

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2012

Present: Councillors M Bowes, D Hollingworth, Mrs S Barker, Ms C Devlin and Mrs C McGee.
Clerk/RFO: Mrs J Starkey

12/01 Public apologies were received from the County Councillor.

12/02 Declarations of interest – see minute 12/05.4.

12/03 Minutes of the council meeting held on 2nd November 2011 were agreed and signed.

12/04 Minutes of the council meeting held on 7th December were agreed and signed.

12/05 Matters arising

12/05.1 Reference minute 11/96.2 it was noted that the water running on Carlton Bank had frozen in cold weather. The clerk was to contact Highways if this occurred again.

12/05.2 Reference minute 11/97.1 the chairman advised that he had written to thank Frank Auffret for the donation from Chop Yat Iron Forge Festival.

12/05.3 Reference minute 11/99.2 it was noted that councillors had said that they would endeavor to help to reduce mileage incurred by the clerk.

12/05.4 Reference minute 11/105 Coun Bowes asked for a response. The clerk said that she had thought about councillors' requests to withdraw her complaint but had decided not to and did not think it would be in the best interests of the council.

Coun Bowes made a statement and requested that it should be minuted. Following further discussion and comments Coun Bowes then declared a personal interest. On receiving advice from the clerk that a personal interest has to be declared before a matter is discussed, Coun Bowes withdrew his proposal.

12/ 06 Police

12/06.1 The council noted the police report (already circulated) and apologies from police for not being able to attend the meeting.

12/06.2 It was noted that the new non-emergency number 101 was available from December 12th 2011.

12/07 Planning

12/07.1 The council considered NYM/2011/0813/FL Application for alterations and extensions to café/shop premises to provide storage rooms and show/toilet facilities together with use of land for the siting of tents and 5 no. camping pods at Lordstones, Chop Gate. After considerable deliberation it was agreed to respond to NYMNPA that the council objected to the application for the following reasons:

- This development requires sufficient parking to cater for the increased traffic that the development will generate and to help resolve the current problems of parking on Ralsdale Road and Carlton Bank. The proposal reduces the current parking provision and is therefore inadequate and exacerbates the existing problem.
- Ralsdale Road and Carlton Bank are narrow lanes in a poor state of repair and development which generates additional traffic should not be encouraged.
- In terms of security, there have been vandalism issues relating to the current facility in recent years and we consider this is an unsuitable location for an unsupervised site.
- We do not consider that the current modest retail provision should be expanded either in terms of area or range of goods.
- This is a traditional area for quiet recreation and increased activity would adversely affect the character and amenity of the area.
- Overall we consider that this is the wrong location for such a significant development.

12/07.2 The council considered NYM/2011/0807/FL Application for siting of bunded fuel storage tank at Bilsdale Transmitting Station, Chop Gate and agreed to respond to NYMNPA that it had no objections, confirming the clerk's earlier informal response to NYMNPA that individual councillors had no objections.

12/07.3 The council noted NYM/2011/0632/FL amended plans for Tranmire House extension, which had been received for information only.

12/08 Parish Clerk

12/08.1 The council formally noted the forthcoming resignation of the clerk, Joy Starkey, on May 5th 2012 as already advised, and considered arrangements for recruitment of a new parish clerk to commence employment May 6th.

12/08.2 Councillors had now posted notices advertising the vacancy for a parish clerk from May 6th and the notice would also appear in the Bilsdale Beacon. Closing date was the end of March. Councillors agreed to hold a special meeting in April if necessary.

12/08.3 Specimen contracts from YLCA/SLCC and a job description and person spec, were to be circulated to councillors by the clerk.

12/09 Highways

12/09.1 Councillors commenced completion of a questionnaire from NYCC but ran out of time. It would be submitted 'as is'.

12/09.2 The council received a negative response to its third request for a 40mph zone at the Southern end of Chop Gate village.

12/09.3 The Council agreed to report ice in Raisdale, and farm dirt on the road in Urra.

12/09.4 The council noted suggestion about motorcycle use of the B1257 recorded in the notes from the last WAPF meeting.

12/10 Annual parish meeting The chairman advised that he had not yet made any arrangements with the NYMNPA for a speaker/date for the meeting.

12/11 Parish council website The chairman confirmed that he had spoken to Frank Auffret and the council agreed to change the host for the Bilsdale website to Mr Auffret as soon as possible, and to appoint Mr Auffret to be the new webmaster, in place of Joy Starkey, after that had taken effect.

12/12 Finance

12/12.1 The council noted the council's bank balances at 12th January 2012 of £982.96 chq and £ 768.68 sav.

12/12.2 The council agreed to save money in 2012 by reducing the verge cutting along Raisdale and round Urra from two cuts to a single early summer cut.

12/12.3 The council noted that HDC had advised that it was the Parish Council's responsibility to pay on time each year for the four yearly instalments of £25 for HDC 2011 election charges, which had already been invoiced as one sum of £100 and would not be invoiced separately.

12/12.4 The council did not make any further decisions on possible purchase of jubilee mugs.

12/12.5 Councillors deferred any decision on parish council involvement with a jubilee beacon, noting that the council does not have the resources to fund it.

12/13 Inspections – village seats

12/13.1 Coun Barker reported that the village seat at Seave Green was fine.

12/13.2 The clerk reported that the seat at the village hall was OK and had been improved by temporary repairs made by Coun Hollingworth.

12/14 Correspondence listed in Appendix A was noted.

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