

MINUTES OF BILSBY & FARLESHTORPE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HEL IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BILSBY
ON 7TH JULY 2022 @7PM

Present: Cllrs Cooper, Bailey, Wilson-Brown, Morley, L Gaston, Willoughby, Devereaux (ELDC), Marsh (ELDC) and Matthews (LCC)

Clerk – M Hoad taking notes

2 members of the public were present.

Apologies: Cllr N Gaston. Reasons for absence were accepted and resolved by all.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and members of the Council introduced themselves to the attending public.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th June 2021 – it was resolved to accept the minutes as correct and the chairman signed the minutes.

Chairman's Report – The Year May 2021 to April 2022. Cllr Cooper outlined what the Parish Council had been undertaking on behalf of the community over the last 12 months.

The main focus has been:

- New Cllr, Norman Gaston had joined the Council and taken on the responsibility for charging and repositioning the reactive speed sign in the village.
- The bench on the green in Bilsby had been refurbished and work on refurbishment of Bilsby noticeboard was currently ongoing.
- A new defibrillator had been installed in the adopted traditional red telephone box in Farlesthorpe and awareness/training sessions were being planned for residents.
- Following complaints regarding increased dog fouling on footpaths around the village two additional dog bins had been purchased and installed.
- In response to a resident's request at the Annual Parish Meeting in June 2021 an additional backing plate had been purchased for the reactive speed sign and sites now included Thurlby, Alford and Sutton Roads.
- With the continued focus on speeding issues in the village an Archers Survey had been commissioned to gather further data to support/review the problem.
- The lamp posts on Alford Road damaged by traffic had finally been replaced and the flooding issue in Back Lane addressed.
- The Parish Council have also been consultees on all planning applications and reported ongoing highways issues.
- The Parish Council has continued to employ a contractor to cut the grass on Bilsby Hill and councillors have maintained planters in this area and on Back Lane. The Chairman thanked Cllr Morley for the work she undertakes maintaining the village planters and Mr Wilson-Brown for his assistance with village maintenance.
- The Parish Council donated £400 to assist with the grass cutting in Bilsby churchyard.

Financial Report

In the financial year 2021/22 the Parish Council committed to expenditure on additional assets for the villages to be predominately funded from reserves. These included two new dog bins for Bilsby and a new defib unit for Farlesthorne to be housed in the red phone box purchased from BT and an additional backing plate for the reactive speed sign. A continued capital expenditure was earmarked for 2022/23 and along with an increase in admin costs it was agreed by Council to increase the precept for the forthcoming financial year from £3630 to £3800.

Forthcoming Budget 2022/2023

Proposed 2022/2023 Budget	
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	160.00
CLERKS SALARY & PAYE	1500
OFFICE ALLOWANCE	170
EXPENSES	50.00
NEWSLETTERS	0.00
ELECTIONS	0.00
GRANTS - DCC	650.00
FLORAL DISPLAYS	150.00
GRASS CUTTING	300.00
AUDIT FEES	50.00
COMPUTER UPGRADES	100.00
ROOM HIRE & Zoom	100.00
INSURANCE	220.00
ASSET MAINTENANCE	240.00
DONATIONS	50.00
S136	60.00
Total	3800.00

Summary of Expenditure April 2021 – March 2022

	Total for Yr
Subscriptions	£155.37
Clerks Salary & Payee	£1,641.04
Grants PCC	£400
Grass cutting	£225
Expenses	£28.80
Floral Displays	£119.78
Newsletters	£0
Insurance	£207.41
Wreath	£17.00
Room Hire	£75
New defib	£2110.00
Dog bins	£256.99
Office stationery/equipment	£48.98
Asset maintenance	£185.22
Vat to claim	£467
OVERALL SPEND	5971.23

Summary of Income April 2020 – March 2021

	Total Yr End
Precept	£3630
Interest	£0.44
Vat Reclaimed	£149.20
	£3779.64

Overspend for the year against income received = £2191.59

Project plans for the forthcoming year include a refurbished bench in Bilsby, refurbishment of the Bilsby noticeboard and a new noticeboard to mark the Platinum Jubilee for Farlesthorpe.

Questions and Residents Comments

A resident raised the question of what the Parish Council do as there was no newsletter for residents to be aware of activities. The Chairman outlined the role and responsibilities of the Parish Council and how they were also a conduit for residents to raise any local issue through to District and County Councils. Previously a local newsletter had been in circulation however it had subsequently been suspended due to the lack of articles and information from residents to include in any editions. There had also been no support for the distribution of any local newsletter. The Parish Council had therefore focussed its circulation of local information via the Parish website, noticeboards and Facebook page.

A further question was raised regarding why the Parish Council had not laid on any celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Chairman advised it was not the role of the Parish Council to arrange social events for the village this was more the activity of a community group such as B.A.D.G.E. No community group had unfortunately come forward wanting to run any event to mark the Jubilee, if they had done then the Parish Council could consider any grant towards such event.

Unfortunately, there was the added problem that there is no community space within the Parish to run any events other than the church.

There being no further comments / questions the Chairman thanked Councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:15pm and moved to open the July Parish Council Meeting.

Signed:

Chairman

Clerk: Date: