

BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD  
12 October 2023  
At Holy Trinity Church, Bilsby

Present: Cllrs E. Cooper (Chair), N. Gaston, D. Morley, A. Carolan & J. Hudson (N Simmonds at minute 16). Mrs K Culley Parish Clerk  
Cllrs C Matthews LCC (at minute 31), Cllrs S. Devereaux and G. Marsh (ELDC)  
2 members of the public

There were no issues raised during the public session.

**28. APOLOGIES**

There were none.

**29. CO-OPTION**

There was one candidate applying for a councillor vacancy - Norman Simmonds

It was **resolved** to co-opt Cllr Simmonds.

Cllr Simmonds joined the meeting and completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was countersigned by the Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council.

**30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hudson declared an interest in agenda item 37a (iii)

**31. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 3 AUGUST 2023**

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

**32. UPDATES FROM THAT MEETING**

The Clerk informed the meeting that an estimate for approximately £50 had been received from Aldrich Garden Services to install the new noticeboard at Farlesthorne which he could complete during the quieter winter months. It was **resolved** the Clerk instruct him to carry out the work.

The clerk updated the Council the 40mph speed signs had now been removed by Viking Link.

**33. ELDC/LCC REPRESENTATIVES UPDATE**

Cllr C Matthews (LCC) informed the meeting that although Outer Dowsing was not going to locate a substation in the parish, the power lines were still under discussion and they required two substations. To be discussed at agenda item 37a (v). Cllr Matthews confirmed LCC would continue to resist both wind and solar farm applications on agricultural land. Cllr Marsh (ELDC) informed the council that the court action for Eversleigh was still proceeding in order to try and save the grade 1 listed building. As the owner had failed to attend meetings at the property the next step was to obtain a warrant for access to the property for inspection by an architect to establish the condition of the building.

**34. FINANCIAL**

**a) Accounts for payment:**

It was **resolved** that the following be paid:

ELDC                    £194.00 - election fees

K Culley                £329.69 – Clerk's expenses and salary for 21 Aug – 21 Oct 2023

Cllr Morley            £38.16 – reimbursement for plants, bulbs and compost for village planters

British Legion        £25.00 – purchase of poppy wreath

**b) Update on cheque signatories and change of bank correspondence address**

The bank has not updated the signatories but will not allow the clerk to update until she is amended as the new account administrator. It was **resolved** a letter and bank form be signed by two existing signatories authorising this.

**c) To consider using the clerk's own laptop for Parish Council use**

After discussion Council were concerned this would be a breach of the data protection rules and the Council wanted to keep its own laptop so this was therefore not advisable. Council

discussed looking at seeing if the old laptop could be improved. It was **resolved** Cllr Carolan would liaise with the clerk to have it looked at by a professional contact.

**d) Update for the annual Microsoft package**

Council **resolved** the Chair and Clerk work together to find the best IT solution for the Council with a preauthorised expenditure up to £100.

**35. CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter of complaint about overgrowth on the bend at Pippins Back Lane, Bilsby – The Council were informed this matter had been looked into by Highways who did not consider it to be an issue. It was resolved the clerk to write to the member of public to inform them. Email from Fix My Street re overgrowth at the bridge on the B1449 between Thurlby and Mumby - confirmed the work would be done when the road was closed for further roadworks. Newsletters for general circulation to Councillors - The Councillors **resolved** the Clerk to filter the PSE and Rural Bulletin newsletters for several months to see if anything of use before looking at unsubscribing from these.

**36. OUTER DOWSING**

It was noted by Council that the parish was no longer being considered as a site for the substation. However, the Chair felt it important the Council attend the next meeting at Hogsthorpe on 19 October. It was **resolved** Cllr Gaston would go and either Cllr Morley or Cllr Carolan. Cllr Hudson would also attend in addition if she could.

**37. PLANNING**

a) The following applications were considered:

(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. – The Council expressed concern that the plans submitted were inaccurate as the plan showed some of the neighbouring property as being included in the application. It was also unclear whether the application is an extension of what has been previously approved or whether it is to be demolished and whether it should have included a new access. Concerns were also raised by the Chair about the scale of the proposed application in its landscape. The councillors had differing views on whether the substantive application was acceptable. However, it was unanimously agreed and **resolved** to object to the application as it currently stood due to the inaccuracies and lack of clarity.

(ii) N/016/01815/23 Willow Tree, Sutton Road, Bilsby, Alford, LN13 9PX - Erection of a replacement dwelling and construction of a carport on site of an existing dwelling which is to be demolished (works already started) – It was **resolved** to approve the application by a majority vote.

(iii) N/016/01886/23 Orchard Leaze, Huttoft Road, Thurlby, Alford, LN13 9JW - Extension and alterations to an existing log and tractor store (works already started) – It was **resolved** to approve the application.

(iv) Update on Erection two dwellings adj Jasmine Cottage, Bilsby – The application had been made over 6 months ago but no decision had been made and no reason has been given for the delay despite requests by Council and Cllr Deveraux. Cllr Deveraux confirmed she would chase the matter again.

(v) Lincolnshire Powerline Upgrade Scheme – The map and information given is vague as to the location of the powerlines and substations. It was **resolved** the Clerk would write to Arup and Aecom for further information on the proposed location and information on where they would be carrying out the environmental impact assessment.

b) To receive and note any decisions made - None.

c) To note any actions by ELDC Enforcement Team – None

**38. To discuss the management of the defibrillator at Farlesthorne**

The Clerk confirmed she needed to liaise with the previous acting clerk to hand over the website management of the defibrillator. It was noted that there was also a further defibrillator in the parish at the petrol station which no-one seemed to know anything about. Cllr Matthews suggested the parish used Safelincs to manage them as Alford Town Council were now doing. Cllr Hudson agreed to take over the management of the

defibrillators. It was **resolved** Cllr Hudson and the Clerk would liaise to organise the management of both defibrillators .

**39. To consider the Grassroots funding available for community projects**

It was **resolved** the Council would consider any projects they might like to consider for which the Council may wish to apply for funding for further discussion at the next meeting. It was further **resolved** the Clerk would contact the Bilsby & District Group Effort (BADGE) to enquire about funding held by them.

**40. Any other Matters for general discussion (not decision) or items for next agenda**

Review of Council policies and procedures

Possible projects for the parish

Council meeting dates for 2024

Need for a further dog litterbin in the parish? Clerk to send Cllr Carolan details required should Council wish to apply for a further bin.

**41. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 7 December 2023 at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48pm