

BILSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Bilsthorpe Parish Council Minutes of Meeting held on Monday the 12th February 2024

Present: Cllrs; Ross Stoneman (Chairman), Tim Holloway (Vice Chairman), Arthur Pinnick, Steve Kemp, Flo Mitchell, Hannah Iwanejko, Brian Jackson and Alan Ward
County Councillor Bruce Laughton, 2 residents
Clerk Susan Stack, RFO Kate Bell

206/23 Welcome & opening comments

Cllr Stoneman welcomed everyone to the meeting

207/23 Apologies for absence

R Holloway, Cris Cooper, Paula Prestell

208/23 Declarations of pecuniary and/or personal interest

None

209/23 Chairmans Report

It has been a busy month. I oversaw the fencing contractors and installation.

210/23 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January 2024

It was resolved to approve the minutes (TH/SK)

211/23 Reports from District and County Councillors

County Councillor Bruce Laughton report;

Disappointed that there was no representative regarding the A614 junction changes. A report will be sent for loading on the Council website. Timelines are CPO's have gone through and hoping for first half of May 2024 start date. Warning signs are going up. County council expect costs to be approx.. £5million. There will be a depot installed for the works.

All recycling sites are out to consultation to cut down from 12 to 5 sites. Potentially Bilsthorpe could close. There appears to be mixed views on if residents want a facility or not.

There is a balanced budget for 2024/25 and 2025/26 which is reassuring.

Cllr Laughton will look into additional signage ref one way system and work outside number 98 Kirklington Rd is under investigation.

Cllr Steve Kemp reported that a meeting is arranged for April for a village wide survey of drainage. It is not running away from Maid Marion via the drains as still blocked. Residents reported that a party of 4/5 people from throughout Bilsthorpe are needed by Ross at County to be involved with the flooding plans and understand how the effects of clearing one area is causing problems elsewhere. **County Cllr Laughton left the meeting**

Borough Councillor R Holloway report;

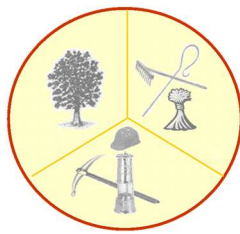
1) I am meeting with senior Officers and the Leader of the Council Cllr. Paul Peacock to discuss the UKSPF funding application for the Professional fees for the new build Village Hall.

2) I have been heavily involved in sorting out issues over Housing issues and ASB for residents

3) I attended the training for the Flood signage scheme and signed up to be a part of the Flood Wardens scheme for Bilsthorpe

4) I have been in touch with Lisa Hughes, Business manager for Planning, to discuss the preapplication advice for the proposed new build. Lisa is arranging for an invoice to be sent to Sue for the Parish Council to approve and send to Kate for payment, I can then provide the required info to Lisa to get the ball rolling. I have sent details of the process to the Clerk/Sue

5) NSDC are proposing to increase Council House rents by 7.7% across the board. I registered my objection to this level of increase at the Cabinet meeting on 23rd January . It will be decided



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at Full Council on 13th February. And I will be registering my vote again at the meeting. The Council is now a Labour/Independent for Newark and District/ Liberal Democrat coalition.

6) I am holding two more District Councillor drop-in sessions on 21st Feb and 20th March at Burton Court 10.00 am - 12 pm

212/23 Questions from the public

Councillors were invited to join the Flood Group involving doing a map review and walking different areas in the village, and further upstream and downstream too. It was suggested that a number of people would be keen to get involved and Cllr R Holloway has indicated interest in the past and S Kemp and Yvonne will be approached.

213/23 Correspondence - to note receipt and agree on actions

None

214/23 To consider planning matters

None

215/23 To consider financial matters

a. To review the pre-approved payments and income received in January 2024, and to authorise any payments for February 2024

Resolved to pay invoices:

Fencing as per previous meeting £10308.80

Pre application charges £744

Bilsthorne Villager costs £17.50

NALC membership £727.04

Squires Brazier £4320

List and Bank reconciliation signed (TH/AW)

Resolved to transfer £35k from Co Op savings to current account (RS/SK)

b. Quotation for bench installation/old bench removal on Kirklington Road £150 from NSDC

It was resolved to accept the quotation (RS/SK)

c. Quotation for Christmas lights – 3 year contract

Existing 11 columns £1408, Install and remove 11 and connect to new power supplies £1375, Supply 6 Fountain displays £660, Remove 9 displays £1125, Poppy display £175 = **TOTAL £5883 per annum from Lite Limited**

Clarification needed re potential new power supplies on existing 11 units.

d. To consider any quotations not included elsewhere on the agenda

None

e. Renewal of NALC membership from April 2024 £727.04

Resolved to accept

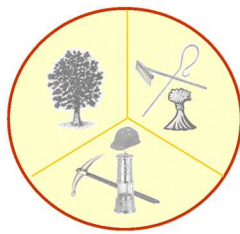
216/23 Village Hall

Outcome of meetings with NSDC and working group held on 31st January 2024 on “New” hall

a) To consider joining RCAN

It was resolved to join RCAN an £75 per year (HI/TH)

b) To consider any changes needed to terms of reference for existing working group or Focus group to expedite progress of consultation, design and planning



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Agreed that a smaller group will work with County and District Officers and other agencies. Membership agreed as T Holloway, R Hollway, R Stonehouse, S Kemp, H Iwanejko (RS/TH)

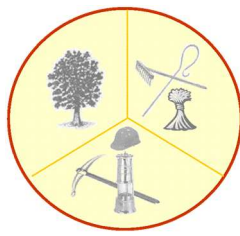
- c) **To note date of next group meeting Thursday 15th February 6.30pm (room booked)**
Noted

To consider quotations received;

- **Topographical Survey £1,275 (standard) additional £375 (rapid) Optional extra services (Survey fixed to OS datum £125, Include OS Master map overlay £145, Boundary Title overlay £165) all from The Survey House**
- **Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) Standard £889, Rapid £1139, Next working day £1499 from Arbtech**
- **Tree survey Standard £589, Rapid £849, Next working day £1159 from Arbtech**
- **Arboricultural Impact assessment Standard £339, Rapid £589, Next working day £889 from Arbtech**
- **BS5837 compliant method statement and tree protection plan Standard £389, Rapid £639, Next working day £949 from Arbtech**
- **Preliminary Roost assessment**
- **Noise survey £819.45 from VIA**
All of the above noted – no further action
- **Quote for pre-application advice £620 or £220 (depending on category) from NSDC**
Approved

217/23 To receive an update on:

- a. Feature to replace Christmas tree**
Family has been consulted and ideas presented to replace tree that is in a bad state. Preference for a work of art and a suggested steel tree was approved subject to secondary approval by the family. Cllr T Holloway progressing.
- b. Community speed watch – new leader needed (TH)**
Cllr T Hollway has all membership details and will make contact on the Council's behalf to ask for a new leader. Query over location of the equipment. Clerk to make contact with Carol. Cllr H Iwanejko will collect if necessary.
- c. The flooding wardens**
Training took place yesterday with 8 members. Very valuable day. Fire service did a talk and it was all positive. The Policy is waiting to be signed off by NCC then signage and PPE will be delivered. Storage of equipment will be distributed throughout the village. Kirklington Rd will be closed nearer to Maid Marion than originally planned. Mickledale Close closure point is as planned. 7 members will monitor and report items to pre-empt things that may occur in the future.
Rufford Parish's County Councillor Scott Carlton has been sent an e-mail by the Flood group to work together with no progress made since initial contact. In general things are moving in the right direction but slowly. Cllr Kemp was thanked for his help.
- d. Safer/Greener grants (awaiting feedback from NSDC)**
Cllr R Hollway to be asked for an update



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e. Crompton road fencing installation

Completed and payment approved

f. Project to renew the gravel and slabs in front of the seats at the war memorial

Work in Progress. Three quotes received £3,136, £4,500 and £2,898 to re-gravel the back, remove rubbish, new stone, different weed cover, block paving under seats to match existing, re-sand existing block paving and point up slabs.

To replace re-gravel with block paving is additional £4,000

Cllr Arthur Pinnick will contact the original contractor who did the initial work to give a quote. It was generally agreed that block paving is a preferred option to re-gravelling.

g. CCTV installation at Maid Marian Park (awaiting quote from VIA)

Clerk to chase up VIA

h. Memorial Tree installation

Cllr Stoneman has confirmed the installation (site agreed). Additional watering will be needed inbetween the fortnightly watering for two years that NSDC are undertaking. Noted that it is not under the tree scheme so any damage will not be covered. Marie may agree to water the tree (quote requested). Key for the park will be needed for access.

i. Transfer of gas supply to Heritage Centre – readings taken jointly on 31st January and sent over.

Done – new meter cannot be fitted due to lack of power supply. Account has been closed from the Council side and a final bill obtained.

j. Overpaid business rates

Awaiting next bill

k. Brazier Installation progress and costs

Completed and paid

218/23 To consider financial support for;

a) Application for grant from 1st Bilsthorpe Scouts £550

It was resolved to award the grant regardless of any previous grant (RS/SK)

b) S106 spend on mower to be owned by the Council but loaned out on a full repairing basis to Bilsthorpe Miners Welfare for use on their pitches (RH)

It was resolved that £15,000 be requested from S106 to purchase a mower (RS/TH) *in principle*. Agreement needs to be put in place for terms of use with help of NSDC and reassurance of suitable insurance/maintenance/H&S procedures etc ahead of any purchase. Cllrs R Stoneman and S Kemp to represent the Council in the negotiations with the welfare.

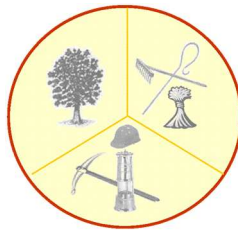
219/23 To consider New Village Signs (TH)

Cllr T Holloway reported that there is a budget for this and next year. It was a Viking village 2-300 years then farmland and farming, Church in 1300's and mining in 1920's. He has used 4 items that reflect the village to put together a design. In Cast aluminium and hand painted, installed and maintained for 4 units on each entry and one in the centre (double sided).

Comparative quotes are £16,400 for 4 and £17,700 for 4. Local supplier used by Notts cc is £11,380. Budget in place for year is currently £12,500.

Single post (double sided) from £3,500.

It was resolved that the project move forward with 5 signs this year and that the budget for Special Projects will be transferred to Village signs £3,000. (RS/SK)



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220/23 To consider and comment on Consultation on relocation of Post Office

The Council will respond supporting the relocation

221/23 Councillor reports

Defib returned – Clerk to send back loan defib. after a couple of weeks in case there are any issues.

Sign on crescent for new houses has been sorted

222/23 Date of next meetings

March 11th, April 8th

Noted