

BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
11 January 2024 at Holy Trinity Church, Bilsby

Present: Cllrs E. Cooper (Chair), N. Gaston, A. Carolan & J. Hudson and Mrs K Culley (Parish Clerk)
Cllrs G. Marsh (ELDC) and S Devereux (ELDC)

There were no members of the public in attendance.

59. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs N Simmonds and D Morley due to illness.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

61. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 07 DECEMBER 2023

It was resolved to amend the sub paragraphs at item 51 to read "...the council resolved to support..." as opposed to "agree". It was resolved the minutes be signed by the Chairman as amended as a correct record of that meeting.

62. UPDATES FROM THAT MEETING

Cllr Gaston reported that he is charging the speed indicator sign and will then move it to Thurlby Road tomorrow.

63. ELDC/LCC REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr Marsh (ELDC) informed the meeting the consultation for the ELDC budget would be sent out shortly. He explained ELDC could meet its budget without going into the reserves but that there would be an increased level payable to the Independent Drainage Boards. This currently equates to 64% of the council tax payments which the District Council are legally obliged to pay.

Cllr Marsh also informed the meeting the reduction scheme for eligible council taxpayers would continue and would now include care leavers up to the age of 25.

The Chairman told the meeting he thought it was inevitable that the National Grid pylons would go ahead. Cllr Marsh said LCC were asking people to object as they wanted to see the infrastructure going underground instead.

64. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FOR THE TRAINING SESSION WITH A PLANNING OFFICER

Cllr Marsh would look at putting forward dates once the weather was a bit warmer. It was agreed to raise the matter again at the next meeting.

65. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON EVERSLEIGH (ELDC CLLRS)

There were no updates on this matter.

66. FINANCIAL:

a) It was resolved that the following accounts be paid:

(i) Clerk's salary and expenses- £201.30

(ii) New laptop and security software paid for by the clerk - £468.99

(iii) J Cooper – recorded delivery letter to Barclays Bank - £2.75

(iv) Re-issue cheque for Alford Garden Services to S Hewson -£360

(v) It was noted the British Legion payment (Cheque 675) at Agenda Item 34a is a £20 invoice for poppies and a £5 donation

b) Council received and approved the 9 monthly financial statement

c) Council approved the finalised budget and resolved the Chairman sign the precept request for £3,800.00

- d) The clerk informed the meeting that following a complaint by her, Barclays Bank had now updated her as the new administrator of the account and had sent a new mandate for the cheque signatories to include Cllrs Cooper, Morley and Gaston.

67. CORRESPONDENCE – any additional correspondence received which is not part of the agenda.

The email from Cllr C Matthews was received and its contents noted.

68. PLANNING

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

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

- i. **N/016/02026/23 application for 5 holiday lodges- Land South and East Of Bilsby Hall, Thurlby Road, Bilsby** – This was approved at the planning committee meeting this morning
- ii. **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. – Nothing heard. Cllr Marsh will enquire about progress.
- iii. **N/016/00733/23 | Planning Permission - Erection of 2no. dwellings and construction of a vehicular and pedestrian access. Land Adjacent Jasmine Cottage, Alford Road, Bilsby** – Update received by email. An extension has been agreed to 15 February 2024.
- iv. **EZY/ 0114/23/TPA Consultation to fell sycamore, The Manor, Sutton Road, Bilsby** – A report has been received from the Arboricultural Officer stating the tree was beyond preservation but must be replaced by a similar size tree on maturity

69. TO CONSIDER ANY COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE PARISH FOR THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

Various suggestions were discussed. It is believed the church bell is not in working condition. The possibility of lighting up the church either inside and/or out was discussed. It was agreed everyone would consider the matter further for discussion again at the March meeting.

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

- Damaged road outside church. Cllr Deveraux confirmed this had been reported on fix my street and a contractor had been instructed to repair. Clerk to chase if necessary
- The verge outside the church is damaged and owner unclear. Clerk to report on fix my street
- Cllr Hudson expressed an interest in training. This will be available in the new financial year when Council approved to join the LALC Annual Training Scheme
- Cllr Hudson would like to claim travel expenses for monthly inspection of the defibrillator. Clerk to look into setting this up.

71. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

7 March 2024