

Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th November 2021
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

42. Apologies and Declarations

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

Apologies: Cllr Warriner

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

43. Public Session

A representative of the Highways Dept attended the meeting to hear concerns, particularly about speeding in the village, and issues with HGVs getting stuck when turning from Back Lane into Main Street. A number of potential measures were discussed including the Speed Management Protocol (SMP), which will be looked into by the Parish Council.

44. Reports

- District Councillor /County Councillor

Council Reorganisation

Cllr Musgrave confirmed that there is to be a single council for North Yorkshire, based in Northallerton. Work is ongoing to model the new council which will be in place from April 2023. Council elections are still being held in May 2022 and any councillors will shadow the current structure for a year and then have a 4yr term under the new council structure from April 2023.

More powers for Parish Councils have been mooted but no details as yet. It remains to be seen whether having a Northallerton based council will be beneficial to this area, e.g. on planning issues.

- Community Police /Neighbourhood report

No report.

45. Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed Cllr Phillips; Seconded Cllr Thackray. Accepted

46. Matters Arising

None that are not covered elsewhere.

47. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall (Cllr Noble)

Cllr Noble confirmed that the village hall is back open for hire, and a number of classes are being held again.

- Playing Field (Cllr Thackray)

The PC would like to thank Edwin Thorpe and Cllr Barker for clearing overgrown shrubs and trimming the hedge in the playing field, which now looks much tidier. It was suggested that some low maintenance shrubs be purchased for the flower bed.

Action: Cllr Dawson

The RoSPA report on the playing field was carried out in September and has been reviewed by Cllr Davison. There are a number of remedial actions to be undertaken on the gate, picnic tables and swing.

Action: Cllr Davison

It was agreed that no more grass cutting of the playing field or verges is required until next spring.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Contractor

48. For Discussion:

- **Defibrillator**

The defibrillator has been replaced and is up and running. It is easy to use, but if anyone would like instruction on how to use it, please contact Cllr Dawson. It was also noted that there is no signage on the phone box to show that a defibrillator is inside (particularly useful for people from outside the village).

Action: Cllr Dawson to put up signage at top of phone box

- **20 is Plenty/ Road Safety**

Disappointingly, it appears that there is little support for official 20mph speed limits in villages by the Department of Transport and local councils. It was therefore agreed to revisit that initiative after firstly pursuing the more officially actionable SMP channel, as mentioned above.

Action: Cllr Phillips

- *Dog waste/litter bins*
As Selby DC has confirmed that only their approved bins could be purchased, it was agreed not to pursue this at the moment, as the approved bin was not enclosed at the top and therefore little better than what is already in place.
- *Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations*
An event is planned for the Saturday of the Jubilee celebrations weekend in June 2022, on the playing field, to include games and competitions. A beacon will also be lit on Ingrish Hill. The Parish Council is looking to set up a group to help plan the event, and villagers are asked to put forward any ideas. Councils are being asked to plant a tree to mark the celebration and it is suggested that a tree is planted in the playing field. Cllr Barker also plans to plant trees on a suitable area of her land adjoining Ingrish Hill.

49. Information sharing:

Nothing that is not mentioned elsewhere.

50. Planning

- Applications for consideration
 - BP Service Station, Bilbrough Top – demolition of car wash, extension of retail unit, new canopy and car parking spaces
 - Grey Gables – oak tree covered by TPO - crown, remove dead wood, damaged branches etc
- Applications Approved
 - Little Chef Restaurants (Starbucks Drive Thru) – illuminated signs, alterations to car park, canopy and timber cladding
- Applications withdrawn/refused
None

51. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

The 2nd instalment of the precept has been received (£2,791). Expenditure since the previous meeting has been on purchasing the defibrillator, for maintaining the playing field, the RoSPA report, printing costs and the Clerk's salary. Full details are included in the Finance Report which is available on the Village Hub website. Parish Council funds are £5,111 at 9.11.21. An application has been sent to HSBC to register for internet banking.

52. Agenda items for next meeting:

- Plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations to be held in June 2022
- 20isPlenty national initiative
- 2022 plan for mowing playing field and cutting verges

53. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11th January 2022 – 7.30pm Village Hall