

**Bilbrough Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
**At 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**66. Apologies and Declarations**

Present: Cllrs Dawson (Chair), Thackray, Barker, Noble, Davison, Phillips, Warriner  
In attendance: K Talbot-Reynard (Clerk)

**67. Public Session**

One member of the public and Laura Thompson, the Police Liaison Officer for Askham Bryan College, attended the meeting.

*Issues with Askham Bryan students*

There was discussion with Laura Thompson around the main issues of speeding, and careless driving, along Cat Lane and Back Lane at lunchtimes and after leaving the Three Hares in the evening. The main points to note are as follows:

- Where the Police have the registration number, they are able to identify the driver and speak to them. However, day students are not required to register their vehicles with the College, and it was also noted that not all reported incidents relate to Askham Bryan students.
- Students do get regular presentations from the Traffic Police on road safety and alcohol awareness, with graphic footage of accidents.
- The North Yorkshire Police website has been updated and it is possible to report a traffic offence and upload footage (dashcam and/or mobile phone) which will be reviewed by the Traffic Police, and may lead to a prosecution if appropriate.
- Laura may be able to help BPC in setting up a Community Speed Watch (see below)

*White Gates Cottage, Main Street*

The owner of the property explained his plans for the redevelopment of the site and asked for the Council's views. The existing property is not habitable, and the Planning Department has said that it needs to be demolished. The intention, if approved by the planners, is for a single house to be built on the site, in keeping with nearby properties in the street. The Parish Council gave its support to the proposal.

**68. Reports**

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

**69. Minutes of the last meeting**

Proposed Cllr Noble; Seconded Cllr Warriner. Accepted

**70. Matters Arising**

*Bowlands Poultry Farm*

The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to Selby Planning asking for more information on the proposed installation of a combined heat and power unit, and for concerns to be taken into consideration. No response has yet been received.

*Village Farm Development*

The Clerk reported that she has emailed the developers for an update on the timetable for completion. She also queried the felling of an old apple tree on the site, which the residents of adjoining properties had been assured (by Selby Planning) would remain and is on the plans. No response received to-date. Selby have also been emailed about the tree.

*Outstanding issues with Highways*

- Drains have been cleaned out although there are still issues when heavy rain.
- Work is to be carried out on Main Street, hopefully within the next month, to address the water pooling issue

- Openreach have been contacted about the branches hanging on the telephone wires in the playing field.

*Play equipment*

Cllr Davison has got replacement parts from the supplier, for items mentioned in the RoSPA report.

*Mowing and verge cutting services for 2022*

The Clerk reported that she was still waiting for a quote from the current supplier.

**71. Representative Reports:**

- **Village Hall (Cllr Noble)**  
Cllr Noble reported that the Village Hall Committee is obtaining quotes for a new kitchen, and may also buy a big screen TV, to show big sporting events for example.
- **Playing Field (Cllr Thackray)**  
Nothing to report that is not mentioned elsewhere.

**72. For Discussion:**

- ***20 is Plenty/ Road Safety***
  - Please see above for discussion with the Police Liaison Officer regarding students.
  - Before a Community Speed Watch can be actioned, the police gather data using an automatic speed data logging device. Bilbrough is on the list for this but it can take some time to be actioned.  
**Action:** Cllr Phillips to follow up with the police.
  - As mentioned above, residents can upload dashcam and mobile phone footage of speeding and careless driving direct onto the North Yorkshire Police Department's website. Where no footage is available, please continue to report incidents, which potentially involve students, to the Clerk, and these will be passed on to the College. Registration numbers are required, otherwise it is difficult for any action to be taken.
- ***Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations***  
As previously reported the national celebrations are to be held over a four-day period from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.  
A beacon will be lit at 9.45pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June on Ingrish Hill.  
A Jubilee picnic lunch and activities are planned for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June on the playing field. Residents will be invited to bring their own picnics and chairs. A group will meet w/c 14<sup>th</sup> March to start planning the event, with representatives from the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and any other interested parties. Ideas are welcome.
- ***Dog fouling***  
The issue of dog fouling around the village, but particularly in Piggy Lane, has been reported again. The Council recognises that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pet, but requests that all residents help make the village a clean and safe environment. There is a fine of up to £1,000 from Selby DC where there is evidence of dog fouling.
- ***Redhill Field Lane***  
A resident has reported that the hedge and overhanging brambles on the left of Redhill Field Lane, when approaching the village from the A64, are making it difficult both for passing vehicles and for walkers to get off the road.  
**Action:** Clerk to send an email to the landowner requesting that the hedge is trimmed back.
- ***Parish Council Elections***  
Parish Council elections take place every four years. The next election has been brought forward a year from 2023 to 2022 to fit in with the elections taking place for the new unitary council in North Yorkshire. There are seven councillors on Bilbrough Parish Council. If more than seven nominations are received, there will be an election on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022. There are criteria that candidates are required to satisfy, for example, they must have lived within three miles of the Parish area for the whole twelve months preceding the date of nomination. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk or the Chairman.

**73. Information sharing:**

Nothing that is not mentioned elsewhere.

#### **74. Planning**

- Applications for consideration
  - Bowland Poultry Farm – erection of general purpose agricultural storage building
  - Pigeon Post, Main Street – felling of a Eucalyptus tree, Ash tree and five Leylandii conifers. It was noted that the application was supported by the residents of the neighbouring property.
  
- Applications Approved
  - 2 Ravenscroft Close – demolition of existing porch and erection of replacement porch
  - Bilbrough Grange – felling of Lawson Cypress tree
  - The Old Vinery – felling of Ash tree
  
- Applications withdrawn/refused
  - Land off Tadcaster Road (near Starbucks) - erection of retail unit – application refused

It was noted that the landowner of the field behind certain properties on Back Lane was looking to sell the land and had asked residents if they were interested in buying parcels of it. It was reported that the residents concerned generally felt that the price asked is much higher than the market rate.

It was also noted that the site on the corner of Redhill Field Lane and the A64 looks a mess, and it was also queried whether the landowner has a licence for the activities being undertaken there.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Cllr Musgrave

#### **75. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept**

No income was received since the previous meeting. The 2022/23 Precept application was submitted in January and the first instalment is due in April 2022. The only expenditure incurred has been £19 on bank charges for two months. Parish Council funds are £4,839 at 8.3.22. Full details are included in the Finance Report which will be available on the Village Hub website.

The insurance quote for 2022/23 is £441 (previous year £372). The increase is reportedly due to a hard insurance market and several insurers are no longer offering these policies.

#### **76. Agenda items for next meeting:**

#### **77. Date of next meeting**

Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – 7pm Village Hall

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