

Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th May 2020
At 7.30pm via an online zoom meeting

1. Apologies and Declarations

Present: Cllrs Dawson (Chair), Phillips, Davison, Thackray, Barker, Noble, Warriner.
In attendance: Cllr Richard Musgrave, K Talbot-Reynard (Clerk)

2. Public Session

No members of the public joined the online meeting.

The Council wish to thank the community in general for coming together in difficult times to help and support each other, and particular thanks go to Dawn Boddy and Inger Russon for all their hard work in organising and distributing food deliveries to the village.

3. Reports

- District Councillor /County Councillor
Cllr Musgrave also wanted to add his thanks to members of the community for helping each other during the current crisis.
He reported that the County Council will now have a shortfall in its budget of £60m as a result of costs relating to Coronavirus and this will have an impact on services. The District Council will also suffer £500k loss of income and funds may need to be diverted from, for example, the Highways Department although the planned resurfacing work in the Bilbrough area should still go ahead.
Cllr Musgrave stated that he has a budget for community projects, for example, anything COVID-19 related or for other small projects such as the refurbishment of the notice boards, replacement of the defibrillator (see items below). Each project should have a minimum spend of £300 to qualify.
- Community Police /Neighbourhood report
No report.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed Cllr Davison; Seconded Cllr Noble. Accepted.

5. Matters Arising

None that will not be covered elsewhere in the meeting.

6. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall (Cllr Noble)
There has been a meeting but not much to report as the Village Hall cannot be used under current restrictions. Brian Bussell is to be the new Treasurer. Aidan Shaw has been working on the website and created a separate area for the Parish Council. Going forward, Cllr Noble will co-edit the website with Aidan Shaw. Cllr Dawson confirmed that the Parish Council pay 50% of the website costs.
- Playing Field (Cllr Thackray)
All the equipment appears in good order. The rubbish behind the shed has been moved to the front. This needs to be stored in the shed until it can be disposed of safely. It was agreed that the shed can then be sold, as it is no longer required. This will be advertised generally to residents in due course, with sealed bids obtained if there is sufficient interest.

7. For Discussion:

- *20 is Plenty/Community Speeding.*
Cllr Warriner reported that the 6 “20 is Plenty” signs had been put up around the village. However, the Highways Department of Selby District Council had objected (formal objection received 7.4.20 from Sharon Fox, Highways Customer Communications Officer, Craven & Selby), saying that in their view the signs were unsuitable and should be taken down. This was disappointing as Askham Richard, for instance, has similar signage in the village, but they are under York City Council, not Selby. It is felt that residents generally support the signs and it was agreed that local landowners at suitable entry points into the village should be approached to ask if they are willing to put up a sign on their land. It was also agreed that suitable posts should be bought out of Council funds.
Action: Cllr Warriner
- *Replacement of defibrillator*
Cllr Dawson reported that the battery in the defibrillator had had to be renewed after only 18 months, at a cost of £159. The Heartbeat Trust help manage the defibrillator and can obtain a new one for around £1,000, which would be an up-to-date model. It was agreed that a new defibrillator should be purchased as soon as practicable.
Action: Cllr Dawson

- *Replacement/refurbishment of notice boards*
The Clerk is liaising with John Rossington over the refurbishment of the notice boards in the playing field and outside the pub. It is felt that these can be refurbished and do not need to be replaced. Quote to be obtained.
Action: Clerk
- *Coronavirus update*
Updates from the local authority on COVID-19 are being circulated regularly to Councillors. The situation has brought the Community closer and it is hoped that this will continue once the crisis is over. Although disappointing that the planned VE Day celebrations had to be abandoned, the village enjoyed the impromptu celebrations on the day. It is hoped that we can hold some sort of village event, once the restrictions are lifted, perhaps in August.
- *The Three Hares*
Cllr Noble reported that he now has all the necessary paperwork for the application to have the pub listed as an Asset of Community Value with the Local Authority. This will be submitted shortly.
Action: Cllr Noble
- *The Playing Field / Bark and equipment.*
Cllr Davison advised that, due to current restrictions, it has not yet been possible to obtain the bark for the areas of the playing field that need topping up.
Action: Cllr Davison to follow up when bark available.
- *Appearance of Village*
The Council wish to thank Carl Brown for stripping ivy from the bark of trees on Laundry Hill. It was agreed that the cherry tree at the back of The Three Hares could now be cut down.
Action: Cllr Barker
Cllr Thackray suggested that new waste bins could be purchased for outside the playing field, and by the bench on Back Lane, to match the smarter one in the playing field.
Action: Cllr Thackray to follow up

8. For Information:

Nothing specific to report that has not already been circulated.

9. Planning

Applications for consideration

- Single storey extension to rear of existing garages at Spring Cottage, Main Street. No objection.

Applications Approved

- Single storey extension at rear of 54 Back Lane

Applications withdrawn/refused

10. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

Finance report submitted and shows a healthy balance on the council funds.

11. Agenda items for next meeting:

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th July 7.30pm - Village Hall (or online meeting if restrictions still in place)