

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Present. Cllrs M Bowes, D Hollingworth and I Brass.

In attendance, Cllr R Kirk, M Stanton, G Silver and R Chapman, Clerk

1. Apologies for absence. These were received from Cllr C McGee, Cllr C Devlin, Cllr B Griffiths, Cllr R Hudson PCSO J Crawford
2. Declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests. None declared.
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017. These were agreed and signed.
4. Matters arising from the minutes.
  - a. Carlton Bank: Some of the overhanging bushes have been cut back but some still remain. No improvement with the cattle grid.
  - b. Ryvitalise meeting: Attended by about 12 residents of Bilsdale and nearby who were generally supportive of the initiative
  - c. Remembrance Day: Chairman reported that the ceremony in Chop Gate went entirely according to plan. Cllr Kirk described the plans for Remembrance Day events in 2018 which will be the centenary of the Armistice. Plans include church bell ringing. BMPC will follow this up later in 2018.
5. Police report. Clerk read out the report received from PCSO Crawford (report attached)
  - a. 5 incidents had been followed up since the last meeting.
  - b. PCSO Crawford is working with Mr G Silver to establish an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Chop Gate
  - c. Mr Silver circulated an information sheet about the North Yorkshire Police security marking service called Dot Peen. Clerk and Mr Silver will endeavour to get more information with a view to inviting NYP to hold a marking session in Chop Gate.
6. Finance.
  - a. The switch of bank mandate from the former Clerk to the current Clerk is now complete.
  - b. The Clerk presented a summary of the current financial status including existing payment commitments and expected payments in the next financial year. It was confirmed that a Precept of £1700 would be sought, the same amount as for the previous 2 years. Target reserve at the end of the current financial year will be £1441 and at the end of the 2018/19 financial year, £995.
  - c. An application has been submitted to the Transparency Fund to cover software, training and website costs associated with compliance with the Transparency Code. The application is for a moderate sum, well below the allowable limits and we have been advised that it is likely to be successful. If successful, the projected expenses

will be cost – neutral for BMPC. The Fund closes at the end of March 2018 and thereafter, any further costs will be met from the Precept.

7. Planning applications: No new applications received to consider

8. Highways.

- a. The majority of the bushes overhanging the road near the cattle grid on Carlton Bank have now been trimmed
- b. The Clerk reported that North Yorkshire County Council has launched a 'Parish Portal' for online reporting of highways problems. He had tried to use the portal on a couple of occasions but was unable to log on with the codes provided. Once that link is functioning, it should be useful. It would be helpful if any issues we want to report can be clearly defined by precise location and photographs if possible.
- c. The water running off the building site at Newlands appears to have been stopped.
- d. The water running on to the B1257 near the southern boundary of Chop Gate has stopped.
- e. There is still water running across the B1257 at several sites near Cam House including what appears to be a new stream originating at the Cam House driveway.
- f. Councillors expressed great concern about the failure of NYCC to clear snow and ice on the Raisdale Road. On 2 occasions in the last month, the road was covered by compacted snow and ice for several days and no treatment was carried out. Clerk to write to NYCC seeking an onsite meeting to cover both winter treatment. Letter to highlight that this is an important route and is also used daily by school transport.

9. Community First Response (CFR):

- a. Mr Silver (Chop Gate CFR coordinator) reported that the Chop Gate team has not been called over the last 2 months.
- b. The team is still seeking more volunteers but is nevertheless consistently achieving more on call availability compared with other centres including Stokesley. Due to the pressures on the NHS and the ambulance service, there has been more pressure on volunteers to log on, to supplement the mainstream professional resources.
- c. Yorkshire Ambulance Service is continuing to upgrade the basic equipment supplied to the teams. Most recently, this has included pulse oximeters. However, any equipment to improve operational capability beyond that basic level must be funded by the the team itself, supported by grants where available and voluntary donations.
- d. The team have received some donations from generous local residents and groups. It has been decided to purchase a community public access defibrillator (CPAD) to be installed somewhere in Chop Gate. Cost to install will be about £1300 and additional funding is still needed.

10. Local Government Transparency Code:

- a. The Clerk reported that an application has been made for a grant from the Transparency Fund to cover training, software and website development.

- b. Full compliance with the Code is required by April 2018 and BMPC is on course for that.

#### 11. General Data Protection Regulation:

- a. The Regulation comes into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. It will apply to all organisations but the House of Lords is currently considering some exemptions for small authorities.
- b. The impact on BMPC is expected to be small as it holds very little personal data compared with other authorities that for example have responsibility for burials and allotments.
- c. BMPC will need a Data Protection Officer (DPO). There has been some debate about whether individual Council members or Clerks would be permitted to fulfill this role. There are commercial agencies that would fulfill this role at cost. Coun Kirk advised that Great Ayton Parish Council which has more complex data protection issues than BMPC, have appointed their Clerk as DPO.

#### 12. Correspondence:

- a. Information from NYCC about the plan to upgrade all street lighting to LED technology by 2020. Councillors noted that this might be an opportunity to both improve the lighting as well as decrease light pollution in accordance with NYMNP's 'Dark Skies' project. To this end, Councillors noted that the LED technology offered a range of different colour temperatures which could affect the visual impact of the lamps.
- b. Notice from NYMNP of public consultation on future policy for tranquility, remoteness and dark skies at night
- c. Notices of public consultation by NHS over the future of the Friarage Hospital.
- d. Notice that the Minerals and Waste joint plan for North Yorkshire and NYMNP has been submitted to the Secretary of State.

13. Next meeting: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 7:30pm Chop Gate Village Hall

R Chapman Clerk, Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council