

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council
Draft Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 6th November 2024
Chop Gate Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Bowes (Chairman), J Smith, B Heley, S Sanderson, K Verity
In attendance: Ms Sporton, Mrs McGee, Mr & Mrs Maskill and Clerk J Gamble

1. **Introduction and welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Heather Moorhouse
3. **Declarations:** Cllrs Bowes, Heley and Smith declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 10
4. **Minutes of the meeting on 4th September 2024:** The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman
5. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising that are not covered elsewhere

6. **Fibre Broadband (Quickline):** Update information from Quickline show two stages of development with different timescales. It is still unclear which properties in Bilsdale will benefit. Agreed to seek further clarification on timescale for the first stage and clarify the uncertainty about properties. Action: Cllr Bowes

7. **Mobile phone network (Cellnex):** In the progress report Cellnex confirmed work is progressing in accordance with the current schedule. The temporary mast cannot be removed until September 2025 due to wildlife considerations. Therefore, it was agreed to withdraw our objection to the planning application number NYC/2023/0437. Action: Clerk to inform NYMNPA Also agreed to contact the mobile phone companies directly for details of their timetables for reinstating mobile phone signals. Action: Clerk

8. **Speeding Traffic:** Site visit planned with Darren Griffiths about the option of a vehicle activated sign. Clarification is needed for the viability of using a lamp post with electricity, which would be cheaper. Ask Darren if other funding is available. Action: Cllrs Bowes & Smith

9. **Finance:** The expenditure was reviewed and is on track with the forecast. It was noted that to date the income is £2373 plus forecast of £369; the current expenditure is £1946 plus a maximum forecast expenditure of £3084. The minimum expected year-end balance is £2053.

Members noted that there had been some significant cost increases recently which will be ongoing and so there is a need to close the gap between income and expenditure over the next few years. Agreed to increase the Precept by £235 for 2025-26 to give a projected income for 2025-26 of £2850 (including VAT refund) with the expected expenditure of £3093 giving a balance of £1810. Action: Clerk to complete and return the Precept form

10. **Planning Applications:** NYM/2024/0203 Forge Cottage, Chop Gate. There were no objections. Action: Clerk to inform NYM Planning

11. **Police:** The September and October reports were noted

12. **Highways:** Update on flooding near Cam House. Work to start on 11th November. Action: Clerk to ask NYC Highways about details of the work being conducted

13. **Fangdale Beck Village Hall Charity:** The new constitution is almost complete. Next steps are to hold discussions with the Charity Commission and keep residents informed. Action: Cllr Bowes to keep Parish Council informed of progress

14. **Remembrance Day Parade:** All arrangements were confirmed as in place
15. **Annual Meeting with Residents:** Agreed date as 27th November 2024, 7.30pm in Chop Gate Village Hall. Agenda items include broadband, mobile phones and speeding. Updates and information from local clubs, groups & organisations are invited. Action: Clerk
16. **Correspondence:**
- a) Problems with pheasants on B1257: While concerns about pheasants on the road is recognised, once they are released they are wild birds and behave accordingly. Action: Clerk to reply
 - b) New website: The new website is now in draft format and the domain name approved. The plan is to go live in January. Action: The sub-committee to check the website content
 - c) Clay Bank car park fees: No action required at present
 - d) Royal Garden Party 2025: Agreed to nominate Cllr Bowes for entry into the draw for the Yorkshire representative. Action: Clerk
 - e) Request for anti-slip treads on wooden bridge near notice board in Fangdale Beck. Action: Cllr Bowes to enquire with the National Park
 - f) Grass and weeds growing up centre of road to Fangdale Beck: Clerk to register the matter and inform Cllr Heather Moorhouse
 - g) Parish Council Liaison Officer: Make contact to discuss our two main concerns, mobile phones and speeding. Action: Clerk
17. **Next meeting:** The next meeting was confirmed as 7.30 pm on 8th January 2025 in Chop Gate Village Hall

Subsequent meeting dates of BMPC were confirmed as: 5th March, 7th May, 2nd July, 3rd September and 5th November. The BMPC Annual Meeting with the auditor will be 28th May.

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