

BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
7 December 2023 at Holy Trinity Church, Bilsby

Present: Cllrs E. Cooper (Chair), N. Gaston, D. Morley, A. Carolan & J. Hudson, N Simmonds and Mrs K Culley (Parish Clerk)
Cllrs C Matthews (LCC) and G. Marsh (ELDC)
4 members of the public

Public Forum

A Member of Public spoke on behalf of residents of Back Lane with regard to the planning application for 5 holiday lodges on land South and East of Bilsby Hall, Bilsby. Objections to the application were made about only 2 residents being consulted, the closeness of the lodges to the residents' garden boundaries causing a loss of privacy and enjoyment of their gardens and the fact any benefits of the application would be outweighed by the hardship caused to residents.

42. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from ELDC Cllr S Deveraux.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

51.ai. N/016/02026/23 application for 5 holiday lodges- Land South and East Of Bilsby Hall, Thurlby Road, Bilsby

It was resolved to bring this matter forward on the agenda for discussion at this stage as the matter had been raised by members of the public still present. Councillors discussed the lack of detail provided with the application and the potential pros and cons before resolving unanimously to object to the application on the grounds of loss of amenity, lack of infrastructure to cope with the development, such as drainage and the detriment to the parish outweighing the benefits.

44. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 12 OCTOBER 2023

It was resolved that these be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

45. UPDATES FROM THAT MEETING

Robert Aldrich has now been instructed to install the noticeboard at Farlesthorne

46. ELDC/LCC REPRESENTATIVES UPDATE

Cllr C Matthews (LCC) informed the meeting County Council had brought forward their agreement to the Devoluton proposals at their meeting this week. He pointed out that it was not just a government reorganisation but would provide us with a direct link to central government through the single figure of the Mayor. This would allow bigger initiatives to be put forward and the new unitary authorities would be able to better serve us.

Cllr Matthews confirmed he had now sent out a document setting out the County's views on the energy infrastructure and pointed out that devolution would allow for a better say in issues affecting the County such as this.

Cllr Deveraux (ELDC) sent apologies due to being poorly so the Clerk read her email to the Council sending her best wishes for Christmas and a reminder that Festive Friends would take place at the Corn Exchange again Christmas Day for anyone wanting a cuppa and a chat.

Cllr Marsh (ELDC) agreed with Cllr Matthews that devolution would be a good thing for the District and would hopefully lead to a reorganisation of local government. The District would now be better represented at the table and would be better served by Unitary Authorities.

47. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON EVERSLEIGH (ELDC CLLRS) AND A POSSIBLE TIMESCALE GOING FORWARDS

Cllr G Marsh confirmed he had expressed concern to the Chief Executive that matters were no further along a year later. He is arranging a meeting with the Chief Executive and Head of Planning

in order to agree a timetable with them for the way forward. Cllr Marsh did not believe there was any merit to a Parish Councillor being present at future meetings on the matter.

- 48. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON THE 2 PROPERTIES ON THE LAND ADJACENT TO JASMINE COTTAGE**
The Chair pointed out this had been held up for a further two months. Whilst he accepted there may be a good reason for doing so he wanted to know the reason for it and asked if Cllr Marsh had established the reasons for it. Cllr Marsh explained both sides had agreed the extension but that he was not entitled to be told the reason why. He confirmed that if there was to be a material change to the planning application the Parish Council would be consulted again otherwise their previously made objections are held on file to be taken into account.
- 49. FINANCIAL**
- a) Accounts for payment:**
It was resolved that the following be paid:
- (i) Clerk's salary and expenses- including NJC backdated payrise £410.68
 - (ii) Annual Microsoft package £59.99
 - (iii) Alford Garden Services- annual grasscutting £360.00
- b) To consider the increased price for annual grasscutting service – quote for £450 –** It was resolved to accept the new quote
- c) To receive and approve 6 monthly financial statement –** It was resolved to accept the statement
- d) To receive and consider the draft budget – including a training element –** After discussion about the amount of reserves required to be held by the Parish Council it was resolved to approve the draft budget
- e) To receive an update on Barclays Bank re cheque signatories and change of address –** The clerk informed the meeting that Barclays Bank would not talk to her but had told a signatory they had not received the forms previously sent to update the addresses and signatories. This had therefore been resent by recorded delivery and had now been received by the bank according to the post office.
- f) To consider purchasing a new laptop & security software for the Parish Council –** The clerk updated the Council on the attempts to improve the laptop but that it was still too slow due to its age and originally running on Windows 7. It was resolved to purchase a new laptop and the Clerk and Cllr Carolan liaise to research a laptop of at least 256GB up to a maximum value of £600.
- 50. CORRESPONDENCE – any additional correspondence received which is not part of the agenda.**
Devolution of Lincolnshire County
This has been discussed in the update from Cllr Matthews
- 51. PLANNING**
- a. The following applications were considered:**
- i. N/016/02026/23 application for 5 holiday lodges- Land South and East Of Bilsby Hall, Thurlby Road, Bilsby- discussed earlier in the meeting below agenda item 43
 - ii. N/016/02049/23 application for amendment to previously agreed plan to 1 Manor Farm Cottage, Sutton Road, Bilsby – It was resolved to support the application providing that the two cottages were uniform in their appearance by both having a pitched roof.
 - iii. N/016/01710/23 application to use existing temporary access as a permanent access - Viking Link Rdx28 Land East Of, Sutton Road, Bilsby. – It was resolved to support the application.
 - iv. N/016/01711/23 application to use existing temporary access as a permanent access - Viking Link Rdx28 Land West Of, Sutton Road, Bilsby. – It was resolved to support the application. In discussing these applications Cllr G Marsh offered the Parish Council a training session with a planning officer to talk about how the planning system worked and suggested he put forward possible dates for this to happen. Cllr Matthews suggested the Councillors attended planning training to understand the valid objections that would be considered by the planning team. The clerk said this training would be available to them via LALC once they joined the annual training scheme next year. The Chair said the Council should pursue both.
 - v. EZY/ 0114/23/TPA Consultation to fell sycamore, The Manor, Sutton Road, Bilsby – It was resolved that Cllr D Morley would speak to the Tree Preservation Officer to see if it was possible to

try and save the tree before agreeing to it being felled and if it did need felling whether a replacement could be agreed. The clerk would seek a further extension on time to allow this to happen.

vi. S/086/01195/23 Outer Dowsing windfarm – The consultation was noted. Cllr Carolan had tried to attend a webinar but the technology failed so he had been unable to participate. Council had nothing further to add.

b. To note the update on the Lincs Powerline Upgrade Scheme - Grimsby to Walpole – The Clerk informed the meeting she had great difficulty trying to obtain further information on the scheme but had finally received a response stating there would be no more information available until next year when the first consultation started. Cllr Matthews asked the clerk to email him with the difficulties faced over the consultation so he could feed it back.

c. To receive and note any decisions made –

i. N/016/01815/23 Willow Tree Farm - approved with conditions - Noted

ii. N/016/01886/23 – Orchard Leaze - approved with conditions - Noted

d. To note any actions by ELDC Enforcement Team - None

52. THE FOLLOWING POLICIES WERE REVIEWED, APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

a. Standing Orders

b. Financial Regulations

c. Code of Conduct

d. Data Protection Policy

e. Planning Policy

53. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MEETING DATES FOR NEXT YEAR.

These were approved subject to Cllr Gaston liaising with the clerk about the meetings in March and May as he was going to Australia.

54. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR AT FARLESTHORPE

Cllr Hudson informed the meeting the defibrillator was now registered with herself and the Clerk and she was carrying out regular checks on it. Council resolved that monthly meetings would be sufficient and that they were not concerned about it having a lock on it. The clerk informed the meeting that LIVES were responsible for the one near to the petrol station so was not a Parish Council responsibility.

55. TO CONSIDER ASKING THE PRIDE TEAM TO CARRY OUT ANY TASKS IN THE PARISH

It was resolved to ask the Pride Team if they would consider cleaning the verges along the main roads in Bilsby which were badly littered.

56. TO CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY FOOD GROWING PROJECT

It was agreed that without any suitable land it would not be possible to consider the project any further.

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

- The Chair informed Cllr Matthews a member of public was complaining about the state of Crawcroft Lane and that Asserby Lane was also bad. Cllr Matthews asked the Chair to send an email to him and confirmed he would have a look. He said the best way forward is for the matter to be reported on fix my street and then the reference number can be passed onto him so he can chase up work not being done. He confirmed that works were due to be carried out on Crawcroft Lane but may be slow as the same team carries out the gritting work at this time of year.
- Cllr Carolan raised the issue of speeding drivers as they came into the 30mph zone in Bilsby from Thursby. Cllr Gaston said he could move the SID to that location but it was not able to record information to pass to the police. Cllr Matthews suggested looking at the Lincolnshire Road Safety partnership if the Council wanted to consider setting up a Speedwatch Team

58. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

11 January 2024

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.23pm