

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held 6th September 2017.

Present. Cllrs M Bowes, D Hollingworth, C McGee, C Devlin and I Brass.

In attendance, Cllr G Kirk, J Crawford (PCSO), M Stanton and R Chapman, Clerk

1. Apologies for absence. These were received from Cllr B Griffiths, Cllr R Hudson and Mr G Silver, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.
2. Declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests. None declared.
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 12th July 2017. These were agreed and signed.
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
 - a. Bushes overhanging on Carlton Bank: Cllr Brass reported that the land owner has been contacted but has yet to take action. Several Councillors noted that a bush is obscuring view at the junction with the Raisdale Road. Chairman will follow up on this with the property owner.
 - b. Remembrance Day: Cllr Hollingworth will contact Mr Barker to arrange for a bugler. Clerk to arrange for road closure, arrange with Royal British Legion for a wreath and invite Revd Heading to take part in the event.
5. Police report. PCSO James Crawford attended the meeting.
 - a. Little to report for this area since the last meeting.
 - b. Requirement to close the B1257 briefly for the Remembrance was discussed
 - c. Cllr McGee reported that the next edition of the Bilsdale Beacon will include the Police warning about distraction burglaries and not opening doors to strangers.
6. Finance.
 - a. The bank has recently contacted to notify further corrections required to the mandate change form. Clerk to action.
7. Planning applications:
 - a. After some discussion, Councillors agreed to raise no objection to the construction of a 3rd local occupancy house at Newlands, Chop Gate. (NYM/2017/0543/FL)
 - b. Councillors raised no objection to the proposed alterations to the previously agreed plans for Forge Cottage, Chop Gate (NYM2017/0557/LB)
8. Highways.
 - a. Cllr Devlin reported that the Virgin Media manway cover in the road on the B1257 near Oak House is causing a more uneven highway surface since the recent resurfacing. This also applies to another cover on the B1257 between Urra and

Garfitts. Cllr Devlin has contacted Virgin Media about these on several occasions with no response so far.

- b. Condition of cattle grids on Raisdale Road / Carlton Bank has further deteriorated. Clerk to write to County Cllr Griffiths to seek support for remedial action.

9. Community First Response: The Clerk reported that the CFR team have not been called out since the last meeting. The team still seek additional members to improve the coverage in our area. The team is also seeking funding to enable purchase of additional equipment.

10. Local Government Transparency Code: The Chairman and Clerk reported on progress being made towards compliance with the Code. Some adaptations have been made to the website and some items are being posted. Some relevant computer software will be purchased and this cost will be covered by grants that are still available.

11. Correspondence:

- a. Notice received about the Western Area Parish Forum meeting on 17th October – Cllrs Devlin, Hollingworth and Bowes plan to attend
- b. A further round of Leader funding for rural services may be available – Councillors are not aware of any requirements in Bilsdale
- c. A further public meeting on the Ryevitalise programme is being held in November

12. Other business:

- a. Concern was expressed about the safety of walkers on the B1257 between Chop Gate and Clay Bank.
- b. Cllr McGee reminded the meeting about the current review of local mental health services. This will be publicized via the Beacon and on noticeboards.

13. Next meeting: This will be on Wednesday 1st November, 7:30pm Chop Gate Village Hall

R Chapman Clerk, Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council