

Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th January 2019
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

51. Apologies and Declarations

Cllr Davison; Cllr Richard Musgrave

A special thank you was unanimously proposed to Holly Knight who left the council prior to the last meeting, for all her work on behalf of the Village. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well.

52. Public Session

Three items raised which will be covered by the agenda: Yellow lines; bench on Cat Lane; Fencing round playing field. These items were raised by Trevor Thackray. Trevor was co-opted onto the Council to fill the final casual vacancy.

53. Reports

- District Councillor - None
- County Councillor - None
- Community Police /Neighbourhood report - None

54. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Elshaw; Seconded Cllr Barker.

55. Matters Arising

None that won't be covered by the agenda.

56. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall – No report. Cllr Phillips to take over as BPC rep for village hall. To liaise with Ben Russon.
- Playing Field – Grass cutting to be continued by Mike Walmsley – **Action: Cllr Dawson.** Bin to be ordered immediately – **Action Cllr Elshaw.**

57. For Discussion:

- **Report on public session from last meeting**
Issues were dealt with at the time.
- **20 is Plenty**
- **Community Speeding**
- **Police Presence in Villages**
Cllr Warriner brought the council up to date with developments.
Key to getting visible speed deterrents in the village i.e. flashing signs, 20 is Plenty signs, or community speed cameras is getting the speed reports completed where instances of speeding occur. Residents are urged to complete these and forward them to the relevant authority or to Cllr Warriner. This enables Highways and the Police to monitor the situation. We need to register concerns through the police in order to get a response. Cllr Warriner and Cllr Davison have researched the issues of 20 is Plenty and flashing speed signs and there are clear benefits for Bilbrough, particularly along Cat Lane. **Action:** Cllr Warriner is to post copies of the speed report to all residents on Cat Lane as this is the main issue. Main Street and Back Lane were also discussed but no action was decided upon here.
- **Friends of the Playing Field**
A resolution of this issue needs to be made, particularly as there is a bank account involved. **Action: Cllr Elshaw** is to speak to Holly Knight.
- **New Council website**
Cllr Dawson reported that the Village Hall committee had proposed setting up a website and following a meeting, have agreed to call it the 'Bilbrough Hub'. The Parish Council will have its own space on this website and will pay half the cost (less than £100 per year). This will fulfil the legal obligation to publish council details and actions online. Agreed unanimously.
- **Contractors for Verges**
Cllr Elshaw had looked at several contractors to cut the verges but all are expensive. Cllr Dawson proposed engaging Mike Rawnsley to cut the verges leading into the village, clear the area around the seat on Back Lane, replace the chain link fencing of the playing field both on Back Lane and Main Street and clear the verge around Bilbrough Grange. Unanimously agreed – **Cllr Dawson to Action.**
- **Bin in Playing Park/Hard standing for bench**
As above. Area around bench to be cleared and a suitable stone trough is to be purchased (through Richard Musgrave) to enhance the area and make it a decent amenity for the village.
- **Other Village issues – dog fouling, paths, vegetation**
Dog fouling has become an issue again in the village with many residents complaining of mess on footpaths and Piggy Lane. The council would like to thank all responsible dog owners who remove dog

waste from our paths but there appear to be some who don't. We can only ask concerned residents to report any incidences where owners blatantly ignore their responsibilities.

Cllr Davison has produced a letter to send to residents, where appropriate, asking them to cut back vegetation which overhangs footpaths. It was felt the time was not right for this at this moment.

- **Bilbrough Broadcast**

It was agreed that this should be continued once a quarter. **Action: Cllr Dawson to speak to Holly Knight.**

- **Clerk vacancy & Casual vacancy**

Casual vacancy has now been filled by Trevor Thackray. We are still looking for a Clerk.

58. For Information:

Post and Circulation of Letters: Response has been received from Selby Planning concerning our request for information regarding developments on Cat Lane. The Planning investigation has concluded that the planning application was correctly approved.

59. Planning

Planning application for development of bus depot at Warren Lodge has been resubmitted taking into account previous objections raised by the Bilbrough Parish Council.

1 Cat Lane – Condition 4, regarding parking spaces, is subject to a 'discharge of condition' application which is currently being considered by the Planning case officer.

A planning application for a dormer bungalow has been received, to be constructed near the entrance to Merrymoles. Certain individuals are affected but from a planning aspect, the BPC has no objection. One objection has been received to the council by a member of the public.

Single storey extension to back and sides of 26 Back Lane has been proposed. BPC has no objection.

The single building plot at Village Farm is still being discussed as to its orientation but is not subject to any objection from BPC

60. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

Finance report has been tabled and copies are available from the Clerk.

The Council voted to keep the precept the same as the previous year.

61. Agenda items for next meeting:

Amenities for older children and young people.

62. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12th March 2019