

Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th January 2022
At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

54. Apologies and Declarations

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

In attendance: Cllr Musgrave (left after item on 20isPlenty), K Talbot-Reynard (Clerk)

Declarations: Cllrs Barker and Davison declared an interest in the planning issue relating to Bowlands Farm, discussed in the public session below

55. Public Session

No members of the public attended. Cllrs Barker and Davison were not present for this item.

Cllr Dawson reported that there is concern among some residents over the planning application at Bowlands Farm for the installation of a combined heat and power unit. The Parish Council will request more information from Selby Planning Department and specifically will ask that the following is taken into account when making their decision:

- *The consequence of additional heavy vehicles coming into the area, potentially damaging the lanes, causing distress and congestion in the village. We would hope that at least there would be a condition relating to access to the site which does not go through the village.*
- *The potential smell from the burning of RDF, which includes plastic, as being a public nuisance. The smell of burning plastic has already been recorded as emanating from the site.*
- *The potential environmental impact of the management of waste on the site both in storing the RDF and the waste it produces (where will it be disposed?)*

Action: Chairman to draft a letter to be sent to Selby Planning Dept by Clerk as soon as possible.

56. Reports

- District Councillor /County Councillor
Council Reorganisation

Cllr Musgrave confirmed that the Council elections in May 2022 are for the new single North Yorkshire Council based in Northallerton, although this will not be in place until April 2023. The structure of the new Council is still be worked through, and the legal instrument implementing it has not yet gone through Parliament. Selby District Council has reserves to be used in its last budget and these will be available for community grants going forward.

Litter and fly-tipping

Cllr Barker reported that tyres, which had been dumped at the layby near the A64, had been taken away by the District Council but asked whether a camera could be installed to catch culprits.

Additionally, Cllr Phillips reported that a lot of litter was being dropped around the village by cars and vans driving through after having been to MacDonalds/Starbucks at Bilbrough Top. Cllr Musgrave advised that prosecutions can be made if there is sufficient evidence, e.g. car registration or a dropped receipt from the retail unit (as payments made on cards can be traced).

Action: Cllr Musgrave to investigate the installation of cameras.

- Community Police /Neighbourhood report
No report.

57. Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed Cllr Phillips; Seconded Cllr Noble. Accepted

58. Matters Arising

Items that have been addressed with Highways, such as blocked drains and water pooling in Main Street have still not been dealt with. Additionally, there is a branch on a telephone wire in the playing field that needs to be removed.

Action: Clerk to chase up

It was noted that the developer's timetable for completing the Village Farm development has slipped again.

Action: Clerk to request an update.

59. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall (Cllr Noble)
Cllr Noble reported that the Village Hall Committee has not met recently but there should be a meeting shortly.
- Playing Field (Cllr Thackray)
The Parish Council thanks Edwin Thorpe and Cllr Barker for remedial repairs which have been made to the swings, picnic benches and entrance gates. There were a few items noted on the RoSPA report relating to the new play equipment, which has been in situ for less than twelve months.
Action: Cllr Davison to contact the supplier of the equipment.

60. For Discussion:

- **20 is Plenty/ Road Safety**
Cllr Phillips reported that he had had a response from North Yorkshire Police to reports of speeding in Cat Lane and Back Lane. Data is to be gathered using an automatic speed data logging device, and analysed by the Road Safety Task Group, along with any other relevant information. A decision will then be made on how best to proceed in enforcing the speed limit.
Cllr Musgrave confirmed that local government's view is that the speed limit in villages should be 30mph, as there are insufficient resources to enforce a 20mph limit. Instead, the use of physical road features, such as chicanes or dragons teeth, are suggested. However, it was generally felt that this may not be appropriate for Bilbrough, where roads are already narrow and could cause issues for farm vehicles.
Action: Cllr Phillips to liaise with the Police
- **Mowing and verge cutting services for 2022**
 - Playing field to be mown as and when required (would be helpful if the contractor could check first, as Selby DC also periodically mow the playing field). Request that it be mown on Tuesday 31st May in preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.
 - Verges to be cut around the village (including around Bilbrough Grange and the seat area at the back of the pub) twice a year – last week of June and the first week in October. Along Cat Lane, the verges only need to be cut as far as the 30mph signs.

Action: Clerk to liaise with contractor and obtain quote

- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**
The national celebrations are to be held over a four-day period from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. Beacons will be lit throughout the country at 9.45pm on Thursday 2nd June, and it is proposed that this takes place on Ingrish Hill, with light refreshments provided. A Jubilee lunch and pageant is planned for Sunday 5th June on the playing field, to include games and competitions. Residents will be invited to bring their own picnics and chairs. A group is being formed to help plan the event, with representatives from the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and any other interested parties. Ideas are welcome.
To mark the Jubilee the Parish Council proposes planting a tree (e.g. an apple tree), with a plaque, in the playing field.

61. Information sharing:

Nothing that is not mentioned elsewhere.

62. Planning

- Applications for consideration
 - 1 Ravenscroft Close – Scots Pine covered by TPO – crown and remove low hanging limbs
 - 2 Ravenscroft Close – demolition of existing porch and erection of replacement porch
- Applications Approved
 - Grey Gables - oak tree covered by TPO - crown, remove dead wood, damaged branches etc
- Applications withdrawn/refused
None

63. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

The community grant of £750 towards the new defibrillator has been received. Expenditure since the previous meeting has been on cutting the verges, repairs to equipment in the the playing field, 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 £4,858 at 11.1.22.

The application for the 2022/23 Precept is to be submitted by 21st January. It was agreed to keep the Precept at the same level as the prior year (£5,581.88).

HSBC have begun to charge all business accounts a monthly fee plus transaction charges. The Clerk will therefore revisit the work on internet banking, as a more suitable account may be available with a different bank.

64. Agenda items for next meeting:

65. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 8th March 2022 – 7.30pm Village Hall