

Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th July 2021
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

18 . Apologies and Declarations

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

Apologies: Cllrs Warriner, Phillips

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

19. Public Session

One member of the public joined the online meeting.

- *Plot of land next to Village Farm development*

To keep the Parish Council informed, the developer of the land came to the meeting to explain that Selby Planning Dept had not approved their original plans for a Georgian-style house on this site, citing that the design was not in keeping with other houses along Back Lane. The Planning Dept wanted the house to appear more like a refurbished barn and the approved revised plans were therefore shown to Councillors. Councillors did not have any strong views on either plan and it was agreed not to make any representations to Selby, as this would only delay the commencement of building work.

20. Reports

- District Councillor /County Councillor

Cllr Musgrave gave the following report:

Selby DC local plan – 44 sites have been identified across the region and a further consultation will run from 2nd August to 13th September. It is not thought that any of the proposed sites are in Bilbrough.

Local government reorganisation – the Minister has decided on the preferred option and will announce this in the next couple of weeks. There will be one new Council based in either York or Northallerton. There will be no extra funds or powers for the new Council which is disappointing. At the same time, there is a review of Parliamentary boundaries running until August 2nd, but this is totally separate to the local government reorganisation which does not seem sensible.

Water pooling in Main Street – see below

- Community Police /Neighbourhood report
No report.

21. Minutes of the last meeting

Annual Parish Meeting 4th May - Proposed Cllr Thackray; Seconded Cllr Barker. Accepted.

Annual Meeting of Parish Council 4th May - Proposed Cllr Davison; Seconded Cllr Noble. Accepted.

Additional Parish Council Meeting 23rd June - Proposed Cllr Davison; Seconded Cllr Dawson. Accepted.

22. Matters Arising

- *Playing field*

Cllr Davison reported that she had been contacted, on behalf of several of residents, to ask if we could provide two additional stepping stones for the activity trail and put some spikes on the basket swing frame to deter birds. It was agreed to provide the spikes and look into the cost of the additional stepping stones. However, a request to insert further stepping stones or other items to complete the activity circuit without needing to touch the floor was turned down. The gap is by the entrance gate and is to ensure there is accessibility to the park for all.

It was also noted that the Parish Council has spent a considerable amount on getting the playing field equipment up to standard, and consideration should be given to spending further funds elsewhere, when available.

Cllr Davison suggested setting up a “go fund” page to raise money for the compound base, to replace bark around the equipment, as this is very expensive and cannot be met out of PC funds. This was agreed.

- *Cutting of village verges*

The Clerk reported that, although Moorland Garden Services have cut the playing field grass several times, they have yet to complete the first cut of the verges. The Clerk has been assured that this will be done in the next week.

23. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall (Cllr Noble)

The Village Hall is now open for bookings. A village quiz is being planned for early October.

- Playing Field (Cllr Thackray)

See above

24. For Discussion:

- *20 is Plenty/ Road Safety*
 - Further signs have been ordered for outside the playing field
 - The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to our contact at Askham Bryan College detailing 9 incidents of speeding in the village by students. The College are supportive and have passed on our concerns to their new Student Services Manager. It is now the summer holidays but the Council wants to ensure this is kept under review when the students return in September, and residents are reminded to report issues to the Clerk with as much detail as possible, e.g. registration numbers.
 - Cllr Davison raised the issue of speeding in Back Lane, especially when there are traffic issues on the A64 and vehicles cut through the village to avoid queues. Back Lane is particularly dangerous due to the road not being very wide and the absence of footpaths. It was suggested that Highways are asked to come and discuss traffic calming measures.
Action: Clerk to contact Highways

- *2020/21 Accounts*

There were no questions on the 2020/21 accounts. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) was agreed at an additional meeting of the Council on 23rd June and was submitted to the external auditors by the deadline of 2nd July.

- *Summer village events*
 - As previously reported, the Bilbrough Wine Club's summer BBQ is to be held on Saturday 31st July at 6.30pm. All are welcome and tickets can be purchased from Cllr Dawson.
 - The village picnic/fair is provisionally planned for Saturday 21st August. Residents are invited to bring their own tables and chairs, and picnic and drinks to the playing field. There will be some competitions and games. In addition to celebrating the refurbishment of the playing field, it is also hoped that this can be a precursor for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022, being held from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June.

- *Village Farm development*

Cllr Noble reported that completion of the new houses was now due by the end of December 2021, and that the blue piping at the Main Street end of Piggy Lane would be removed. The developer had promised to keep us informed of works and time scales and this has not really happened.
Action: Clerk to contact developer to ask for regular updates

- *Water pooling in Main Street*

Highways have been asked to comment on water pooling outside a property in Main Street. Being followed up by the Clerk and Cllr Musgrave

- *Dog waste/litter bins*

The Clerk had obtained a quote for two bins which can take both litter and dog waste. It was agreed that these should be purchased to replace the litter bins in Back Lane by the bench at the back of the pub, and outside the playing field. It was noted that there is currently no dog waste bin along Back Lane. The cost is c£670 and Cllr Musgrave has offered a Community Grant to cover this.
Action: Clerk to obtain final quote, incl fixings, and liaise with Cllr Musgrave

25. For Information:

Nothing specific to report that has not already been circulated.

26. Planning

- Applications for consideration
 - Bowlands, Moor Lane – application for extension and alteration of agricultural building and installation of heat and power unit
 - Little Chef Restaurants (Starbucks Drive Thru) – illuminated signs, alterations to car park, canopy and timber cladding

- Applications Approved
 - Village Farm development – application to vary condition 11 (bat survey)
 - 1 Ravenscroft, Back Lane – prune by retrenchment willow tree (TPO)
 - Memorial Garden, Moor Lane – fell and remove 3 Cypress trees

- Applications withdrawn/refused – none

It was noted that Mr Wilkins' land by the A64 is sublet, and queried whether the lessee has the appropriate approvals for tipping rubble there.

27. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

The balance due to Creative Play for refurbishment of the playing field of £3,000 has been paid, and a VAT refund for 2020/21 received of £3,208.18. Cheques signed but not yet presented are for the Clerk's salary for Q2, Bilbrough Broadcast printing costs, additional 20isPlenty signs and turf for the playing field. After taking account of these costs, Parish Council funds are £5,428 at 13.7.21.

28. Agenda items for next meeting:

29. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th September 2021 – 7pm Village Hall