

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 9th January 2019 Chop Gate Village Hall

Present: Cllrs D Hollingworth, C Devlin, I Brass and J Smith

In attendance: County Cllr B Griffiths, District Cllr R Kirk, PCSO N Dunn, Clerk R Chapman

1. Apologies for absence received from Cllr M Bowes, District Cllr R Hudson, Mrs C McGee and Mr G Silver.
2. In the absence of Cllr Bowes, the Council asked Cllr Hollingworth to chair this meeting
3. Declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests. None declared.
4. Police report.

a. PCSO Dunn presented the recent crime statistics for the Hambleton North area:

Burglary - Business, Community & Residential

2017 - 74 recorded

2018 - 92 recorded

Overall increase of 18 (+24.32%)

Theft

2017 - 137 recorded

2018 - 122 recorded

Overall decrease of 15 (-10.94%)

Auto-Crime & Stolen Motor Vehicles (SMV)

2017 - 60 recorded

2018 - 59 recorded

Overall decrease of 1 (1.66%)

Total for all recorded offences:

2017 - 271

2018 - 273

A total increase of 2 recorded offences (+0.73%)

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

2017 - 480 recorded

2018 - 361 recorded

Overall decrease of 119 recorded offences (-24.79%)

- b. PCSO Dunn reported changes in the Neighbourhood Policing team based in Stokesley, now led by Sgt Chris Ross. She emphasized that resources continue to be stretched and one key post in the team remains unfilled.
- c. An ongoing programme of Beat Surgeries is up and running based in turn at the Discovery Centre and the Farmers Market in Stokesley and the Rusty Bike café, Swainby. Details can be found on the NYP website.

- d. NYP continue to offer public 'dot peen' property marking sessions and are open to invitations to bring the equipment to private premises or smaller communities for more targeted local sessions.
- e. Recent reports of suspicious drone flying in the area, suspect vehicles etc have been followed up.
- f. One person had been arrested in connection with a series of crimes, was tagged but removed the tag and escaped. Still at large.
- g. Some stolen machinery is believed to have been taken to the South Bank area of Middlesbrough and also to the Durham area. Investigation is ongoing aided by a new level of coordination between North Yorkshire, Cleveland and Durham Police forces.
- h. Cllr Kirk commended the new degree of cross border co-operation.

5. Minutes of BMPC meeting on 7th November 2018. Agreed.

6. Matters arising from minutes:

- a. The Western Area Parish Forum meeting will be on 9th April 2019 in Chop Gate Village Hall. BMPC are the hosts. Cllr Bowes is believed to have booked the Village Hall. It is convention that the host Parish Council provides some refreshments. This will need to be arranged.
- b. Notice Boards: The relatively new notice board at Fangdale Beck is in a fairly exposed position which may explain some evidence of damp ingress which has distorted the internal cork panel. Cllr Hollingworth stated that the supplier could be called to sort this if necessary. Clerk will monitor the situation.
- c. Exploratory drilling for shale gas: Clerk has submitted late comments on the consultation and also to the local MP Mr Sunak. Both communications have been acknowledged.

7. Planning.

- a. NYM/2018/0448/FL Chop Gate Methodist Chapel. The Council noted that revised plans had been submitted showing some internal rearrangements. The Council also noted with some disappointment that its earlier comments about access and car parking and also water and sewerage provision have not been addressed in the updated application.
- b. NYM/2018/0740/FL Coniser Cottage. BMPC had submitted a "no Objection" response to this consultation but had suggested that UPVC windows were not really in keeping with the building and timber window frames would be preferable.

8. Finance.

- a. No new expenditure or income since last meeting
- b. Meeting noted that there is some planned expenditure to make before the end of this financial year
- c. Meeting also noted that tenders for grass cutting in 2019 must be invited and contract awarded in better time to prevent weed spread compared with last year.

9. Highways.

- a. The gullies on Carlton Bank have allegedly been cleaned out but are still not working properly. One is full of stone and there is still water running across the road in places leading to dangerous conditions in icy weather. Urgent action on Carlton Bank to be requested.
- b. There have been personnel changes within the Highways department for our area. Tom Stewart has moved on. Andy Davies is the new Engineer.
- c. The Urra Road is still affected by surface water accumulation.
- d. There are new potholes on the Raisdale Road
- e. The loose kerbstones in Chop Gate have been fixed but others are now loose. It seems there is an underlying problem with how they have been set.
- f. The B1257 just south of Chop Gate has been seriously contaminated with mud recently as a result of vehicles driving off the fields in a muddy state.
- g. Clerk requested that any highways problems should be reported to him with photos and details of precise locations. This is the information that is needed when uploading reports to the County Highways Portal.

10. Parish Council Elections: Clerk to find out about arrangements for this

11. Dates for BMPC meetings in 2019 were agreed as:

- a. 6th March
- b. 1st May*
- c. 3rd July
- d. 4th September
- e. 6th November
- f. 4th January 2020

*Note, this may change to accommodate the business for the annual Parish Meeting and the AGM of BMPC. This will in turn depend on progress with the annual reporting cycle.

R Chapman, Clerk, Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council

