

Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2011

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

Public attendance: District Councillor, PCSO Moody, and Frank Auffret.

11/89 Public apologies were received from the County Councillor.

11/90 A declaration of personal interest was received from Coun Barker with regard to her neighbour's planning application for Tramire House (see Minute 11/93.2).

11/91 Minutes of the council meeting held on 7 September 2011 were agreed and signed.

11/92 Matters arising

Noted - The chairman had submitted his Interests to HDC.

11/93 Planning – new applications

11/93.1 NYM/2011/0626//FL Application for erection of a 5kW wind turbine (max height to blade tip 18.15m) at Cold Moor Cote Farm. The council objected to this application: 'The development will be highly visible, is in an isolated location, it's too large, and it will have an adverse impact on the landscape'.

11/93.2 NYM/2011/0632//FL Application for construction of a two-storey side extension at Tramire House. The council had no objections to this application. (see minute 11/90).

11/93.3 NYM/2011/0697/LB Application for Listed Building consent for conversion and extension of farm building to form residential annexe accommodation at High Ewecote Farm. The council had no objection to this application.

11/93.4 NYM/2011//FL Application for conversion of redundant agricultural building to form one agricultural workers/game keepers dwelling at Stingamires Farm. The council had no objections to this application, confirming the clerk's earlier informal response that individual councillors had no objections.

11/94 NYMNPAs decisions noted - planning permission has been granted for the following

11/94.1 Application for conversion of farm buildings to form residential annexe accommodation at High Ewecote Farm.

11/94.2 Application for erection of a freestanding timber canopy over door to playground together with freestanding store at Bilsdale Midcable CE School.

11/94.3 Revised plans for application for construction of single storey L shape extension following demolition of existing attached domestic outbuildings at Low Cow Helm.

11/95 Remembrance Day

Arrangements for a ceremony of remembrance at the war memorial on Friday November 11th were finalised.

11/96 Roads and policing

11/96.1 Noted - responses from Highways on signage for road closures.

11/96.2 The Highways inspector has looked for water running on Carlton Bank but without success so far.

11/96.3 Reported poor visibility when turning into the village hall car park had been improved.

11/96.4 The council agreed to ask Highways to reconsider a 40mph limit for the southern approach to Chop Gate village on the B1257. Two previous requests had been declined.

11/96.5 Police: PCSO Jack Moody attended to give a policing report and discuss issues that the council had already raised (11/84.6 and 11/84.7 refer). Noted - The police would like to attend future council meetings.

11/97 Finance

11/97.1 The council was very pleased to receive a donation of £500.00 from the organising committee of the Chop Yat Iron Forge Festival, coming mainly from a raffle held on the day.

11/97.2 The external auditor's report was noted.

11/97.3 A copy of annual return had been posted on the noticeboard.

11/97.4 The bank reconciliation to October 15th appendix was noted.

11/97.5 Coun Barker reported that she had checked the accounts and everything was OK.

11/98 Payments: The council agreed to authorise payments by cheque as follows:

11/98.1 £387.70 to Joy Starkey, clerk, 1st ½ year salary at 1 ½ hrs per week at scale 21, being £ 387.70 gross.

11/98.2 £243.00 to R & R Garbutt & Son (contractor Stephen Garbutt) for the verge cutting completed in October 2011.

11/98.3 £95.00 to St Hilda's Church PCC following a request from Carol McGee for a financial contribution towards the cost of a reconditioned copier, already purchased at £350, for printing Bilsdale Beacon, because of the failure of the old copier. Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.142.

11/99 Clerk's salary and expenses

11/99.1 Annual review of clerk's salary - Following discussion the council decided that there would be no change to the present clerk's salary for 2012/13.

11/99.2 Car allowance - The council agreed to the clerk's request for her car allowance rate to be increased to 45p per mile (formerly 25p).

11/100 Jubilee expenditure

Councillors discussed possible expenditure for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations next year, and agreed in principle to expenditure of £300 net to provide mugs for all children up to 16. Jubilee celebration organisers advised that there were 58 eligible children.

11/101 Reserves

The council agreed that it would continue to nominate £100 each year in its reserves to build towards the cost of any parish council election.

11/102 Budget and precept

The council discussed the 2012/2013 projected budget as prepared by the RFO.

Councillors agreed that they did not wish to raise the precept. The projected expenditure for the next year was more than the level of the present precept, so councillors agreed that they would take decisions next year on possible reductions in spending to save money. The council agreed to set a precept of £1,850.00 for 2012/2013, unchanged from the previous year.

11/103 Annual parish meeting The council agreed that the chairman would seek a representative from the NYMNPA to be speaker for the 2012 annual parish meeting.

11/104 Inspections – village seats

11/104.1 Coun Barker reported that the village seat at Seave Green was adequate.

11/104.2 Coun Hollingworth reported that the left arm of memorial seat at the village hall was rotten.

11/104.3 Coun Mrs McGee advised that she had looked at the seat with the owners, who had said that they would make two new arms for the seat next year.

11/104.4 It was agreed that Coun Hollingworth would make temporary repairs to the seat at the village hall.

11/104.5 The clerk reported that the council's insurance covered public liability for any items for which the council was responsible, which would include the two bench seats.

11/104.6 Coun Hollingworth reported that he had inspected the Bilsdale sign and plinth, and the war memorial. A professional inspection of these was due in 2012 (every fifth year).

11/105 Correspondence listed in the Appendix was noted.

Decision notice from HDC Standards Committee: Four councillors asked the clerk to consider withdrawing her complaint to HDC now that Coun Bowes had submitted an Interests' form.

11/106 Next meeting January 18th 2012.

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