

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 27th July 2020 – remotely via Lifesize

Present: Cllrs M Bowes, J Smith, I Brass, G Silver and D Sporton

In attendance: County Cllr B Griffiths, District Cllr R Kirk, Clerk R Chapman, C Goodall

1. Apologies for absence received and approved from District Cllr R Hudson and PCSO N Loughran
2. Declarations of personal interest in agenda items – item 4.h personal interest was declared by Cllr Sporton and the Clerk R Chapman
3. The minutes of Annual Meeting held on 3 June 2020 were agreed as a true and correct record
4. Further action on the following on-going issues was agreed as follows:
 - a. Hardmoors event – the organizers of the Wainstones Trial races had contacted the Parish Council to inform us that they intended to operate 3 races from Chop Gate on 2nd August. The Parish Council commented that it was inappropriate to hold this event during the current pandemic. Subsequently the organiser decided to postpone the event until next year – NOTED.
 - b. Mobile Post Office service:
RESOLVED: Cllr Silver to seek resident's views to establish whether there is enough interest to justify requesting that the current mobile post office service to Great Broughton be extended to Chop Gate.
 - c. Grievance and disciplinary policy:
RESOLVED: Cllr Smith to review draft policy prepared by YLCA and prepare a suitable policy for BMPC.
 - d. Verge cutting: The verges in Raisdale, Urra and Fangdale Beck had been cut in June – NOTED.
 - e. Appointment of new Parish Clerk:
Mr Colin Goodall, the prospective new clerk, was welcomed to the meeting. He commences duties on 1st August and has already had discussions with the Chair and Vice Chair. RESOLVED: Mr Goodall and the outgoing Clerk will liaise to ensure a smooth handover of duties.
 - f. Plan for Parish Council meetings over coming months:
RESOLVED: the normal bi-monthly meeting cycle will be resumed with a meeting in September.
 - g. Buy Local initiative:
RESOLVED: Cllr Smith to update the website and provide a link to NYCC Buy Local initiative.

h. DMMO for the route between Fangdale Beck and Low Mill:
Following the submission of evidence, the Planning Inspector has concluded that NYCC should make an order to identify this route as a restricted byway. Members expressed their disappointment. Cllr Bowes has enquired about the response from NYCC, Cllr Griffiths will also make some enquiries. RESOLVED: to consider the response from NYCC when received.

5. Speeding and excessive traffic noise on B1257:

It was agreed that there needs to be a joint approach to tackle this issue with NYCC, North Yorkshire Police, NYMNP Authority, Hawnby PC and Helmsley TC.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Bowes and Silver to prepare a list of propose actions for further discussion. Cllrs Smith and C Goodall will also attend this meeting if possible

6. Highways:

- a. RESOLVED: Cllrs Bowes and Brass to review Raisdale Road and update on outstanding actions
- b. RESOLVED: Clerk will report the drop offs on the Raisdale Road edges, including photos, via the NYCC system.
- c. RESOLVED: Cllr Griffiths to enquire with Highways on the status of the work on the Beakhills Farm track
- d. RESOLVED: Cllr Sporton will trim the grass that is obscuring the Fangdale Beck sign beside the B1257

7. Finance:

- a. Bank balance and Annual Forecast to March 2021 are in line with budget - NOTED.
- b. Some donation payments are outstanding as bank transfer information is incorrect. RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain correct information and transfer the donations
- c. Annual insurance policy - invoice has been paid, but this standard policy includes many elements which are not relevant to a small parish council. RESOLVED: Clerk to review whether cheaper alternative options are available before renewal next year.
- d. The internal auditor had recommended that the Parish council retain the deposit account. RESOLVED: that this recommendation be agreed
- e. The vat refund that was not claimed in 2016 is now out of time for claiming. NOTED

8. The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 7.30pm.

R Chapman
Clerk to Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council