

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council
Draft Minutes of Meeting held 1st May 2024
Chop Gate Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Bowes (Chairman), J Smith, B Heley, K Verity, S Sanderson
In attendance: Cllr H Moorhouse, Mrs P Johnson, Dr D Sporton, Mr C Marsh, Miss S Barnes,
Clerk J Gamble

1. **Introduction and welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies for absence:** None received
3. **Declarations:** Cllr Smith declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 14d
4. **Minutes of the meeting on 6th March 2024:** The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman
5. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere

6. **Fibre broadband:** The Chair expressed frustration at the lack of communication with the Parish Council by Quickline over last few months, which has resulted in lack of confidence with Quickline. Miss S Barnes, Chief Commercial Officer, from Quickline apologised and explained the current scenario and the discussion is summarised as:
 - a. The Superfast fibre broadband scheme is not now going to happen in Bilsdale (scale of project underestimated by Quickline due to damage to existing pipework and cost of installation to hard-to-reach properties)
 - b. A new Government scheme, the Gigabit Project, is out for tender with a provider to be confirmed by end May and Quickline have submitted a tender that includes Bilsdale
 - c. This new scheme will not include the “hard-to-reach properties” in Bilsdale
 - d. The Parish Council will discuss with the new provider and Nynet what can be done to support the hard-to-reach properties (fibre, 5G, satellite etc)
 - e. A public meeting with the new provider will be arranged once the provider is confirmed. Action: Cllr Bowes

7. **Mobile Phone network:** Cellnex completion date changed to Oct-Dec 2024, subject to weather. No action at present

8. **Undergrounding Electricity Cables:** NYM National Park confirmed the grant for cables underground is available if required (by end of June). Action: Members to consider whether there is a suitable scheme in Chop Gate

9. **Highways:**
 - a. Flooding on B1257 at north end of Chop Gate due to blocked pipe in culvert: To be kept under review by Highways
 - b. Residents complaint regarding the unsafe gatepost at the cattle grid on Raisdale Road. The landowner is arranging for the work to be carried out
 - c. Highways Parish Workshop: Cllr Smith reported on the discussions at the workshop
 - d. Street Lighting in Fangdale Beck. The scheme has been included in the programme of work

10. **Finance:**
 - a. 2023-2024 year end accounts were noted
 - b. 2024-2025 accounts – it was noted that, at present, forecast expenditure is slightly greater than forecast income
 - c. Changing the primary user access for the bank account is proving problematical. Action: Cllr Smith to discuss with HSBC again

11. **Annual Meeting:** Preparation for Annual Governance and Accountability Report (AGAR) on 29th May 2024 is completed. BMPC is classed as an exempt organisation. The AGAR Certificate of Exemption was signed by the Clerk and Chair. Action: Clerk to send form
12. **Fangdale Beck Village Hall Charity:** R Chapman and the Chairs of the Parish Councils (BMPC & Hawnby) have had some meetings to change the nature of the Trust. Some Councillors had a site visit on 16th April. There is a session on 30th May to clear brambles from the area – everyone welcome
13. **Police:** The Police report for March was noted
14. **Planning:**
 - a. NYM/2024/0100, NYM/2024/0100, Temporary bridge over River Seph, Bilsdale on the track to Bilsdale Mast, retention of concrete bridge piers: Resolved: no objections
 - b. NYM/2024/0136, Application of certificate of lawfulness for permitted development at the Forge, Fangdale Beck: Resolved: no objections
 - c. NYM/2024/0134, Bilsdale Transmitting Station, Bilsdale Moor, Amendment to condition 2 to allow for the decommissioning of the existing station tower mast and associated infrastructure from 17 June 2024: Resolved: no objections
 - d. NYM/2024/0203, Application for Listed Building consent for creation of internal door opening, works to floor, plastering, insulation to roof, refurbishment and reinstatement of forge equipment and installation of timber double glazed windows with shutters and oak stable door with glazed door behind at Forge Cottage, Chop Gate. This is still being considered by the NYMNP
 - e. Bridleway 054 & Footpath 200 Great Busby and Bridleway 554 & Footpath 762 Bilsdale Midcable (C.Way & C2C NTs - Lordstones Country Park, Raisdale) - Diversion 2024: Resolved: no objections. Action: Clerk to inform NYMNP
15. **Remembrance Day Parade:** To plan as per last year. Action Clerk: Organising plans include to stop traffic by using TM, to have both a bugler and the bagpipes if possible, purchase of a wreath from the Royal British Legion and to invite the school as 11th November falls on a Monday.
16. **Communication with Bilsdale residents:** Collection of contact details, including email addresses, has commenced for use in disseminating important messages
17. **Correspondence:** Recent correspondence was discussed:
 - a. Resident's problem with wild geese: Information disseminated
 - b. Tenders for annual grass cutting contract. Information sent to 3 interested people and an article placed in the Bilsdale Beacon No applications so far. Action: Clerk to email
 - c. Transfer of Desktop Solutions UK Ltd to Outrank Ltd with implications for Bilsdale website. Discussions are taking place regarding the new contract and cost. YLCA have also send information of other providers and grants available. Action: Cllr Smith to investigate other options
18. **Next meeting dates:** The next meeting dates were confirmed as follows:
 - a. Annual Meeting: Annual Governance and Accountability (AGA) on 29th May 2024
 - b. Council Meeting on 3rd July 2024