

Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th September 2021
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

30. Apologies and Declarations

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

Apologies: Cllrs Warriner, Musgrave

In attendance: K Talbot-Reynard (Clerk)

31. Public Session

No members of the public joined the meeting and no issues were raised.

32. Reports

- District Councillor /County Councillor
No report
- Community Police /Neighbourhood report
No report.

33. Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed Cllr Noble; Seconded Cllr Barker. Accepted

34. Matters Arising

- *Village Farm development*
The Clerk reported that she had asked for an update and been advised that the construction should be complete by the end of the year. Re the work required by Yorkshire Water at the Main Street end of Piggy Lane, they did not carry out the works when originally planned and have had to apply to Highways for a new permit to close the road.
- *Cutting of village verges*
The first cut of the verges was completed by the end of July. Cllr Dawson had been contacted by a resident querying the timing and effect on wildlife. It was agreed that for next year, the Council will agree with the contractor the extent of cutting required and the best time to carry out the work.
It was reported that some of the signage on roads entering the village is hard to see due to hedges and vegetation which needs cutting back. The Council requests that residents appropriately maintain hedges that abut paths and roads.
- *Highways*
The Clerk reported that she had requested a visit from the Highways Officer to discuss speeding in Back Lane and other issues. No response has yet been received. However, Highways have discussed the water pooling issue with the resident in Main Street.

35. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall (Cllr Noble)
Cllr Noble confirmed that the village quiz is being held on 16th October. Tickets cost £5 and include a first drink. They can be purchased from VH committee members.
- Playing Field (Cllr Thackray)
See below

36. For Discussion:

- *Defibrillator*
The defibrillator is currently out-of-order as the battery has expired. It was agreed that a new defibrillator should be purchased, as it is an old model and the batteries are not lasting long. The estimated cost is c£1,000.
Action: Cllr Dawson to obtain quotes for a new defibrillator as a matter of urgency.
- *20 is Plenty/ Road Safety*
 - Double sided sign for outside the playing field has now been received and will be erected shortly.
 - The Clerk reported that two incidents of speeding in the village had recently been advised. One of these will be forwarded to our contact at Askham Bryan College, where the new term has started. Residents are reminded to report speeding issues concerning students to the Clerk with as much detail as possible, e.g. registration numbers. Also, residents are reminded to report speeding issues generally on 95Alive forms.
 - Cllr Phillips reported that he has joined a group campaigning for official 20mph speed limits and will report back. Additionally, pre the COVID restrictions, some residents had volunteered to take part in a community speed watch, and it was agreed that this should be revisited.

- *Dog waste/litter bins*
The Clerk reported that Selby DC had changed their original advice and stated that only their approved bins could be purchased.
Action: Clerk to follow up with Cllr Musgrave
- *Playing Field*
 - *Tidying and maintenance of boundary*
A resident had raised the issue of the raised bed and hedge around part of the playing field which has not been maintained and is now overgrown. It was queried as to who has responsibility for the hedge, and how to maintain going forward.
Action: Cllrs Dawson and Thackray to look at the area first and then arrange for any work to be undertaken.
 - *Play equipment*
Cllr Davison had investigated the cost of additional stepping stones for the activity trail, which was c£450. It was agreed that this was too expensive and would not be taken forward.
Cllr Davison reported that the annual RoSPA inspection of the playing field and equipment is due in September.
It was also agreed to delay the fund-raising initiative until next spring and discuss again. Thousands of pounds would need to be raised to replace the bark with a compound base and this may not be realistic.

37. For Information:

Cllr Dawson will put up a poster on the notice board from the North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner asking residents to give their opinions on services in the area.

38. Planning

- Applications for consideration
 - Land off Back Lane – discharge of conditions relating to water drainage, land contamination etc
- Applications Approved
None
- Applications withdrawn/refused
None

39. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

No income has been received in the period – the 2nd instalment of the precept is due in the autumn. The only additional expenditure since the previous meeting was for topsoil and grass cutting in the playing field. After taking account of these costs, Parish Council funds are £5,238 at 14.9.21.

40. Agenda items for next meeting:

Plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations to be held in June 2022

41. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th November 2021 – 7pm Village Hall