General Purposes Committee that any Planning Applications, relevant to the area, have been granted:

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.

7.3 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of the full Parish Council / General Purposes Committee that any Planning Applications, relevant to the area, have been withdrawn.

7.4 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 may have been in breach of planning control.

7.5 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 after being sent to appeal.

The following additional planning matters were discussed:

7.6 CHURCH COTTAGES, BISHOP THORNTON: Councillors acknowledged receipt of a 1970's aerial photograph of the old Church Cottages, Colber Lane Bishop Thornton depicting the site in its entirety including parts of the Church wall and hedge that have since been removed during the construction of the new houses. Councillors agreed that there was little the Parish Council could do to get the boundary wall and hedge reinstated if the Church was unwilling to pursue the matter.

(UNANIMOUS DECISION)

7.7

7.39 p.m.

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**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

8.1 PAYMENTS: No payments were agreed

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

7.40 p.m.

## 9.1

(a) **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:**

Footpath/bridge/ROAD repairs –

Cllr Mr Baker informed the meeting that in response to his strongly worded letter to the Highways Department he had received a reply from Mr David Bowes, Assistant Director at NYCC's Highways and Transportation Department acknowledging that money spent by NYCC on a certain country road as highlighted in the Yorkshire Post because it was adjacent to land owned by an officer of the Council had in hindsight been a mistake. Mr Bowes did however assure Cllr Mr Baker that every effort would be made to address the long term issues of drainage and resurfacing etc on South Lane, Warsill in the new financial year. Cllr Mr Baker also informed Councillors that while attending the North Yorkshire Police CAP TIER II Group Meeting he had raised his concerns about the state of the roads in Warsill with County Cllr Mr John Fort, the Executive Member on NYCC responsible for Highways and Planning, who said he 'would take the matter further'.

Cllr Mrs B Rickards informed the meeting that 'Joy Bridge' is still in need of repair and asked that the Clerk inform NYCC Paths that a rail needs replacing to prevent walkers stepping back and potentially falling into the stream when opening the gate. Cllr Mr Stobbs also drew attention to the fact that the bridge over Thornton Beck between Bowes Green and the Old Church Tower had not, as yet been repaired. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should raise both matters with NYCC's Rights of Way Department. **(UNANIMOUS DECISIONS)**

Councillors also agreed that the Clerk should draw NYCC's Highways and Transportation Department to the increasing number of large potholes in many of the Parishes roads including Shaw bank, Shaw Mills, Colber Lane (near Bishop Thornton CE School), the Warsill Road (near Volla Wood) and Fountains Road (near the entrance to Raventofts Hall Farm).

**(UNANIMOUS DECISIONS)**

**OTHER HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS:** No other Highway or Transportation matters were discussed.

## 9.2

7.50 p.m.

**NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE CAP TIER II GROUP AGM:** Cllr Mr Baker informed the meeting that on attending the North Yorkshire Police CAP TIER II Group AGM he had learnt from Police Sgt Christine Turner who is responsible for Pateley Bridge, Nidd Valley, Lower Nidderdale, Washburn and surrounding areas that recorded crime across the area as a whole rose from 39 between April 08 and February 09 to 56 between April 09 to February 2010. The Chief Fire Officer from Harrogate also informed the meeting that the 4x4 fire engine at Summerbridge was due to be replaced and that the number of volunteer fireman at

Summerbridge was up to full strength, with 2 more on the waiting list which he found pleasing.

7.53 p.m.

11 **HBC COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SCHEME:** Cllr Mr B Baker informed the meeting that having received a phone call from HBC's Department of Corporate Policy and Improvement he had been persuaded to attend a Speed Training For Communities: Emergency Planning Event on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

7.55 p.m.

12 **NYCC POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE GUIDES:** Cllr Mrs Rickards informed the meeting that she had no further contact from the organisers of NYCC's Police Neighbourhood Profile Guides

7.57 p.m.

**HAMPSTHWAITE 'WILD THINGS':** Cllr Mr Baker informed the meeting that a 'Wild Things' event is to be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April at Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall.

7.59 p.m.

13 **REVIEW OF LOCAL BUS SERVICES – SUMMARY OF CHANGES & REVIEW OF PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICES AND HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT SERVICES IN HARROGATE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA:** Cllr Mr B Baker informed the meeting that there are no changes being made to the local bus services at the moment but NYCC is to review the local passenger bus service and home to school bus service prior to the current contracts ending in April 2011 and is inviting the Parish Council to make comments and recommendations as to the services best suited to local residents. Councillors agreed that Cllr Mrs Rickards should compile a list of recommendations.

(UNANIMOUS DECISIONS)

8.03 p.m.

14 **HARROGATE DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) SITES AND POLICES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD):** HBC is organising a debate starting in late September 2010 which is to focus on the future planning for those rural settlements identified for growth in the HBC Core Strategy including Bishop Thornton as it is a Group C settlement and as such earmarked for limited growth through occasional development within its existing built up area, plus a small scale extension to the built up area for 100% affordable homes for local people. Councillors discussed the suitability of the area known as the 'stackyard', Colber Lane, Bishop Thornton which has been designated by HBC for affordable housing and agreed that the infrastructure of the village e.g. lack of public transport, shops, footpaths etc together with an already overloaded sewerage system makes this area unsuitable for any multi property development let alone affordable housing.

(UNANIMOUS DECISIONS)

8.10 p.m.

**ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

(a)(For information only):

‘MUCK’ HEAP, COLBER LANE, BISHOP THORNTON – Councillors discussed residents concerns over the smell emanating from the ‘Muck’ heap on Colber Lane, Bishop Thornton. The Clerk stated that the matter had been referred to NYCC Environmental Health Service but there was little the Officers could do unless they were able to visit on a day when the smell was particularly bad.

HBC’S DOG WARDEN SERVICE – Councillors acknowledged receipt of information from HBC’s Dog Warden Service offering to talk to the Council

(b)about the Service.

PARKING - Concerns were raised about speeding vehicles down Colber Lane and the proposals for a new parking lay-by were discussed.

ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION, SHAW MILLS – Cllr Mrs B Rickards reported

(c)that the trellis fencing around the sub-station had now been repaired.

(d)

8.21 p.m.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

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There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.22 pm and called the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council for Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 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 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

**J A Gant**

Clerk to Bishop Thornton & Warsill

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