

MINUTES OF BILSBY & FARLESHTORPE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BILSBY ON 9 May 2024 @7PM

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

Also present: Cllr S Devereux (ELDC). 1 member of the public was present.

Apologies: Cllr N Simmonds. Cllrs C Matthews (LCC) and G Marsh (ELDC)

1. **Welcome.** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1900 hours and introduced the member of public as Andy Roberts, a former member of The No Pylons Group. The Chair asked Andy Roberts to address the meeting. Andy Roberts said he would like to support Bilsby in their fight against the National Grid proposals and would be willing to speak at a public meeting. He believes the best way forward will be to stop the electric being brought ashore in Lincolnshire but to keep it offshore to avoid the need for massive connector stations to be built in the parish. He would like to see a team of people set up to make a plan for the Bilsby and Alford area and stated Cllrs Cooper and Morley had his details.
2. **Receive the notes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held 7th July 2022, to be approved as the minutes.** It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Meeting held on the 7 July 2022 as correct and the Chair signed the minutes.
3. **Chair's report on the previous year – Cllr E Cooper.** Cllr Cooper outlined the Parish Council's activities over the last 12 months:
 - The Council were unable to form in May following the local elections due to being inquorate, hence there was no Annual Parish Meeting.
 - The Council was without a clerk in the early part of the year so ex Cllr J Cooper carried out the role on a voluntary basis until the current clerk was employed in August 2023.
 - There remains two vacancies for councillors on the council.
 - Outer Dowsing plan for a sub station at Bilsby had the plug pulled on it
 - Various other planning matters are still ongoing
 - The new noticeboard had been installed at Farlesthorpe
 - The defibrillator at Farlesthorpe was being checked and looked after by Cllr J Hudson
 - The Speed Indicator Device is working and Cllr N Gaston keeps repositioning it around the village
4. **Financial Report - K Culley, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.** K Culley produced the end of year financial statement for 2022/23 and the agreed budget for the current financial year. Expenditure had been much as expected other than there had been a lower expenditure on the clerk's salary due to there being no paid clerk for a few months. Copies attached.
5. **Residents' questions and comments.** There being no members of the public present the Chair closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 19.32 hours.

Signed by the Chair:

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