

Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th May 2021
At 7.30pm via an online zoom meeting

1. Apologies and Declarations

Present: Cllrs Dawson (Chair), Phillips, Davison, Thackray, Barker, Noble, Warriner (until 8.30 pm).

In attendance: K Talbot-Reynard (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Musgrave

2. Election of Posts

The following posts were agreed:

Chairman – John Dawson

Vice Chairman – Julie Warriner

Chair of Planning Committee – Suzanne Barker

Playing Field – Trevor Thackray

Website/Village Hall – Elliott Noble

Safety – John Phillips

3. Public Session

No members of the public joined the online meeting.

4. Statutory Matters

Financial Regulations – Accepted

Standing Orders – Accepted

Complaints Procedure – Accepted

Code of Conduct (Local Government Association new model) - Accepted

Appointment of representatives to groups – see 2 above

Risk Assessment: Covered by the ROSPA annual report on the Playing Field

5. Reports

- District Councillor /County Councillor
No report as Cllr Musgrave was not able to attend the meeting.
- Community Police /Neighbourhood report
No report.

6. Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed Cllr Phillips: Seconded Cllr Noble. Accepted.

7. Matters Arising

None that will not be covered elsewhere in the meeting.

8. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall / Website (Cllr Noble)
There will shortly be a meeting of the VH committee to discuss re-opening of the Village Hall, and bookings are being taken. Future meetings of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall.
- Playing Field (Cllr Thackray)
See below

9. For Discussion:

- *Playing field and play area*

The Council wishes to say a huge thank you to Cllr Davison for taking the lead on the play area refurbishment and all the hard work she has put in. The area and equipment look great and there has been a lot of positive feedback from residents. Cllr Dawson suggested turfing the area around the children's roundabout, rather than seeding, as this will give quicker results.

Action: Cllrs Davison and Dawson to measure and source turf. Cllr Davison also to contact RoSpa and ask for clarification concerning the gate leading into the playing field from Back Lane.

The Council wishes to thank Steve Randall for his kind offer of a table tennis table, and residents suggestions that this could be placed in the playing field. After much consideration, the Council has decided to regretfully decline the offer, as there are a number of practical and safety issues. Additionally, one of the criteria cited when considering ideas for the playing field, was that it is an open space for the whole village to enjoy and not a sports field.

- *20 is Plenty/Community Speeding.*
A double sided 20 is Plenty sign is to be purchased and placed at the edge of the playing field in Back Lane.
Action: Cllrs Warriner and Barker
A number of residents have cited incidents of speeding on Cat Lane and Back Lane. However, it is difficult to follow this up without evidence of the vehicles involved. Residents are encouraged to, wherever possible, note down the vehicle's details and report this to the 95 Alive road safety initiative. A form can be downloaded or the report can be made online. Further information on this can be obtained from the Clerk.
- *Quality of new road dressing following resurfacing*
In response to concerns over the resurfacing work carried out last summer, Cllr Phillips met with the Highways Officer to point out the issues. The Officer conceded that there was a bald strip down Back Lane, which he would report, and also would arrange to sweep away loose chippings. Otherwise he did not accept that the work had not been carried out to a high standard.
Following concerns from Councillors and residents over the kerb edging that has been laid on Back Lane outside the new house on Piggy Lane, the Clerk has written to Selby DC and Highways and is waiting for a response.
- *Village Fair/picnic – 3rd July*
Cllr Dawson is putting together a committee to plan the event. This will be a simple affair with residents invited to bring their own chairs and picnic, with a few organised competitions and games. It is hoped that this can be developed to become an annual event for the village. Cllr Dawson will include details in the Bilbrough Broadcast and the Council agreed to provide a small amount of money for prizes. Anyone who wishes to help can contact Cllr Dawson.

10. For informaion

11. Planning

Applications for consideration

- Alterations to car park to make drive-thru coffee shop, and retention of illuminated sign, on site of former Scott's Fish & Chip restaurant.
- Village Farm Development – application to vary condition 11 (bat survey)
- I Ravenscroft Close, Back Lane – prune by retrenchment willow tree (TPO)
- Memorial Garden, Moor Lane – fell and remove 3 Cypress trees (considered unnecessary and objection notified to Selby DC)

Applications Approved

- Oakwood Croft, 4 Back Lane – crown thin and reduce oak tree (TPO)

Applications withdrawn/refused

It was commented that there has lately been a lot of applications to prune and fell trees in the village. Where trees are felled, the Council requests that residents consider planting new trees to replace them.

Efforts are being made to remove ivy from trees along Laundry Hill, and Cllr Barker would welcome any help in this regard.

12. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

Payments have been made for the Clerk's salary, the Council's annual insurance, YLCA subscription and to repair the notice board. The main expenses in the period are £15,000 for the refurbishment of the play area (£3,000 still to pay by end June) and £840 for bark. The CIL and grant monies have been used towards this cost. The first instalment of the 2021/22 Precept has been received. A VAT reclaim for 2020/21 has been submitted.

13. Agenda items for next meeting:

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th July 7.30pm - Village Hall