

**MINUTES OF BILSBY & FARLESTHORPE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**HELD IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BILSBY**  
**ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 @ 7PM**

Present: Cllrs Marsh, Cooper, Bailey, Wilson-Brown, Morley.

Acting Clerk – M Hoad

17 members of the public present.

**Apologies:** Cllr Gaston

Email correspondence had been received from Nick Bradshaw who had decided not to accept his Position on the Council following the election. Reasons for absence/non acceptance were accepted – proposed Cllr Bailey, seconded Cllr Morley

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed how nice it was to see so many residents present. For everyone to better know each other Cllr Marsh requested the members of the Council introduced themselves to residents. Residents were then also asked if they would identify themselves and give an indication how long they had lived in the Parish. Cllr Marsh explained he would be stepping down as Chairman and from the Parish Council but would be representing residents as their District Councillor. His report on the previous year for the Parish Council would be final duties and thanked fellow Cllrs and residents for their support.

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018** – it was resolved to accept the minutes as correct, the chairman signed the minutes.

**Chairman's Report - The year May 2018 to April 2019.** The Council has been actively dealing with issues of concern to its parishioners.

The main issues have been:

- Speeding traffic through the village – with the installation of a reactive speed sign which is positioned alternatively on the Thurlby Road and Sutton Road.
- The state of disrepair of Eversleigh, the Thatched Cottage on Thurlby Road has continued to be of concern. This has resulted in legal action being taken by ELDC Planning Enforcement seeking compulsory purchase in order to have the property repaired.
- The Parish Council have been consultees on all local planning applications

The Parish Council continue to employ a contractor to cut the grass on Bilsby Hill and councillors maintain planters on this area and also on Back Lane.

The Parish donated £400 to assist with the grass cutting in the churchyard.

The Parish Council will continue to do all it can to help with issues of concern and you are encouraged to bring any issues to the Parish Council, either by attending the bi-monthly meetings which are held on the first Thursday of the month, by speaking to a Parish Councillor or by contacting the Parish Clerk by email on [bilsbyfarlesthorpepc@live.co.uk](mailto:bilsbyfarlesthorpepc@live.co.uk) or by logging on to the Parish Council website <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/BilsbyandFarlesthorpe>.

## Financial Report –

### Budget 2019/2020

Grants	£400.00
Floral Displays	£100.00
Grass Cutting	£400.00
Subscriptions	£151.00
Insurance	£210.00
Clerks Salary	£1750.32
Expenses /Stationery	£52.68
Room Hire	£100.00
Sundry Expenses	£18.00
Audit Fees	£50.00
Elections	<u>£200.00</u>
	<b><u>£3432.00</u></b>

### Summary of Expenditure April 2018 – March 2019

	Total YTD
Subscriptions	148.10
Clerks salary/PAYE	1633.02
Grants PCC	400.00
Grass Cutting	225.00
Expenses	30.68
Floral Displays	86.00
Newsletters	16.20
Insurance	198.70
Wreath	17.00
Room Rental	78.00
Donations	50.00
Reactive Speed sign	2095.00
Vat Paid	493.62
	<b>5471.32</b>

### Summary of Income April 2018 – March 2019

	Total YTD
Precept	3432.00
Interest	8.56
Vat Reclaimed	68.40
	<b>3508.96</b>

## Questions and Residents Comments

A resident asked Council what the current position was regarding the Thatched cottage known as Eversleigh. Cllr Marsh informed the meeting that the owner of the property had lost their appeal and ELDC enforcement were seeking a compulsory purchase of the property in order to have essential repairs made. These repairs would be charged to the owner and once completed the balance of value of the property would then be handed given to the owner. Cllr Marsh would keep the Parish Council updated regarding Eversleigh in his new role as District Councillor.

It was noted that the Council's provision of grass cutting of Bilsby Hill kept the village looking tidy and the donation of £400 per annum towards the grass cutting in the churchyard was greatly appreciated. Cllr Morley and Cllr Wilson-Brown were thanked for their work in maintaining the flower troughs in the village.

Speeding was raised as a continuing concern for residents especially along Thursby and Alford roads. A resident stated that crossing the road was considerably dangerous with poor visibility and speeding vehicles. Also, the width of the road at the bend often resulted in lorries cutting across the grass verges. Residents asked Council if any additional action to the reactive speed sign used could be taken to help reduce speeding. Cllr Marsh informed the meeting that unfortunately the road statistics did not meet the required criteria level for either a mobile or static camera to be installed. It was also not within LCC policy to use other road calming techniques such as speed bumps. Cllr Marsh recommended to residents to continue to write and email the Police Commission and Road Protection Service regarding the speeding issue as only a level of public pressure may get them to re-look at the measures for area.

One resident asked if it was legal for the police speed van to park outside a person's property if they hadn't first got permission from the owner. Cllr Marsh stated they would have permission to do so.

A resident stated they had been approached to sign a petition to object to the number of coops and chicken houses at the Fairbourne's site. It was noted that Council had objected to the planning application submitted by Fairbourne's due to the concentration of units within the area and the impact of additional heavy vehicles this would create. The planning decision however at ELDC was to pass the application as long as these heavy vehicles did not use the back lanes.

Residents asked if there were any plans for the village pub to reopen. It was noted that the publican had closed the pub following his decision to retire and his licence had since expired. However, he would be unable to sell the property as anything other than a pub as it would be unlikely that any change of use would be granted. It was suggested that the community could consider purchasing the pub as an asset and could perhaps investigate the option to buy.

Cllr Marsh explained the history around B.A.D.G.E (Bilsby and District Group Effort), of which he had been a founder member. It had originally been set up as a community group providing local events and raising funds. However current members of BADGE appear not to have many community activities running and the funds held by the group are not being used for the benefit of local residents. Cllr Marsh urged residents and fellow Councillors to get involved with BADGE and see whether this organisation could again be of benefit to the Parish.

There were no further questions or comments and the meeting was closed. Cllr Marsh stepped down to join the public for the Annual Parish Council Meeting which directly followed.

Meeting ended 7.40pm

Signed ..... Chairman

Date: .....