

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting 7th September 2022

Chop Gate Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Bowes, B Heley, S Sanderson
In attendance: Cllr R Kirk, Mrs P Johnson, Dr D Sporton, Clerk R Chapman
Apologies for absence: Cllr J Smith, Cllr H Moorhouse

1. Minutes of meeting 13th July 2022 Agreed as a true and correct record
2. Speeding Chairman has contacted the 95 Alive Partnership expressing the Council's concern about the ongoing problem involving both motorbikes and cars. A reply is awaited.
Resolved: Councillors will encourage the public to gather and report evidence of bad driving in the dale including where practicable, webcam records.
3. Defibrillators At the July BMPC meeting, it was agreed that the Council will take over ownership of the two defibrillators in the dale and also the residual funds. The defibrillators were purchased, owned and maintained by the volunteer First Responder group. This was always an informal group without a constitution and whilst it was coordinated by and worked under the direction of Yorkshire Ambulance, the equipment was funded by donations.
County Cllr Moorhouse has sent information about a source of spare parts for defibrillators which is actually the same source used by the Chop Gate group.
Resolved: Mrs Stanton is arranging to transfer the residual funds from the voluntary group to the Parish Council.
Resolved: BMPC will henceforth assume ownership of the defibrillators and responsibility for their maintenance.
Resolved: Mrs Stanton will continue in the role of Defibrillator Guardian, monitoring their condition and alerting BMPC when maintenance expenditure for new pads, batteries etc is needed.
Resolved: The residual funds will be held by BMPC and ring fenced to draw on as and when needed for maintenance. Once the ring fenced funds are exhausted, ongoing maintenance of the units will be funded out of general reserves.
Resolved: Cllr Heley, Mrs Stanton and the Clerk to collaborate on preparing a suitable document to formally cover the process
A member of the public suggested establishment of a roster of first aiders in the dale.
Resolved: BMPC to consider the suggestion and include this as a topic in the Parish Meeting
4. Annual Parish Meeting 3 topics have been identified for the meeting: Speeding, the Bilsdale mast and especially the ongoing impact on mobile phone services and first aid / first response cover. Suggested dates are either 12th or 19th October.
Resolved: Councillors to liaise to plan the programme in more detail and firm up the date.
Resolved: Chairman and Clerk to write to the MP seeking support towards restoration of mobile phone services.
5. Bank account. There have been no transactions other than deduction of monthly charges since the last meeting. Nationwide no longer provide free banking for Parish Councils.
Resolved: Clerk to proceed to set up a fee free account with Virgin Money.

6. Website A few broken links have been detected and fixed. Some sections for interest groups still need updating.
Resolved: Continue to monitor the website and keep up to date.
7. Councillor vacancy The vacancy will be publicised again. Suggested closing date 28th October
Resolved: Chairman and Clerk to publicise the post, seeking expressions of interest.
8. Police report 1 case of environmental antisocial behaviour and 1 case of violence against the person have been recorded in this period. No other details given.
9. Matters arising
- a. Meeting noted the long awaited road edge improvements along the Raisdale road were completed just in advance of the Tour of Britain cycle race passing through.
 - b. Clerk reported that a new computer has been purchased and is so far performing satisfactorily.
 - c. Clerk reported that arrangements are on track for the Annual Remembrance Day ceremony including the key step of applying for road closure.
 - d. The roadside timber railings at Fangdale Beck at the edge of the beck are in poor state and one rail is broken.
Resolved: Clerk to contact Highways requesting repair
10. Upcoming meetings
- a. The next meeting shall be on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 in the Village Hall at 7pm
 - b. Subsequent meetings shall be on 4th January 2023 and 1st March 2023

R Chapman
Parish Clerk