

BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
3rd August 2023
At Holy Trinity Church, Bilsby

Present: Cllrs E. Cooper (Chairman), N. Gaston, D. Morley (A. Carolan & J. Hudson at minute 16)
Mrs J. Cooper (Acting Temporary Clerk)
Cllrs S. Devereaux and G. Marsh (ELDC)
2 members of the public

There were no issues raised during the public session.

15 APOLOGIES

There were none.

16 CO-OPTION

There were two candidates applying for councillor vacancies:

Andrew Carolan – Moat House, Bilsby

Proposed Cllr Morley, seconded Cllr Gaston and it was **resolved** to co-opt Cllr Carolan.

Julie Hudson, Orchard Leaze

Proposed Cllr Morley, seconded Cllr Gaston and it was **resolved** to co-opt Cllr Hudson.

Cllrs Carolan and Hudson joined the meeting and completed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Acting Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council.

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 7TH JUNE 2023

It was **resolved** that these be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting, with a slight amendment to minute 14 to read 3rd August not 1st.

19 UPDATES FROM THAT MEETING

Cllr Devereaux had obtained information requested by Cllr Cooper on how it was checked that conditions were being adhered to when no Building Regulations inspections were carried out – this was in particular reference to the chicken unit application. It was agreed that it was unsatisfactory but that if the Parish Council had any concerns then it should contact ELDC Enforcement Department to investigate.

20 ELDC/LCC REPRESENTATIVES UPDATE

There was no LCC representative.

Cllr Cooper asked about the delay on determining the application for two dwellings adj Jasmine Cottage – Cllr Marsh advised that the applicant had asked for more time.

Discussion on the calling in method for applications, it was pointed out to Cllrs Marsh and Devereaux that a time limit of 4 weeks existed; Cllr Devereaux explained the process where ward members put forward applications to a panel, who then make the decision as to whether to call in applications or not.

Cllr Marsh outlined ELDC's Regional Joint Strategy, four main areas – Growth & Prosperity; Healthy Lives: Safer Communities and Enhancing the Environment. Consultation will be out shortly. Warm Homes grant funding still available, problems with getting information out to those people more likely to need assistance. One method involved working with Peterborough Council in having a bus in the villages giving out information.

Cllr Devereaux outlined a Household Support Grant of up to £300 to working households.

21 FINANCIAL

a) Request from Holy Trinity church for grant towards churchyard maintenance. Acting Clerk advised that there was £650 in budget, last year a grant of £400 was given with the remaining funds available for Farlesthorne church if needed. After discussion it was proposed (Cllr Morley), seconded (Cllr Hudson) and **resolved** that £450 be given to Holy Trinity.

- b) Accounts for payment:
It was **resolved** that the following be paid:
Bilsby PCC £450 grant
Cllr Morley £60.45 – reimbursement for plants and compost for village planters.
- c) Additional cheque signatories:
Cllr Gaston had completed the application form, Acting Clerk to send to Barclays.
- d) Internal Audit Report
internal Auditor had no issues to raise.

22 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from External Auditors confirming registered exempt from full audit.
Zurich Insurance confirming payment received.
E mail from resident on Back Lane concerned at overgrown hedges, it was confirmed that all those hedges/overgrowth identified had now been cut back.
Concern was also mentioned at the laurel hedge on the corner of Thurlby Road/Alford Road junction which was making visibility when pulling out to the right difficult due to the curve of the road. It was agreed to approach the property owner.

23 APPLICATION FOR PARISH CLERK

One application received, and it was agreed to interview immediately after the meeting as the candidate was present.

24 OUTER DOWSING

Cllrs Cooper and Morley had attended a joint meeting between Huttoft, Anderby, Mumby and Bilsby Parish Councils, to which a representative from Well Parish Meeting attended. Following that meeting letters of objection had been sent to the consultation application currently lodged with ELDC.
Cllr Marsh confirmed that ELDC were monitoring the application.
Outer Dowsing had contacted the Parish Council for representatives to attend a Community Liaison Meeting in Alford on 10th August and it was agreed to nominate Cllrs Cooper and Gaston, with Cllr Carolan as reserve.

25 PLANNING

There were no applications to consider.
Decisions received:
1072/23 – Orchard Leaze – Gazebos, bin store and picnic tables – conditionally approved (to be in according with the plans)
472/23 – Egg producing unit Thurlby Road – conditionally approved (to be in accordance with approved plans; flood warning and evacuation plan to be approved; external materials to be as specified; to be in accordance with flood risk plans; landscaping to be approved; to be only for free range birds max 58,000; trailers used to remove manure to be covered.
Additional note – access to be approved by LCC Highways).

26 ANY OTHER MATTERS

Notice Board Farlesthorne – Acting Clerk had approached a contractor who said he would fit it. Agreed to permit Acting Clerk to liaise, obtain quote and if less than £150 to authorise action.
Viking Link – it was agreed to write to ask when they would be lifting the entrances and removing all 40 mph signs from the verges.
Eversleigh – Cllr Marsh updated members – owner had passed away and daughter was now dealing with the property. Been given two month extension of time due to bereavement.
Believed a quote was being obtained for costs for work.

27 NEXT MEETING

This was agreed at 5th October – note this was amended following interview with prospective Parish Clerk to 12th October.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm