

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BILSBY
ON 4TH JULY 2019

Present: Cllrs Morley (Chair); Cooper; Bailey; Wilson-Brown; Gaston & Scarisbrick.
Cllr G. Marsh (ELDC)
Cllr S. Devereaux (ELDC)
Cllr C. Matthews (LCC)
3 members of the public

Cllr J. Cooper took the minutes

During the public session it was noted that the footpath running along the back of the bungalows on Alford Road, Bilsby was difficult to access due to being overgrown. To be reported to the footpaths officer.

It was also reported that trees belonging to The Firs, Thurlby Road were obscuring the road signs, to be reported through FixMyStreet.

Cllr Matthews (LCC) reported that there will shortly be a consultation document sent to Parish Councils from LCC on footpaths and highway matters including cutting.

A request for the next newsletter to ask cyclists to wear high visibility clothing.

Cllr Marsh (ELDC) advised that he had been approached by two members of the public concerned that the planning meeting had not been properly advertised and that a Parish Councillor had not been informed of the meeting. ELDC and LCC members had also not been invited. Discussion followed on the requirements to declare personal or prejudicial interests, and whether members of the Parish Council should have declared either. He was advised that the meeting had been properly advertised, that a councillor had decided to abstain from voting and this had been agreed by Council, that the Parish Councillor had been missed from the notification in error and this had been corrected.

Cllr Marsh also congratulated Cllr Matthews on achieving work on the footpath on Thurlby Road.

73 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies

74 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none declared at this time.

75 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD 9TH MAY 2019 AND 29TH MAY 2019**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chairman sign the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held 9th May 2019 and the Extra Meeting held 29th May 2019 as correct record.

76 **FINANCIAL**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the following accounts be paid:
Clerks salary & Expenses (May & June) - £237.89; ELDC Local Plan - £42.04; Bilsby DCC grant for grass cutting - £400.00; Expenses – Cllr Morley for plants - £32.50.

77 **PLANNING**

Application N16/1090/19 – outline erection of two dwellings, land adj Two Ways, Alford Road, Bilsby.

Cllr Gaston felt the four dwellings on the opposite side of the road to the application site added to the entrance to the village giving an affluent impact on the village and that the proposal for two on the application site would add balance to the entrance. She also stated that she was a personal friend of the applicant and as such would abstain from voting. Cllr Morley declared she was also a friend of the applicant.

Cllr Cooper felt that as the Parish Council had objected to the application previously and nothing appeared to have changed in the new application, that the Council should object on the same grounds as previously, that the site was outside the continuous built form of the village and therefore against policy SP4 of the Local Plan and against policy SP25 in that it would result in a loss of visual relief gap. It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Parish Council would object on the same grounds as the previous application, being: “It is considered that this application is in contradiction to the Local Plan Strategic Policy (SP4) and (SP25), as the proposed buildings are sited beyond the existing developed footprint of the village and would result in the loss of visual relief currently created by the land gap. Development of this open space would detract from the current arrangement of building at the “gateway” entrance to the village, altering the appearance and character at this prominent point”.

Cllr Gaston abstained from voting.

78 **BADGE**

There was general discussion on whether the Council would gain anything from working with BADGE, however it was noted that no one seemed to be aware of when the AGM was to be held and where. It was agreed that the Council write to the Chairman and ask when and where the AGM was to be held so that members of the public may attend.

79 **LALC CLUSTER QUESTIONNAIRE**

This was completed, the Council felt there was no benefit from cluster working at this moment.

80 **SPEEDING ISSUES**

It was felt that the siting of the Speed Indicator Device was helping somewhat to reduce speeding, however it was agreed that in order to fully assess any speeding issues the Council would benefit from having the data. Cllr Marsh (ELDC) advised that the Speed Indicator had the capability of recording data for downloading which would indicate the number of vehicles during a given period and the speed. It was agreed that this is something that the Council would look at doing once suitable PC equipment was available and Cllr Marsh would assist in the initial downloading.

Cllr Matthews (LCC) advised that Mablethorpe and Sutton Town Council had set up a working group to look at speeding issues and to have members of the community trained in the use of “speed guns”; there was some concern at the vulnerability of the public carrying out these actions without police protection, Cllrs Wilson-Brown and Morley had been on the receiving end of heavy questioning from drivers when they operated the “SID” device in the village.

81 **BILSBY POST BOX**

It was noted that the post box on Alford Road did not have any indication plates relating to times of collection – Clerk to write to Post Office on this.

82 **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Mandate form returned from Barclays requiring additional information – Dot and Jen to sign. Confirmed with LALC that G Marsh can countersign cheques as current signatory until mandate fully amended. Completed and forwarded to Barclays

b. Letter from Bilsby Holy Trinity Church Requesting Grant donation. Already circulated by email. Budgeted donation = £400. Actioned and cheque payment raised

c. LALC Clustering questionnaire – from previous meeting, Council to review and decide whether to return any comments. Agenda item above.

d. Letter from ELDC planning enforcement confirming registration for any updates relating to Thurlby Road Farm. For information

- e. LALC Service Level Agreement – copy for reference emailed to councillors
- f. Letter from ELDC Planning informing of change in planning consultation process to be fully online. Council to review and comment if required. It was resolved to acknowledge acceptance of the fully online process but to request if plans could be produced in a hard copy where their complexity is difficult to view on screen.
- g. Copy of the Transport Services Group Performance Report – copy already emailed to councillors.
- h. Copy of email received from PCSO Barnaby – apologies for not being able to attend meeting confirmation of current position regarding speeding issues for Bilksby.

83 **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

Cllr Marsh advised that the legal team at ELDC were looking at issuing proceedings against the owners of Eversleigh.

He also advised that at present the flooding issues at Wainfleet were taking priority.

He informed Councillors of a new initiative “Reserved Members Day” when representatives of the Parish Council could be invited to attend training sessions with District Councillors.

Cllr Gaston indicated her willingness to attend any planning training available.

Cllr Marsh also raised potential future engagement of Parish Councils with their local Town Councils, whereby Parish Councillors could sit on town Council meetings where matters discussed could have impact on surrounding parishes .

84 **LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Cllr Matthews reported on potential improvements to Huttoft Car Terrace, with the rebuilding of the boat shed to be run as a café and revamping the toilets. An ANPR camera would be installed to prevent abuse of the terrace. The North Sea Observatory would be having another official day in July, invitation only.

He again advised of a forthcoming Highways consultation and the benefits of training at LALC level.

He asked if there were any highways issues known in respect of the application at Two Ways, and Cllr Wilson-Brown raised the poor state of the footpath from the Bridge over the drain running towards Alford.

85 **PCSO REPORT**

This had been noted under correspondence.

86 **ADMINISTRATION MATTERS.**

The Clerk had sent a report advising that the laptop provided was slow and had out of date software installed. It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to obtain quotations and specifications for a replacement laptop and bring to the next meeting. The Clerk also asked for an office allowance to cover use of home telephone and other home equipment and this was agreed at £3 a week. It was also agreed to pay travelling expenses for trips other than attending Council meetings at the standard rate of £0.45 per mile and that the Clerk look at updating and adding information on the current website.

87 **ANY OTHER MATTERS/NEXT AGENDA**

There were no other matters.

Next Agenda: Laptop specifications and costings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Appendix 87a

Accounts for Payment

Meeting

04.07.2019

Payee	Net	VAT	Total	Chq.No
ELDC – Local Plan	42.04	0.00	42.04	100560
DCC Grant	400.00	0.00	400.00	100561
Expenses – D Morely Flowers for troughs	32.50	0.00	32.50	100562
Mrs M Hoad Salary & Expenses May & June	237.89	0.00	237.89	100563
HMRC	48.04	0.00	48.04	100564
	760.47		760.47	

Signed :

..... Chairman

Date:

..... Clerk

Date: