

BISHOP THORNTON & WARSILL PARISH COUNCIL
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th May 2008 at 7.00pm
in Bishop Thornton RC School

Present

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

Also in attendance

County Cllr Mrs H Garnett, District Cllr Mrs C Hill, the Clerk and 3 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.

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 27th May 2007 in Bishop Thornton C.E. School and the minutes of an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 24th April 2008 in Bishop Thornton RC School were confirmed as being an accurate account of proceedings and duly signed by the Chairman.

5 **REPORTS 2007/8.**

- (A) **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:-** Cllr Mr Bernard Baker thanked Councillors for their time and effort during the past year and particularly Cllr Mr John Gillingham who he was pleased to note is on the road to a full recovery. He also thanked County Cllr Mrs Heather Garnett for her help and guidance and congratulated Mrs Christine Hill on becoming the new District Councillors for the Lower Nidderdale Ward. He acknowledged the contributions Cllr Mr Elwyn Hinchcliffe made to meetings and the work he undertook in putting forward the Parish Councils views before his untimely death last November. Cllr Mr Baker noted that over the past year the Parish Council had dealt with 26 planning applications of which 18 had been approved, 2 withdrawn, 1 refused and 5 resubmitted awaiting a decision. Topics for discussion had included the perennial problems, both financial and bureaucratic surrounding Highway repairs and the provision of an adequate bus service as well as the alleged effects of radiation on computers in homes adjacent to the C E School following the installation of a new system last September. Finally he thanked the Clerk for all her hard work and patience in dealing with the

bureaucratic institutions when common sense is overtaken by procrastination and political correctness.

- (B) **FINANCIAL REPORT:-** The Clerk/RFO presented the financial report for the year ending 31st March 2008. £827.17 had been brought forward from the previous year and £1,800 had been received from the Precept giving a total of £2627.17. Payments amounting to £1512.42 had been agreed and made.

The balance as per payment and receipts stood at:

	£ - p
Barclays Bank Current A/C	1039.42
Less O/S Cheques	0.00
Cash in Hand	<u>0.00</u>
	1039.42

The Clerk thanked Mrs Davis for undertaking the internal audit and stated that Parishioners may inspect the accounts, by appointment, between the 21st July and 15th August after which Mazars will carry out an external audit. The details were discussed and Councillors unanimously agreed the Accounts and approved the annual governance statement. Both truly represent the financial business transacted by the Council for the year ending 31st March 2008. 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'.**

There were no questions from Parishioners.

7 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.**

Councillors unanimously agreed that henceforth Parish Council meetings should, whenever possible, take place on the last Thursday of the month; that at least some of the meetings should be held at Warsill and of the meetings held in Bishop Thornton the venue should alternate between Bishop Thornton CE School and Bishop Thornton RC School. It was also agreed that the Parish Council should not meet in August or December unless absolutely necessary.

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

There was no other business to discuss.

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

There being no further business the Chair closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.25 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 26th June 2008

J A Gant

Clerk to Bishop Thornton & Warsill PC