

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE**

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BILSBY**

**ON THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

Present: Cllrs Cooper (Chair); L Gaston (Vice Chair); Morley; Wilson-Brown, N Gaston and Matthews (LCC),

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Mrs M Hoad, Parish Clerk took the minutes.

Cllr Cooper welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular new Councillor Norman Gaston to his first Council meeting. As there were no public comments the Chairman opened the meeting for business.

294 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Marsh (ELDC), Cllr Devereux (ELDC) and Cllr Bailey. **It was resolved** to accept all reasons for absence.

295 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from Parish Councillors at this meeting.

296 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

It was **resolved by all** that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 as a correct record.

297 **MATTERS ARISING FROM 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**It was agreed** that any action items were to be covered in the agenda.

298 **FINANCIAL**

**A. Accounts to be paid/authorised** The Council noted the following payments – Clerks Salary & Expenses Sep/Oct; Unipart Dorman – speed sign bracket £98.40 (authorisation only) Royal British Legion Poppy wreath £17; Mrs D Morley – plants £48.78; Mrs P Wilson-Brown dog min mounts £23.99; HMRC tax £19.40; Alford Garden Services – grass cutting £270.00 and **it was resolved** to authorise all payments – totalling £727.01

**B. Accounts as at end of September 2021** – Bank reconciliation as at end of September had been circulated for review and was accepted as correct, signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**C. Councillors Budget Statement** as at the end of September 2021 – the document had been circulated for comment and was noted and signed by the Chairman.

**D. Budget Planning for 2022/23** a proposed budget had been circulated for comment, recommendations were made, and **it was resolved** that the Clerk would amend the budget plan for approval at the Jan 2022 meeting.

**E. Changing Bank Account:** Following the proposed closure of Barclays in Alford and the difficulties experienced in changing the bank mandate **it was resolved** to ask the Clerk to investigate alternative bank account facilities for the Parish Council.

299 **PLANNING**

There were no new planning applications for consideration. The Clerk advised she was still chasing Planning Enforcement for an update regarding Eversleigh. It was noted that the caravan parked on the Eversleigh site was also now in disrepair and the Clerk was asked to enquire from planning enforcement whether a caravan not in use could be left on a

development site which was also not occupied, as no one is living in either the property or caravan at Eversleigh site.

300 **HIGHWAYS**

It was noted that the drainage problem in Back Lane, had been identified by Anglian Water and LCC Highways but that no action had yet been taken to rectify the issue. The Clerk was asked to chase this matter further. Some of the potholes in Back Lane had been repaired following the FixMyStreet report however a few very large ones still remained. Cllr Matthews asked if pictures and measurements of the remaining potholes could be sent to him, and he would bring these to the attention of Kyra Nettles. He had visited the sites of Back Lane, Asserby Lane and Thurlby Lane with K Nettles following the PC's reports regarding the poor road conditions. Works were planned for Asserby Lane, and some had already taken place in Back Lane. Major works had been undertaken on Thurlby Lane a few years ago but the road surface had broken up under the weight of heavy farm vehicles. The lane provided access for one property and the farm only and therefore was low priority for LCC repairs. Cllr Matthews advised that perhaps a 'specialist' solution might need to be considered for this road, maybe making it a private road so that local action could be taken considerably sooner. This was something he would discuss with Highways.

301 **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

a. **Phone Box project – Farlesthorne:** Quotes for installation of a defib in the phone box at Farlesthorne had been circulated and **it was resolved to** order an AED & cabinet from Community Heartbeat along with installation work. – Clerk to action

d. **Provision of Dog Bins** – The Clerk advised the new dog bins were now in situ and being used. Cllr Wilson-Brown was thanked for arranging instalment of the bins on site. Some concern was raised regarding Bilsby Dog Field's clients using the 'public dog bin' in Back Lane and it was agreed this would need to be monitored.

c. **New Noticeboard** – Following discussion **it was resolved** Cllr N Gaston would contact AR regarding the ironwork undertake on the existing noticeboard. Cllr Cooper advised she would send the Clerk some links to new noticeboards for comparison of designs and costs for circulation. The Clerk advised she would contact Louth Men's Shed to see if they could undertake repairs to the board section of the existing iron worked noticeboard. **It was agreed** that the project of renovations to the existing noticeboard and/or new boards for Bilsby and Farlesthorne would be undertaken to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

d. **Grass Cutting** – **It was resolved** to ask Alford Garden Services to continue to cut Bilsby Hill for the 2022 season.

e. **Speed Sign New Position** – following concerns raised by residents of speeding on Alford Road **it was agreed** to look at siting the new backing plate for the speed sign on the first lamp post as you enter the village from Alford. It was also noted that the street lighting that had been demolished in a previous traffic collision had still not been replaced and the Clerk advised she would take this matter up again with ELDC and request the assistance of Cllr Devereux.

302 **CORRESPONDENCE SEP/OCT**

1. Order raised and chq payment sent to Unipart/Dorman for replacement backing plate.
2. Rural Bulletin update circulated to all.
3. Flooding in Back Lane -reported on FixMyStreet and direct to Highways. Followed up with email to ... and Anglian Water

4. Email to Kyra Nettles regarding Thurlby Lane and Asserby Lane – awaiting response. Both reported on Fix My Street. Asserby Lane – works now scheduled.
5. NHS Lincolnshire Engagement Bulletin Issue 7 – circulated to all.
6. Survey of Living on Lincolnshire coast – circulated to all and published on web site /FB page.
7. ELDC consultation on Local Transport Plan – circulated to all and published on Web site and FB Page.
8. Confirmation email from ELDC of additional member seat still available – circulated to all.
9. Letter emailed to Fairburn regarding support of a Bilsby Litter Picking Volunteer Group.
10. LALC annual report – circulated to all for information
11. Quotes for new defib for Farlesthorne phone box – circulated to all.
12. Road closure notifications circulated to all and published.
13. Annual Poppy wreath requested from John Johnson
14. Email regarding International Day of Older People – circulated to all and published
15. Mumby Road Railway bridge reported to Highways
16. Skegness and Mablethorpe Transport Strategy workshop – emailed to all.
17. Damaged bollard in Back Lane reported to Highways
18. Planning Enforcement chased re update on Eversleigh
19. Call for volunteers to join litter Picking Group published on web site and facebook page.
20. Wellbeing Hub 24-hour call line – emailed to all, published FB and Website.

303 **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT & EVERSLEIGH UPDATE**

Cllr Devereux had sent her apologies for the meeting and there was no further update at this time.

304 **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

Cllr Matthews had provided an update regarding the outstanding Highways issues as outlined above. He also brought Councillors' attention to the Wellbeing Hub 24 hour call line – highlighting the local work being undertaken by LCC regarding mental health matters in the county.

305 **ANY OTHER MATTERS/NEXT AGENDA**

The condition of the bench on Bilsby Hill was raised by Council and the Clerk was asked to see if Louth Men's Shed could undertake some repair work and add this item to the next agenda. Other agenda items are as outline above. Next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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<u>Accounts for payment</u>	<u>Meeting</u>		<u>04.11.2021</u>	
	<b>Net</b>	<b>Vat</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Chq No</b>
Unipart Dorman – backing plate (for authorisation only)	82.00	16.40	98.40	100621
Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath	17.00	0.00	17.00	100622
Mrs D Morley – Plants for planters	42.90	5.88	48.78	100623
Mrs P Wilson-Brown – torques for dog bin mounts	19.99	4.00	23.99	100624
Mrs M Hoad – Clerk Sep/Oct salary	249.44	0.00	249.44	100625
HMRC	19.40	0.00	19.40	100626
Alford Garden Services	225.00	45.00	270.00	100627
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£727.01</b>	

There being no further business the Chairman thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 20.10

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....

Signed by Clerk.....

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