

**Residents Annual Meeting (Bilsdale Midcable Parish)**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Chop Gate Village Hall**  
**Minutes**

Present: 15 residents

1. Welcome and Introductions: Cllr Malcolm Bowes welcomed everyone and introductions took place.
2. Mobile phone issues: The current situation, as discussed at previous Parish Council meetings, was outlined. A positive discussion took place. The mobile phone signals are expected to be restored in summer 2025. The Parish Council are contacting mobile phone companies directly.
3. Broadband issues: The current situation, as discussed at previous Parish Council meetings, was outlined. Various concerns were raised. The Parish Council will continue to clarify the timescales involved and the households which will benefit.
4. Speeding traffic on B1257 through Bilsdale: The current situation, as discussed at previous Parish Council meetings, was outlined. Following useful discussions with Garren Griffiths, North Yorkshire Highways, a viable way forward for a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) was agreed. The Parish Council will be purchasing and erecting the sign. Also, the police now have a greater priority to enforce the speed limit.
5. Reports on activities from local clubs, groups and organisations:
  - a) The Village Hall is moving towards financial problems which could result in it having to close. Assistance with acquiring grants is needed and, perhaps, advertising its rental more widely could help. If you can help please contact Sue Barker.
  - b) The Bowls Club needs more members – contact Colin Goodall, Brian Cook or Stephen Sanderson if interested.
  - c) The Bilsdale Arts and Craft Group is thriving with 12 members and works on two projects per term.
  - d) The Bilsdale Agricultural Show needs more volunteers – contact Trudy Sanderson.
  - e) The Chop Gate Cricket team received a grant to help drain the cricket field. They would like more Chop Gate players – contact Mark Weall.
  - f) The Bilsdale Local History Group has just published its latest book: “Bilsdale Remembered – a celebration through photographs”. Contact Malcolm Bowes for copies.
  - g) St Hilda’s Church is now an ECO Churchyard and recently won Bronze and Silver Awards. It is working towards its Gold Award status. For more information contact Carol McGee.

6. Report from Parish Council:

- The website provider is changing plus a new domain name of .gov.uk in early 2025.
- About 40 people attended the Remembrance Service on 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- The first in a series of meeting between the Parish Liaison Office from North Yorkshire Council and parish councils has taken place.
- The recent flooding problem near Cam House has now been addressed by NY Highways.
- Discussions have taken place about the car park charges in Clay Bank car park with the Forestry Commission.
- The Parish Council has also been involved with grants to a few organisations, planning applications, police reports, Fangdale Beck Village Hall Charity matters, support for National Park Western Parish Forum and design codes.
- Due to inflation, commercial rates for the new website and lack of free police road closures for Remembrance parades the precept is having to rise slightly over the next few years to cover costs.

7. Any other Business:

A new auditor is needed for 2026 as Bob Stanton will be retiring in 2025.

Parish Council meetings take place every 2 months. Everyone welcome to attend.

Jane Gamble, Clerk to Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council