

## Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council

### Draft minutes of the meeting held 12th July 2017.

Present. Cllrs M Bowes, D Hollingworth, C McGee, C Devlin and I Brass.

In attendance, Cllr R Hudson, Cllr B Griffiths, J Crawford (PCSO) and R Chapman, Clerk

1. Apologies for absence. These were received from Cllr R Kirk and Mr G Silver, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.
2. Declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests. None declared.
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 31st May 2017. These were agreed and signed.
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
  - a. Verge cutting was not complete to the parish boundary on Carlton Bank although it was noted that the contractor had been cutting to the same point over some years. Clerk to clarify the desired extent of cutting for future tenders and also arrange for cutting to be done earlier in the season in future years.
  - b. Dog fouling at the cricket pitch. Cllr McGee has discussed the issue with representatives of the cricket club and believes the issue has been discussed with the owners of the dogs concerned. Cllr McGee will write a message about this in The Beacon and if problems persist, the dog warden will be approached for support.
5. Police report. PCSO James Crawford attended the meeting.
  - a. Police are investigating a break in / quad bike theft. An incident involving chickens being worried by dogs has been followed up. A cow was injured, apparently shot with an air rifle. No resolution to this but unfortunately, it fits an antisocial behaviour pattern seen elsewhere in the region.
  - b. There has been some reorganisation at Stokesley Police Station which should enable improved support to the rural communities in this area.
  - c. North Yorkshire Police are recruiting for Special Constables.
6. Finance.
  - a. Final salary payment made to P Smith. No other transactions.
  - b. Transfer of bank mandate to new Clerk not yet completed. Further documentation required.

- c. Grass cutting invoice anticipated.
7. Planning applications. Councillors observed that there are difficulties in looking up specific applications online because system does not appear to accept 'cut and paste' in the search window. It was confirmed that there was no objection to planning applications NYM/2017/0375/FL Bridge End Cottage. Following discussion it was agreed that there was no objection to NYM/2017/0467/NM Forge Cottage Chop Gate and NYM/2017/0468/FL The Lonning, Chop Gate. Some possible deficiencies in the scaffolding at Forge Cottage would be followed up.
8. Highways.
  - a. Letter re; road closure at Urra received only the day before work was due to start. So no realistic time frame to notify residents. Online system shows planned works but time frames for works are so wide and not updated with realistic time bands as date approaches.
  - b. Quality of recent surface dressing seems to be poor.
  - c. Cattle grid at top of Raisdale road is distorted and surface dressing has raised the road surface above the grid level causing an excessive step.
  - d. Councillor Griffiths noted the above issues and will raise them at an upcoming Highways Area 2 meeting.
9. Correspondence. Consultation notification received about North Yorkshire Minerals Plan and regional Mental Health services.
10. Local Government Transparency Code. This is a rolling programme and progress is being made.
11. Remembrance day. British Legion donation is normally made in September. Road closure arrangements are also normally made in September with NYCC and Police - Clerk to action.
12. Community First Responders. Chairman enquired how this initiative is progressing. Clerk (a member of the CFR team) responded that team needs additional members to enable more comprehensive coverage and funding for important additional equipment. Nevertheless, existing team has provided good coverage over its first 6 months of operation. Councillor Griffiths stated that funds are potentially available for such causes from the County Council and invited the Clerk to write to him with details.