

**BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD  
7 March 2024 at Holy Trinity Church, Bilsby**

**Present:** Cllrs E. Cooper (Chair), D Morley (Vice Chair), N. Gaston, A. Carolan, J. Hudson & N Simmonds. Mrs K Culley (Parish Clerk)

**Also present:** Cllr C Matthews (LCC)

Five members of the public in attendance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Several members of the public raised their concerns with the National Grid Grimsby to Walpole proposals. Whilst they recognised the need for more infrastructure it was felt that the best solution was to put it out to sea. The issues raised by the overland proposals included the risk to civilian population in time of war, destruction of large areas of prime agricultural land risking food security and the threat to migrating birds.

Cllr Matthews informed the meeting Lincs County Council were opposed to the proposals and were challenging National Grid's facts as they believe the figures being used for putting them out to sea as opposed to overland are incorrect and misleading. He also stated the electricity generated by an overland infrastructure has been shown to interfere with both bees and bats honing instincts so it would be a threat to all wildlife.

**76. WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1925 hours

**77. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from District Cllrs G Marsh and S Devereux.

**78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All councillors present had declared a pecuniary interest in item 82 and been granted a dispensation by the proper officer in accordance with the council's standing orders.

**79. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD 11 JANUARY 2024 AND 22 FEBRUARY 2024**

It was resolved to approve as minutes the notes of the meeting held 11 January 2024 and the extraordinary meeting held 22 February 2024 following an amendment to item 75c to read HM, not HRH, the King.

**80. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM THOSE MEETINGS NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA**

- a. **Damaged road outside church.** The one pothole had been repaired but there were still several others.
- b. **The verge outside the church. The verge has not been completed to a satisfactory standard.** It was resolved the clerk would write to Cllr Matthews about both issues with their Reference numbers so he could follow them up on the parish council's behalf.

**81. TO RECEIVE ANY GENERAL UPDATES FROM LCC AND ELDC REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr Matthews (LCC) informed the meeting that the County Council's consultation period for considering devolution had now expired and there was to be a full meeting on 13 March for the County Council to resolve whether to approve devolution. Cllr Matthews anticipated that it would be approved. This would make more funding available to the council from central government.

**82. Updates on Grimsby to Walpole proposals for pylons and substations**

The clerk confirmed the Parish Council's letter of objection had been sent along with all the agreed copies including one to HM the King with the covering letter.

The Council further discussed purchasing banners for the parish. It was agreed the clerk would see if she could design one based on the orange and white one produced by the No Pylons group but with wording limited to No Pylons. No Substations. These would be sent for approval before purchasing six at size 6-foot x 3 foot from eBay at a cost of £25.99 each.

**83. FINANCIAL:**

- a) It was resolved the following payments be made:
  - (i) Clerk's salary and expenses amended to include all expenses - £424.22
  - (ii) HMRC payment - £52.20
  - (iii) Cllr J Hudson travel expenses - £20.25
  - (iv) Annual hire of Church for Parish Council meetings, including the extraordinary meeting in February. - £175.00
  - (v) R Aldrich installation of Farlesthorne noticeboard - £50.00
  - (vi) LALC subscription post-dated to 1 April 24 -£168.92
  - (vii) LALC Training Scheme post-dated to 1 April 24 - £132.00
- b) It was noted last financial year's VAT reclaim has been submitted for £242.19
- c) It was resolved to appoint Steve Fletcher as internal auditor for this year's accounts.
- d) It was resolved to approve the updated asset register with the date amended to March 2024.
- e) The clerk informed the council she was still struggling with Barclays Bank to access the councils bank accounts online which was now causing a great deal of stress. Council resolved to consider swapping bank accounts to Unity Trust at the next meeting despite the £6 per month charge. Council also resolved to reject the offer of £50 in compensation and ask for £500 compensation due to the stress, inconvenience and costs caused by the bank.

**84. PLANNING**

**a. To consider applications received - None**

**b. To note applications decided**

- i. N/016/02026/23 application for 5 holiday lodges- Bilsby - approved
- ii. To make Viking Link entrances permanent - approved

**c. To receive any updates on outstanding planning applications:**

- i. N/016/01778/23 barn adjacent Hollutrix farm, Thurlby Road, Bilsby -erection of detached dwelling incorporating the change of use of part of the existing barn. – Still no update. Clerk to chase again.
- ii. EC/016/00588/22 Eversleigh – No further updates. Council noted the gardens are being improved which further shows the poor state of the building.
- iii. N/016/00733/23 Erection of 2no. dwellings. Land adjacent Jasmine Cottage, Alford Road, Bilsby – still not received an update despite chasing. Council resolved the clerk would write to M Gildersleeves Head of Planning for a response.

**85. PLANNING PRESENTATION – HUTTOFT VILLAGE HALL 5 APRIL 2024 AT 7PM**

Five Councillors wished to attend the training. Clerk to let District Cllr G Marsh know.

**86. TO CONSIDER COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D DAY**

After discussion it was resolved Cllr Gaston would get costings for quotes for floodlighting the church. The Clerk would approach the District Councillors to see if there was any community funding available for it.

**87. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Complaint from member of the public about the workers from Bilsby garage workshop using the parking layby opposite which is meant for residents' parking. After discussion, it was unclear whether it was public land owned by Highways or whether it was part of the original land for the property owned by ELDC. It was resolved the Clerk would write to Cllr G Marsh to query this and to Cllr Matthews to look at any potential solutions should it be public highways.
- b. Survey for electric vehicle charger locations – It was resolved that Cllr Carolan would further research the possibilities for the parish and liaise with the Clerk to complete the survey.
- c. Letter from Lincs CC updating their planning process. It was confirmed this only referred to County planning matters such as mineral deposits and was not related to planning applications dealt with by the District Planning Authority

**88. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION (NOT DECISION) OR ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.**

- New bank account
- Speed awareness
- Can clerk chase Pride Team re the rubbish build up along the main roads through the village and Back Lane and Thurlby Road

**89. TO AMEND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved to amend the date of the next meeting, which is the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting to 9 May 2024 as the current date clashes with the Police And Crime Commissioners Election.