

**Bilbrough Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**At 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**27. Apologies and Declarations**

Present Cllrs Dawson (Chair), Warriner, Davison, Barker, Philips and Thackrey.  
In attendance: Cllr Richard Musgrave

**28. Public Session**

This was attended by one member of the public.

The owner of Bowlands Farm made a representation regarding an application for planning permission to install shipping containers on his land. He also answered questions regarding the crushing operation at the farm and the presence of skip lorries in the village.

This application has been made because of a complaint that his activities were unlawful. An Enforcement Officer consequently visited the site and confirmed that everything was satisfactory but noticed some shipping containers already on the site and suggested the owner should make a planning application for them even though there was no legal need for him to do so. These containers had been there for 7 years already and were not permanently sited. They are used for the storage of materials relating to the operation of the chicken farm and are concealed from view by the existing bunding. The EO looked around the site and confirmed he saw nothing unlawful and was satisfied of the existing permissions. Nothing on site will change as a result of this application.

The Council also asked questions regarding incidents of heavy vehicles coming through the village. These vehicles, it was stated, are nothing to do with Bowlands farm. The owner has video evidence from CCTV which he is happy to share. No work has been done on a bank holiday and 'Sykes', a name reported, is not a company the farm uses; as are Wetherby Skips. When crushing is going on, there can be up to 8 return journeys a day, but they go up through Normans Lane. There was a period at the beginning of the year when the site was closed for 3 months. Where problems are happening the owner needs registration numbers and date/times which he can check against the CCTV. He admits there might be rogue drivers who use the village route but he will deal with this if reported. However, as accepted by the council, there is nothing to stop him using the village route if he wanted to but out of consideration for the village he does expect his drivers to use Normans Lane. Crushing does not go on every day though he has the capacity for this. When he does crush, Environmental Health have accepted that the noise is minimal. Crushing hours allowed are between 7.30 am and 4.30 pm everyday and Saturday mornings. A report of 3 large trucks at 11pm on one day were not part of the farm's business. Potentially, there can be large vehicles at night to take the chickens away but these come up through Catterton.

The owner is willing to sit down with anyone and talk through any concerns. He needs facts about the wagons people are concerned about and he is more than happy to prove whether they are his or not. On noise, he needs times/days/dates and the owner will respond.

The Parish Council agreed to go to the farm on a day when crushing was taking place and see the operation for themselves. The owner agreed to arrange this.

**29. Reports**

- District Councillor
- County Councillor

Richard Musgrave gave an update on a number of issues:

- a) NY Highways is experimenting with traffic control measures in Skipwith involving a 'chicane'. Has been modified to accommodate agricultural vehicles but might be something Bilbrough could consider for Redhill Field Lane/Cat Lane.
  - b) Councillor funds are still available. £388 earmarked for the new bin on the Playing Fields. Cllr Davison to send information to Cllr Musgrave.
  - c) Fly tipping, even small amount, does need reporting to make it a priority for the Council – particularly at the layby near the A64.
  - d) The layby by the A64. Richard will ask Highways what its purpose is and what can be done as it is a magnet for litter. We will then assess if there needs to be a bin there at all. This is actually provided by McDonalds who also empty it.
  - e) Signage to services off the A64 still needs attention. Richard is to visit soon with Vicki from Highways to inspect the problem.
  - f) The roadworks that have recently gone on in the village are a pre-surface dressing. The roads will be top dressed in the spring.
- Community Police /Neighbourhood report  
None

### 30. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted. Proposed: Cllr Davison; Seconded: Cllr Barker.

### 31. Matters Arising

None that won't be covered in the agenda.

### 32. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall - None
- Playing Field – See below

### 33. For Discussion:

- Report on public session from last meeting  
Covered by these minutes.
- 20 is Plenty/Community Speeding  
Progress has been delayed but still in hand. The preference is for 3 metal signs for '20 is Plenty' on metal posts. They can be attached to existing posts but not ones bearing a 30 mph sign. Cost still to be determined.  
Speed complaints relating to 95 Alive have led to a review but there is not sufficient evidence as yet. We need more reports of any speeding incidents to be sent to the 95 Alive Campaign.  
Community Speed watch is still being looked at. (This is where the Council/Village are issued with a speed camera and can monitor speeds for ourselves).  
*Action Cllrs Warriner/Philips*
- Friends of the Playing Field  
We have been offered £75 for the old mower. FOTPF will need to approve of this before action is taken. The PC also needs to establish the relationship with FOTPF and the parish council. *Action Cllr Dawson.*
- Contractors for Verges  
This is being done by Stuart Bush twice a year in June and October. It was proposed and agreed that it should be done 3 times a year now from next year.
- Bin in Playing Park.  
Now sited. To be funded by Cllr Musgrave's community fund. *Action: Cllr Davison.*
- Maintenance of Playing Fields equipment.  
Now repaired pending the ROSPA inspection this month.  
We may need more bark. In 2016 we paid £1300. In 2019, £429. It was decided to wait until the ROSPA report before ordering more.
- Fence round Playing Field.  
Now refurbished and completed. Many thanks to Colin Winnett for an excellent job. It looks a much improved space.
- Area on Back Lane behind pub.  
Problem of parking here reducing its value as a community space. PC to approach Highways to see about some white bollards. *Action Cllr Dawson.*  
Parking was continuing to be a problem on Back Lane, with people parking on the verges and causing obstructions.
- Litter picking (Cllr Phillips)  
Item to be postponed to next meeting.
- Casual vacancy/Clerk vacancy  
There is still a vacancy for a Clerk to the council and a casual vacancy on the council itself.

Additional Items:

VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. It was agreed to form a committee along with the Church to plan events for this day.

### 34. For Information:

Post and Circulation of Letters

### 35. Planning

Applications for consideration

Bowlands Farm. It was decided to maintain a regular discussion with the owner, and visit the site to gain information for ourselves.

Applications Approved

Applications withdrawn/refused

### 36. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

Items bought from Wicksteeds for the Playing Fields to be returned. Cllr Davison to ring and get credits before paying bill.

Finance report was presented. The next precept is still to be paid.

We have £4175 in the deposit account and £5115 in the current account with about £2000 still to be paid out on recent activities.

37. Agenda items for next meeting:

38. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019