

# Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council

## Draft Minutes of Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Chop Gate Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Bowes, J Smith, B Heley, S Sanderson

In attendance: Cllr H Moorhouse, Cllr R Kirk, Clerk R Chapman, Mrs P Johnson, Mr I Johnson

1. Declarations of interest: Cllrs B Heley and S Sanderson declared an interest in item 7.
2. The minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were agreed as a true and correct record
3. Matters Arising – There were no matters arising
4. Speeding Traffic – Awaiting a response from the Police following the discussion at the last meeting
5. Devolution:
  - a. Parish Council Consultation – **Resolved** - Parish Council to complete a brief response about the Parish Charter that will be agreed by email **Action** Clerk
  - b. Climate Change Strategy – **Resolved** - Parish Council supports the initiative and strategy in principle and will review its implications by email
6. Coronation Party: **Resolved** – Parish Council asks Cllr J Smith and her committee to organise this event for 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the village hall
7. Fangdale Beck Modification Order: Further statements have been submitted and North Yorkshire CC will now submit its statement to the inspector.
8. Planning –
  - a. NYM/2022/0923 Extension and shed at Ainsley House – **Resolved** To confirm no objection
  - b. NYM/2022/0547 appeal – Bilsdale House – **Resolved** To confirm our previous no objection with no other comments
9. Finance –
  - a. Recent payments and the current balance (£3416.95) were noted. Outstanding payments totalling £712.17 will reduce the balance to £2704.78 by April 2023. However, the Parish Clerk does not want to draw a salary but will want payment towards travelling costs. **Resolved** The finances to be updated in line with these changes **Action** Cllr Smith
  - b. The finances have also been updated with the revised defibrillator maintenance costs as discussed at January's meeting
  - c. The Clerk reported that Virgin Money offer free banking to Parish Councils. **Resolved** – to transfer the accounts to Virgin Money provided that detailed discussions confirm that our current requirements can be met. **Action** – Clerk, Cllr Bowes, Cllr Smith
10. Policies -
  - a. **Resolved:** An updated risk assessment needs to be circulated and adopted at May's meeting. **Action** - Clerk

- b. **Resolved:** The new Code of Conduct that has been produced by the Civility and Respect Project will be circulated to Councillors and adopted to replace the existing Parish Council Code of Conduct. **Action** – Cllr Smith

11. Police – no report had been received from the police

12. Parish Council Annual Meeting – preparations for the meeting were discussed. It was agreed that all members will be kept informed of progress. **Action** – Clerk to complete the Exemption Certificate in AGAR Form2, arrange a convenient date with Mr Stanton and start to collate the information he requires.

13. Quad Bike Theft -

- a. Rural Watch Group: **Resolved** – To set up a WhatsApp Group for farmers and local residents living in Bilsdale between Clay Bank and Newgate Bank and in Raisdale provided there is support among the local community. **Action:** Cllrs J Smith and S Sanderson to investigate the appetite for a local group in Bilsdale **Action -** Cllr J Smith volunteered to manage this group on WhatsApp
- b. ANPR Cameras: **Resolved** – Cllr Smith to investigate costs of the cameras

14. Correspondence –

- a. Defibrillator training: **Resolved:** Training in June to be communicated to all residents via the Bilsdale Beacon
- b. Mobile phone coverage: Cllr Heley tabled a copy of correspondence exchange between a Bilsdale resident and the Member of Parliament, Mr Sunak. The resident had highlighted the public safety implications of the ongoing absence of service, following a recent incident on the B1257 when it was impossible to call the emergency services. In response, the MP sympathised with the resident and expressed hope that the situation will be resolved through existing medium / long term plans for improved rural communication services.

15. Cllr Ron Kirk – Ron has been attending the Parish Council meetings for many years representing the District Council but as it is being abolished, this was his last meeting. We thanked him for all the helpful information and advice he has given us, but also for his lighter more humorous comments which always make the meetings more enjoyable. We wish him well for the future.

16. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30 pm in Chop Gate Village Hall

R Chapman  
Clerk, Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council