

**Bilbrough Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
**At 7.30pm via an online zoom meeting**

**39. Apologies and Declarations**

Present: Cllrs Dawson (Chair), Phillips, Thackray, Barker, Noble, Warriner, Davison

Apologies: None

In attendance: Cllr Richard Musgrave, K Talbot-Reynard (Clerk)

**40. Public Session**

Two members of the public joined the online meeting.

- *Verges/parking*

There was discussion about the verge at the end of Back Lane, part of which has been turned into several parking spaces. Highways have said that the property owner can apply for permission but would need to tarmac or concrete the area, as gravel is not permitted adjoining the road. If approval is not given, the area would need to be returned to grass. The property owner is invited to speak further with the Parish Council if an application is to be made to Highways.

It was noted that there are other properties in the village that have gravel up to the road, including the new development, and this is to be explored further with Highways.

*Action:* Cllr Dawson and Clerk

- *Fireworks*

It was reported that some very loud fireworks had been let off two days after bonfire night, which caused considerable distress to animals in the vicinity, particularly horses. If notice is given, it would be possible for the owners to be prepared and take steps to mitigate the impact. Therefore, villagers are kindly requested to inform the Clerk if they intend to have fireworks (on any occasion), and this can then be passed on to the Community. Cllr Dawson also commented that he would mention this in the next Bilbrough Broadcast, to go out in December.

*Action:* Cllr Dawson

**41. Reports**

- District Councillor /County Councillor

*Reform of local government*

There are two proposals being put forward to replace the current structure. NYCC's proposal is to keep one unitary council area, probably based in Northallerton. Selby DC favours having two unitary council areas (west and east) and incorporating the City of York. The proposals are being put forward to the Minister for Local Government, and a white paper will be published next spring.

*Local area development plan*

Local authorities have asked landowners to put forward sites for potential development, and PCs have been asked for initial views. Cllr Dawson confirmed that BPC has sent a response, expressing concern over the lack of facilities in the village to sustain further development. Cllr Musgrave reported that the next stage is a more formal consultation from Jan to March 2021. His view is that it is unlikely that further land would be approved for housing in Bilbrough, as it has greenbelt status. Additionally, the reform of local government, mentioned above, could have an impact on whether the initiative goes ahead at all.

*Locality Budget*

Cllr Musgrave has a budget for local community projects, which needs to be allocated shortly. A grant could be given towards the playing field project (see below).

- Community Police /Neighbourhood report

No report.

**42. Minutes of the last meeting**

Proposed Cllr Davison; Seconded Cllr Noble. Accepted.

**43. Matters Arising**

- The Clerk reported that she had chased up Highways re reinstating the double yellow lines on Main Street, opposite the village hall, and been advised that this work would be done on 11<sup>th</sup> November, weather permitting.

**44. Representative Reports:**

- Village Hall (Cllr Noble)

No report as not much activity due to COVID restrictions. Cllr Dawson confirmed that the Parish Council would be willing to contribute to Village Hall improvement projects if appropriate, and the VH Committee should approach the PC if such work is proposed.

- Playing Field (Cllr Thackray)  
Covered below.

#### 45. For Discussion:

- *20 is Plenty/Community Speeding.*  
Quotes have been obtained for galvanised and aluminium posts for the 20 is Plenty signs, to be erected around the village, as covered in the previous minutes. There was some debate about the relative merits of metal versus wooden poles, which although more aesthetically pleasing, do not last as long. Wooden posts had originally been suggested and quotes are to be obtained for these.  
*Action:* Cllrs Barker and Warriner
- *Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)*  
As a result of the new housing development in the village, a CIL of £5,838.32 has been received. It is proposed to use this, and other funds, to update the equipment in the playing field (see below).
- *RoSPA report on Playing Field*  
The annual RoSPA report on the playing field and equipment, carried out in September, contains a number of recommendations for remedial work. As the PC has the CIL and other funds, it was proposed that the equipment be replaced, and this was agreed by the Councillors. Via a questionnaire, villagers are to be asked for their views on how they would like the area to be used, and the PC may then hold an extraordinary meeting to decide the way forward.  
*Action:* Cllrs Dawson and Davison
- *Cutting of grass verges - 2021*  
Moorland Garden Services will be asked for a quotation to provide the following services in 2021:
  - Cut the grass verges on the entrances to the village, around Bilbrough Grange, and the bench area behind the pub (3 times per year). It was agreed that the saplings around Bilbrough Grange can be cut to ground level.
  - Cut the grass in the playing field as and when required
- *Selby Local Development Plan*  
Covered above in Cllr Musgrave's report
- *Committee for Standards in Public Life (CSPL) consultation*  
The National Association for Local Councils (NALC) will be responding to questions asked in the CSPL consultation and have asked that PCs have the opportunity to respond. Relevant documents have been forwarded to Councillors for consideration.
- *Parking in the village*  
The problem of parking in the village was highlighted recently when the local bus had great difficulty getting through Main Street due to cars being parked on both sides of the road, and there is often congestion on Back Lane with large vehicles trying to get through. It is felt that this will only get worse with the new development on Back Lane. Residents are requested to park on their drive where possible, rather than the road.

#### 46. For Information:

Nothing specific to report that has not already been circulated.

#### 47. Planning

Applications for consideration - none  
Applications Approved - none  
Applications withdrawn/refused - none

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

Finance report (see Village Hub website for details) shows a healthy balance on the Council funds. The second instalment of the annual precept has been received from Selby DC (£2,790.94), and the Community Infrastructure Levy (£5,838.32 mentioned above).

The Clerk is continuing to investigate the options for internet banking with HSBC and other banks.

#### 49. Agenda items for next meeting:

#### 50. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm - Village Hall or online zoom meeting