

Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th March 2021
At 7.30pm via an online zoom meeting

63 . Apologies and Declarations

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

In attendance: K Talbot-Reynard (Clerk), Cllr Richard Musgrave (for first part of meeting)

64. Public Session

One member of the public joined the online meeting.

- *Incidents of dog thefts*

Cllr Davison raised the issue of an increase in attempted dog thefts. Although still relatively low in North Yorkshire, there have been several incidents in nearby villages and dog walkers are asked to remain vigilant. There is a dedicated WhatsApp group to share incidents and suspicious activity, and anyone interested in joining the group should contact Cllr Davison.

65. Reports

- District Councillor /County Councillor

Cllr Musgrave gave the following report:

Selby DC local plan – this is a significant and wide-ranging plan for the area for the next 20 years and the document is well worth looking at. No sites in Bilbrough are currently being considered for development – the main areas are Selby, Tadcaster and Sherburn in Elmet. The current consultation ends this week but there will be further consultation in 12 months.

Local government reorganisation – the consultation runs until 19th April. As previously advised, two proposals have been put forward to the Government. 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. Whichever option is chosen, there will be a big shake-up of services with one council delivering all services for the area. If the Council is based in Northallerton, this may be less beneficial to Bilbrough and surrounding areas as it is so far away.

- Community Police /Neighbourhood report

No report.

66. Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed Cllr Davison; Seconded Cllr Noble. Accepted.

67. Matters Arising

- *Grit bins*

Cllr Dawson confirmed that the grit bins were filled up following the last meeting.

- *Dog waste/litter bins*

The Clerk advised that Highways have been sent photos of the potential sites of new bins and have no concerns. Cllr Musgrave has said that a community grant may be available for the purchase of new bins in the next financial year.

68. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall (Cllr Noble)

There is a meeting of the Village Hall Committee next week.

- Playing Field (Cllr Thackray)

See below.

69. For Discussion:

- *Playing Field Refurbishment*

Cllr Davison reported that she has met with the surveyor and the work is planned to start the w/c 22nd March and last for two to three weeks. During the works, fences will be erected to prevent access to the playing field. Laminate signs will be put up and villagers will also be notified via the Village WhatsApp group and the website. Residents neighbouring the playing field have been informed. The Council wishes to thank Cllr Davison for all her time and hard work with the supplier in getting to the position where work can start.

Action: Cllrs Davison

Moorland Garden Services to be informed that the grass in the playing field is not to be cut until the work is completed.

Action: Clerk

- *20 is Plenty/Community Speeding.*

Cllr Warriner reported that, after speaking to the landowner, the sign in Redhill Field Lane is to remain where it is. No suitable location along Main Street has yet been found. A suggestion was to put a sign

on the telephone box and this is to be investigated further. Mr R Pilcher has also suggested that a further sign could be put up in his field along Cat Lane.

Action: Cllr Warriner

- *Road surface dressing issues*

Issues over the quality of the road top dressing last summer were raised with Highways in October but the Council feels that concerns have not been satisfactorily addressed to-date. Cllr Musgrave asked to look at the exchange of emails and said he would also drive through the village to see the state of the roads for himself.

Action: Clerk to forward emails to Cllr Musgrave

- *Internet Banking*

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated to Councillors a schedule showing the relative pros and cons of internet banking with various banks. It was agreed to stay with HSBC and set up internet banking, with primary and secondary users. The secondary user will set up payments which will be authorised by the primary user.

Action: Clerk to set up internet banking with HSBC

- *Clerk's salary review*

The Clerk left the meeting for this item. It was resolved that the clerk's salary be increased in accordance with NJC payscales for clerks. Based on an estimated 125 hours work per year, the salary will be £360 per quarter. Any additional hours worked will be paid at £11.52 per hour.

- *Village event*

Cllr Dawson reported that the Bilbrough Wine Club is planning a summer BBQ on Saturday 26th June at 6.30pm. It is also proposed that a separately organised event could be held in the afternoon of the same day, with villagers bringing their own picnics, and games organised for the children. It was mentioned that, as this is the first weekend after all lockdown restrictions are planned to be lifted, some families may take the opportunity to get away for the weekend. Cllr Dawson to gauge interest.

Action: Cllr Dawson

70. For Information:

Nothing specific to report that has not already been circulated.

71. Planning

- Applications for consideration
 - Village Farm development of 5 houses - S73 application to vary plans
 - Building plot in Back Lane – S73 application to vary plans
 - Oakwood Croft, 4 Back Lane – crown thin and reduce oak tree covered by TPO
 - Old Manor House, Main Street – fell blue atlas cedar, laburnum and variegated holly in conservation area

It was queried whether the cedar needs to be felled and, if so, whether the property owner would consider planting another tree to replace it. Cllr Dawson to speak to the property owner.

- Applications Approved
 - The Rectory, 2 Back Lane – installation of electric gates
 - Cobblestones, Cat Lane – stem clean and crown trees
- Applications withdrawn/refused – none

72. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

Finance report (see Village Hub website for details) shows a healthy balance on the Council funds, most of which will go towards the refurbishment of the playing field. The Community Grant of £2,000 towards the playing field project has now been received.

The Council's insurance for 2021/22 is now due. The quote is £372 (prior year £350), the small increase reflecting the additional cover for play equipment. It was agreed that the quote be accepted.

73. Agenda items for next meeting:

74. Date of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting	Tuesday 11 th May 2021 – 7pm Village Hall
Annual PC meeting	Tuesday 11 th May 2021 – 7.30pm Village Hall

It was noted that the provision to temporarily allow online meetings expires before the next meeting and therefore, unless the Government extends the provision, the May 11th meetings will take place in the Village Hall.