

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held 9th January 2024

Chop Gate Village Hall

1. **Introduction and welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jane Gamble was welcomed as the new Clerk to the BMPC and Rob Chapman, outgoing Clerk, was thanked for his work.
2. **Apologies for absence:** No absences.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None received.
4. **Minutes of meeting 1st November 2023:** The draft minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes not discussed elsewhere:**
 - a) Street lighting request at Fangdale Beck. Resolved: review carried forward to a future meeting. Action: Clerk to keep Cllr H Moorhouse informed.
 - b) Correspondence Western Area Parish Forum regarding biodiversity. Agenda in January was too full. Resolved: biodiversity discussion moved to the March meeting. Action: Clerk.
6. **Speeding traffic:** There have been concerns about traffic speeding through Chop Gate and the need for further information.
 - a) Speeding traffic Survey. Resolved: to commission two traffic surveys in Chop Gate, one in the 40mph zone near the old police house and the other on the straight road beyond the school near the Buck Inn. It was agreed the survey should be carried out in May/June. Action: Clerk to contact Darren Griffiths at Highways.
 - b) Request for a 40mph buffer zone south of Chop Gate. North Yorkshire Highways have again rejected the request. Members expressed their disappointment. Resolved: to inform Mr & Mrs M Hodgson at William Beck Farm. Action: Clerk.
 - c) Suggested artistic road signs to slow traffic for Chop Gate. Members considered a proposal from Susie Devey. Resolved: it was agreed to obtain further details about the effectiveness and cost of these signs. Action: Clerk to email Susie Devey.
7. **Unitary Authority Surveys.** Concerns were expressed regarding the effectiveness of the recent surveys to collect relevant and representative data that includes demographics such as age, rural vs urban etc. Also the use of limited questions that allow no scope for wider dialogue or debate. Members expressed concerns regarding number of surveys and their effectiveness. Resolved: Cllr H Moorhouse to pass these concerns to NYC officers. Action: Cllr H Moorhouse.
8. **Finance.** The reports on the current financial status and outlook were reviewed. Expected balances at year end are: operating account £2,569.45, community fund £843.83. The HSBC Primary User issue needs to be resolved. Action: Cllr Bowes, Cllr Smith and Clerk.
9. **Police Reports.** Police reports for November and December were received and noted.

- 10. Fibre Broadband.** Discussions have been taking place with Quickline relating to the forthcoming fibre broadband network. Members expressed concern that no progress report had been received and there seems to be nothing happening. Resolved: to discuss these concerns with Julie Holmes at Quickline and inform Alastair Taylor at Nynet. Action: Cllr M Bowes.
- 11. Mobile phone network.** The issue of no mobile phone signals from the Bilsdale Mast since 10th August 2021 is under regular review and ongoing discussions take place with Cellnex and Arqiva. Members expressed concerns at lack of progress in getting mobile signals working. Resolved: to maintain contact with these companies to check timescales and to include some information about the compensation procedure with individual providers in article for the Bilsdale Beacon. Action: Cllr M Bowes and Clerk.
- 12. Communication with Bilsdale residents.** Members considered the best ways of maintaining communication with local residents and an easy means of two-way communication. Resolved: that further discussion is needed before taking a decision in March. Action: Clerk to include this in the March agenda.
- 13. Overhead cables.** A proposal to underground some cabling in Bilsdale was discussed. Resolved: to seek further information from Claire Shields at the National Park Authority and review in March. Action: Cllr M Bowes.
- 14. Correspondence.** Recent correspondence was discussed:
- a) Digitizing AGAR (Annual internal audit). BMPC is exempt. No action required.
 - b) Flood on B1257 at north end of Chop Gate. Mrs A Rees explained the problem with a blocked pipe resulting in flooding on the B1257. Resolved: more details are needed before Cllr Moorhouse can mention this to officers. Clarify the location (what 3 words) and land ownership. Action: Cllr M Bowes then Cllr H Moorhouse will follow up with NYC officers.
It was also noted that at recent storms there was flooding near Cam House.
 - c) Pot holes at Beak Hills off the Raisdale road. Members expressed concerns that 3-man days repair work was wasted due to bad weather. Action: Cllr H Moorhouse will message Highways to take action for contractors to repair the pot holes.
 - d) Planning Application 0862 for erection of greenhouse at The Forge, Fangdale Beck. Mr J Coote described his plans for greenhouse in his agricultural garden. Resolved: the Parish Council had no objection. Action: Clerk to inform the National Park Authority.
 - e) Parish Workshop on Highways 13th February. Resolved: Cllr J Smith to attend.
- 15. Meeting dates:** The 2024 meeting dates of BMPC were confirmed as follows:
March 6th, May 1st, July 3rd, September 4th, November 6th
The BMPC Annual Meeting will be on 29th May 2024
The first meeting in 2025 was confirmed as January 8th 2025.