

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held 1st November 2023

Chop Gate Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Bowes (Chairman), J Smith, B Heley

In attendance: Cllr H Moorhouse, Mrs P Johnson, Mrs J Gamble and Clerk R Chapman

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs S Sanderson and K Verity
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None received
- 3. Minutes of meeting 6th September 2023:** The draft minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman
- 4. Matters arising from previous minutes:**
 - a. Street lighting (light no 1) request at Fangdale Beck. Residents had requested that the light in the village should be turned off at midnight (or removed) and requested more efficient LED lighting. Cllr Moorhouse explained that there is a programme to upgrade all street lighting to LED. Resolved: To wait until the light is upgraded and then review the situation.
- 5. Parish Clerk:** Mrs J Gamble was appointed as the new Parish Clerk from 01/01/2024. Thanks were given to Rob Chapman for stepping in again to support the PC since 2022
- 6. Finance:**
 - a. A summary of the 2023/24 accounts had been circulated together with a projection to April 2024. These were noted. Resolved: To transfer £2,000 into the savings account to benefit from current interest rates. Action: Cllr J Smith
 - b. A response from HSBC re: change of Primary User is still awaited. Resolved: Cllrs Bowes, Smith and C Goodall will go into the bank in Middlesbrough to resolve the matter.
 - c. A projection for income and expenditure for 2024/25 had previously been circulated. Resolved: To increase the precept by £100 to £2,350. Action Clerk R Chapman to inform NY Council
- 7. Traffic and Speeding:**
 - a. The Clerk had identified companies which could provide a vehicle speed sign. Approximate cost would be £4000. Resolved: To contact Darren Griffiths in Highways to discuss the location of the

sign and financing of the project. Action: Cllr M Bowes to draft a note to circulate to initially to Parish Council members.

- b. NY Highways have rejected the request for a 40mph buffer zone south of Chop Gate. Members expressed their disappointment. Resolved: BMPC will reply, expressing their concerns about this decision. Action: Cllr M Bowes to draft a note for circulation initially to BMPC members. The residents at William Beck Farm will be kept informed.
- c. There are a range of views about a 20mph speed limit around the school. There has been no discussion of this by the School Governors. In addition, cars picking up and dropping off children at the school are acting to slow traffic down at the critical times and there is no need for children to cross the road. Resolved: No further action will be taken at this time

8. Police: Police report was received and there are no actions

9. Planning:

- a. To consider response to NYM/2023/0662 – Replacement porch, William Beck Farm. Resolved: No objection to this application
- b. To consider response to NYM/2023/0675 – Replacement dwelling, Pine View Cottage, Bilsdale Hall. Resolved: No objection to the replacement of this dwelling but members expressed serious concern about the design especially the amount of glass proposed and its proximity to the footpath

10. Fibre Broadband:

Members discussed the points raised at the public meeting with Quickline on 19th October.

- a. Resolved: To clarify with Nynet the classification of properties as funded and not funded and to clarify why Quickline will not be providing a telephone service. Action: Cllr M Bowes to circulate a draft letter to Nynet for BMPC review
- b. Resolved: To ask Quickline for the list of funded and not funded properties, to clarify timings for the survey completion and to agree next steps regarding the Drop In sessions due in December. Action: Cllr M Bowes to circulate a draft letter to Quickline for BMPC review.

11. Mobile phone coverage:

- a. Response from Cellnex indicates that the timings have gone back with work starting in November. Resolved: To continue communicating with Cellnex

12. Remembrance Day:

Members reviewed the arrangements for the Remembrance Day ceremony at Chop Gate war memorial.

- a. Resolved: To contact the Grimston family to confirm attendance of a bugler. Resolved: Cllr M Bowes to contact the bugler

Resolved: Clerk to confirm traffic control arrangements with CTM.

13. Correspondence:

- a. D Day celebrations: Resolved: The PC will not get involved with the beacon lighting
- b. Western Area Parish Forum: Cllr Bowes summarised the main discussion at the meeting. Resolved: To discuss biodiversity in the January meeting of the PC
- c. Communication: Members continued the discussion about improving communication with local residents. Resolved: To review the options around a Facebook community page. Action: Cllr M Bowes to circulate some thoughts to the PC

14. To confirm the next meeting of BMPC will be on Wednesday 3rd January 2024

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