

25th May 2017

A Meeting of Birdsall Parish Council was held on Thursday, 25th May 2017 at 6.p.m. at the Estate Office, Birdsall.

Present: Lady Middleton, Mr. T. Butterworth, Mrs. R. Fardale, Mrs. S. Hart, Mr. S. McMillan, Mrs. J. Sanders and Mrs. M. Warren (Clerk).

* Apologies: *
Apologies for Absence from Mr. B. Stone.

Minutes: The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 11th January 2017 having been circulated to all Members were signed as a true record.

* Election of Chairperson: *
It was proposed by Mr. T. Butterworth and seconded by Mrs. S.H. that Lady Middleton be elected Chairperson. *

Matters: Roads:

Arising: After a lot of chasing on the telephone following the Clerk's 2 letters to N.Y.C.C. Highways Department dated 18th January and 11th April 2017 an e-mail was finally received from Sharon Fox (Ryedale & Selby Highways Communication Officer) on the morning of the Meeting, which stated that all the problems recorded at our last Meeting had been attended to, or the defects did not meet criteria. However the Clerk was asked to reply; as Church Lane, Birdsall still had serious potholes, and the bridge on the Birdsall - North Grimston road still had a lot of undergrowth covering the brick parapets. The Mill Farm road was still unsatisfactory and the Aldro Farm to Tolstead Farm road potholes had not been filled.

Superfast Broadband

It was noted that this had been installed

Tour de Yorkshire

This took place on the 28th April 2017. A grant of £100 was received and Mrs. Ruth Fardale had kindly purchased bunting and balloons to that value, and with the help of Mrs. Sue Hart and Mr. Simon McMillan, decorated areas of the village and removed them after the event. Thanks were expressed to them. The Clerk was asked to bring to the attention of N.Y.C.C. that it appeared the roads in the area of the Tour got priority funding which was of no benefit to Birdsall and North Grimston.

Risk Management: All Members considered the risk management assessment as set out in the "Government and Accountability of Local Councils" publication and agreed there were no financial or other risks to be dealt with.

Accounts: All Members received a copy of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Bank Reconciliation Statement for the year ending 31st March 2017 which were approved and signed.

Approval of Annual Governance Statement: Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2017 - was approved by all Members and signed by the Chairperson and the Clerk.

Approval of Annual Accounting Statement: Section 2 - Annual Accounting Statement of the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2017 - certified by Margaret Warren (Clerk) on the 17th May 2017 - was approved by all Members and signed by Lady Middleton (Chairperson).

Internal Auditor: It was agreed Mr. Robin Holmes be appointed Internal Auditor.

Letter from Bridget Skaupe Community Officer: A letter dated 7th April 2017 from Bridget Skaupe, Ryedale District Council Community Officer was considered. It was noted she would like to attend one of the Meetings. It was agreed to invite her to next year's May Meeting, which was the only definite date for a future Meeting.

Any Other Roads

Business: The Clerk was asked to report the state of the following roads to N.Y.C.C Highway Department:

- 1) The North Grimston to Langton Cross Roads
- 2) Birdsall to Grimston Fields 'T' Junction via the Mill Road.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 6.40 p.m.

Judy Middleton

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