

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 8th January 2025
Chop Gate Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Bowes (Chairman), J Smith, S Sanderson, K Verity
In attendance: D Sporton, P Johnson, Cllr Heather Moorhouse and Clerk J Gamble

1. **Introduction and welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr B Heley, R Chapman
3. **Declarations:** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting on 6th November 2024:** The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman
5. **Matters arising:** The request for anti-slip treads on wooden bridge near notice board in Fangdale Beck still to be actioned. Action: Cllr Bowes to discuss with the National Park
6. **Fibre Broadband (Quickline):** No update received from Quickline. Action: Cllr Bowes to continue to seek more information.
7. **Mobile phone network (Cellnex):** Cellnex merely confirmed the schedule provided in August 2024 with completion in Q3 2025. It was noted that responses from two mobile phone companies have been received.
Resolution: To contact the mobile phone companies again. Action: Clerk
Resolution: It was agreed to contact the Mayor of Yorkshire again to help raise the profile to obtain a definitive timeline on mobile signals being reinstated. Action: Cllrs Bowes and Smith to draft an email.
8. **Speeding Traffic:** Resolution: It was agreed in principle to purchase a battery operated vehicle activated sign for near the school in Chop Gate subject to receipt of a donation. Waiting for confirmation from Cllr Heather Moorhouse for a donation before ordering.
9. **Finance:**
 - (a) The expenditure was reviewed and is on track with the forecast. It was noted that to date the income is £2379 plus forecast of £1054; the current expenditure is £1970 plus a forecast expenditure of £2387. The expected year-end balance is £3498. Need to include VAT refund request into the system. Action Cllr Smith and Clerk
 - (b) For 2025-26 the projected opening balance of £3498, projected income of £2875. The donation to the village hall was increased to £210 giving an expected expenditure of £3123 and giving a balance of £3220. Resolved: The revised 2025-26 projection was approved.
10. **Planning Applications:** NYM/2024/0832 Site address: land and building west of the B1257 (located north west of Bridge End Cottage), Chop Gate. There were no objections in principle for this building to be used as housing but there are some concerns about the apparent removal of trees, the removal of hedgerow on the frontage and possible safety issues with the proposed access being close to the bend. Action: Clerk to inform NYM Planning
11. **Highways:** It was noted that work has been completed for the flooding near Cam House.
12. **Road closures for Remembrance Service:** The option of Community TM training some local volunteers to assist was discussed and will be considered at the next meeting. Resolution: It was agreed to contact Community TM to confirm their involvement for 11th November 2025 and ask for the deadline on their offer of training volunteers. Action: Clerk

13. **Police:** The November and December 2024 reports were noted
14. **Fangdale Beck Village Hall Charity:** The new constitution has been drafted and will be sent to the Charity Commission for comments. A meeting with local members of the charity will be required. Action: Cllr Bowes to keep Parish Council informed of progress
15. **Review and approve Audit documents for 2025:** The Risk Assessment was approved and, subject to a minor amendment to reflect that a backup person for defibrillator checks would be identified and trained – subsequently signed by the Clerk. The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were approved and signed by the Chairman. The Council Policies for Discipline, Grievance and Code of Conduct were approved without any modifications. The Asset Register was approved and signed by the Chairman.
16. **Correspondence:** There was no correspondence to discuss
17. **Next meeting:** The next meeting was confirmed as 7.30 pm on 5th March 2025 in Chop Gate Village Hall

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