

BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
6 March 2025 at 7pm in Holy Trinity Church, Bilsby

Present: Cllrs A. Carolan (Chair), N. Gaston (Vice Chair), D Morley, E. Cooper, J. Hudson and D Coppack.

Also present: Mr M Rudd (Parish Clerk), Cllr C Matthews (LCC) and Cllr G Marsh (ELDC). No members of the public in attendance.

Absent: Cllr N Simmonds.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

85. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 19.00 hours.

86. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr S Devereux (ELDC).

87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

88. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2025

Cllr Carolan asked the Clerk to confirm the potential funding options for a village Christmas tree with ELDC.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings held and these were signed by the Chair.

89. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES AND CORRESPONDENCE NOT ITEMISED ON THE AGENDA

Two applications for tree works covered by Tree Protection Orders: Church House and Bilsby Hall had been approved by the Council Tree Warden.

Cllr Carolan will be attending the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Project Community Liaison meeting on 25 March in Wainfleet All Saints.

90. FINANCIAL:

a. Payments for approval:

Mr M Rudd – Clerk Salary - £313.20

Bilsby PCC – Church Hire - £150.00

LALC Annual Subscription 2025/26- £174.06

Printing Paper - £6.49

Proposed, Seconded and RESOLVED to approve.

LALC Annual Training Scheme 2025/26 - £144.00. Councillors decided not to approve payment

b. Approve and Sign Unity Bank Account Change Management Form:

Councillors signed the authorisation form.

c. Other financial matters:

Councillors noted the Accounting Statement to 31 January 2025 and Bank Reconciliation.

Cllr Gaston stated that Bilsby PCC were reviewing costs of Bilsby Church maintenance. Cllr Gaston will bring a proposal to reduce costs to a future Parish Council meeting.

91. PLANNING:

a. APP/D25010/W/24/3355990 LAND ADJACENT JASMINE COTTAGE, ALFORD ROAD, BILSBY: Appeal – a formal objection to the existing plans was sent to the Planning Inspectorate.

b. N/016/01312/24 LAND EAST OF IVY HOUSE FARM, FARLESTHORPE: – full planning permission granted.

92. TO RECEIVE ANY GENERAL UPDATES FROM LCC AND ELDC REPRESENTATIVES

a. ELDC – Cllr Marsh noted that work is started on the reorganisation of local government. Very much work in progress and the changes will impact the work of Parish Councils.

b. LCC – Cllr Matthews stated that Victoria Atkins MP was planning a community meeting focussing on the ‘Impact on the local community of the planned pylons’. The meeting would take place at Bilsby Church on 4 April. Councillors fully supported the proposed meeting. Cllr Matthews (LCC) would confirm details in due course.

93. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION

Cllr Gaston noted the recent Lincolnshire Flood & Water Management Scrutiny Report and the need for Parish Councils to have an Emergency Plan in place for flooding events. Cllr Gaston will look into the matter and update Councillors at the future meeting.

Cllr Marsh (ELDC) provided an update on Everleigh Cottage. An investigation is being conducted by a heritage architect who will recommend a way forward to address the long on-going issues with the property.

Cllr Carolan confirmed that he had sent dates for a potential meeting with representatives of BADGE and is currently awaiting a response.

Cllr Carolan noted the amount of litter of road verges throughout the village and suggested organising a village litter pick. The Clerk would check if ELDC Pride Team would be able to help address the problem.

94. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8 May 2025 – Annual Parish and Annual Statutory meetings.

Cllr Hudson noted her absence at the next meeting.

95. THERE BEEN NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:04PM

Signed by the Chair:

Date: