

31st January 2018

A Meeting of Birdsall Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 31st January 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Estate Office, Birdsall.

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

Apologies: Apologies for absence from Mrs. R. Farndale.

In Attendance: Lord Middleton and Councillor Keane Duncan.

Minutes: The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 25th May 2017 and the Extraordinary Meeting on the 8th June 2017, having been circulated to all Members, were signed as a true record.

Matters Roads:

Arising: All Members received a copy of an e-mail from Sharon Fox (N.Y.C. Ryedale & Selby District Highways Communication Officer) in reply to the Clerk's letter dated 5th June 2017, from which it was noted Church Lane, Birdsall and Mill Lane, Birdsall will continue to be monitored with temporary repairs being carried out to ensure that the safety of the travelling public is not compromised, until funding allocated for surfacing schemes.

(asst May 2017 meeting)

Speed Survey:

The Survey was carried out by the Home Farm, Birdsall during the period 10th May to 19th May 2016. Total volume 433 vehicles per day (average). Speeds - both direction 85% = 37.9 mph / mean 27.6 mph. There was only 1 record of slight injury, so funding of a speed reduction would not be allocated for either a 40 mph or 30 mph speed limit.

Councillor Keane Duncan's Report etc: Lady Middleton thanked Keane Duncan for attending the Meeting, and pointed out the problems the diversion caused in North Grimston during the period the road was closed in December for the Highways Dept. to lay a new "grippy" surface, with all traffic using the road via Hudditts Farm which was not suitable for HGV etc.

Lord Middleton produced photographs he had taken of the damage caused to the Birdsall Estate land where vehicles had been stuck and had to be pulled out.

Keane Duncan reported:

(a) He was aware of this situation - he pointed out the "Road Ahead Closed" notice at the B1248 junction in Norton should have said "at North Grimston".

(b) Speed Monitoring would be carried out in North Grimston.

Lord Middleton pointed out the time wasted by the men filling potholes as it appeared they had nothing more to do for the rest of the day when they had finished laying the 2½ ton load. Keane Duncan agreed to take this matter up with the Highways Department.

North Grimston Hill: Lady Middleton reported the Parish Council had expressed their concerns about the dangerous roadside verges etc. to the Highways Department but nothing had been done. Lord Middleton pointed out road users (travelling down the hill especially) were in great danger due to the closeness of the verge with the deep drop down the cliff face. Keane Duncan agreed to set up a ^{site} meeting with Lord Middleton, himself, and the Highways Engineer.

Points put to Keane Duncan: The following points were made:

Road Conditions -

Church Lane, Birdsall, Mill Lane, Birdsall, Road from Birdsall to Burythorpe, Road to Birdsall Grange, Road from corner of the Gallows

Fly Tipping -

Gravel Pit at the 'T' Junction near Grimston Fields Farm.

Roadside verge on the Langton / North Grimston road between Grimston Fields Farm and Glebe Farm.

The 2 lay-by's on North Grimston Hill.

Laying Curbing Stones -

It appeared this was a waste of money, the problem being some roadside gips were not cleaned out thereby standing water damaged the tarmac.

Points made by Keane Duncan: Councillor Keane Duncan reported:

The cattle grid on the Luddite road had been cleaned out.

Keane Duncan: Superfast Broadband was now provided in most villages, although at present some outlying properties were not connected. Keane asked to be informed of any properties not connected.

Points made
by Keane
Duncan (cont'd)

The village bus services had been temporarily suspended due to the Bus Company ceasing to trade. All had now been replaced except for the Malton - Norton Town Service.

Matters Arising
(8th June 2017
Meeting)

All Members had received copies of the correspondence relating to the Planning Permission for an Agricultural Building at Manor Farm, Birdsall (Mr. J. Illingworth), and it was noted that Mrs. Sue Hart and the Clerk had attended the Planning Meeting on the 1st. August 2017 - Mrs. Hart putting the Parish Council's objections to the Meeting. However the Application was approved at the Meeting. Mr. Ben Stone wished to point out that he thought some matters in the Memo were erroneous. Following discussion it was agreed the Parish Council made their objections following the detailed information they had been given.

Precept:

The Clerk reported she had applied for a Precept of £140 for the year 2018/19, the appropriate Application Form being signed by Lady Middleton (Chairperson) and herself.

Any Other

Rural Crime:

Business:

It was noted there had been several cases of burglary and poaching in the area but the Police did not want to know about it. Following discussion Keane Duncan agreed to see if he could arrange a Public Meeting for all the villages in the area.

Councillor Keane Duncan's Budget:

Keane pointed out he had a budget of £5,000 from which he can make small donations to projects which benefit the community.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.10.p.m.