

## **Bilbrough Parish Council Chair's Report 2019.**

With Summer coming and the hope of warmer weather the council would yet again like to thank residents for all the work they do in keeping the village looking so good all year round. The hard work that goes in to cutting hedges and clearing the pavements outside properties, as well as keeping front gardens looking good, all goes towards making Bilbrough what it is. We would particularly ask all residents to make sure pathways adjoining their properties are kept clear of overhanging vegetation.

The road condition of Back Lane is still a matter of concern and communication last year with Highways did result in some attention, though very inadequate. The delayed start to the development of Village Farm also has not helped see improvements to this road. The Council's understanding is that the contract fell through with the original developer and the site is being offered for resale. It is hoped work will start by the end of the year.

Work on the Playing Fields is urgently required. Repairs are needed to the play equipment which will be undertaken as soon as possible and the cutting of the grass will be contracted out from the next meeting to coincide with the times the local council do not cut it. The waste bin is to be replaced (a new one is ready for installation) and the fence around the perimeter is also to be replaced to improve the general look. The long term ambition of the Council is to take over ownership of the land.

In addition, the council has arranged for the verges on the entrances to the village to be cut over the summer months which will enhance the aspect of the village on its approaches.

Other proposals which are nearing implantation include the Council's desire to promote the *20 is Plenty* campaign to reduce speeds of vehicles passing through the village and community speeding camera for use by residents. This has been spearheaded by Cllrs Warriner, Philips and Davison. The main instances of speeding are on Cat Lane and Back Lane. Instances of speeding need to be reported on the 95 Alive Form and sent to the Police to support speed monitoring. Speeding reports were issued to all residents on Cat Lane and Back Lane Bilbrough by Cllr Warriner in January 2019. One formal complaint was made to Police by a local resident on Cat Lane.

On 25 January 2019 individuals were seen at key entry points into the village with speed cameras testing the speed of approaching vehicles. One 95 Alive form was completed and received by Police. Now this has been achieved it will allow us to put up a *20 is Plenty* sign in the village. Any *20 is Plenty* campaign has to have a name allocated to it. Suggested "Bilbrough 20 is Plenty for Us". There will be a cost for signage and an advertising campaign will follow. We are also investigating the deployment of a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign for Cat Lane as rules have recently changed to make these easier to install.

In line with our statutory obligations to make the council business available to all and transparent, we now share a website with Bilbrough Village Hall, called the Bilbrough Hub. Here you will find agendas, minutes, financial reports, etc to do with the Parish Council. The url is: <https://bilbroughvillagehall.co.uk/>. Our thanks to Aiden Shaw for setting it up for us.

We are still in desperate need for a Clerk to carry out the administrative duties for the council. This is a paid post and there is also a casual vacancy on the Council which needs to be filled. If anyone is interested then please contact....