

Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held on
Tuesday 8th July 2025 At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

15. Apologies and Declarations:

Present: Cllrs Noble, Davison, Paradine, Wilkinson, Ellis
In attendance: Carol Lillingston (Clerk)
Janine Ledger & colleague from NYCC Housing Team
Cllr Andrew Lee

16. Public Session

- Rural Housing Enabler Janine Ledger and her colleague explained the Housing Needs Survey. From 16 responses, 8 identified the need for affordable housing. It was explained that these figures are across the connected villages (Bilbrough/Newton Kyme/Healaugh) and not specific to Bilbrough alone.
Housing will be for the local community only, with the intention to help and encourage people to stay in the villages they have connections and history with.
A question was asked about allocation of affordable housing, and the response was that NY Home Choice will put applicants with local connections above everyone else.

A piece of land within the survey area has been offered for use though its exact location was not revealed. If the land is accepted, a community consultation will be arranged, and this is likely to take place in Bilbrough Village Hall.

Information sheets on how a Rural Exception Site works, a profile on housing in Bilbrough and a Guide to Rural Affordable Housing is available from the clerk.

A member of the public asked how Janine feels about the school bus situation and she explained she could not respond.

- **School bus transport**

A good number of residents attended with questions for Cllr Lee

A statement written by a resident, and read out at the meeting is attached as Appendix I

Concerns and questions regarding the impact of the new policy Cllr Lee has agreed to in respect of the school transport service:

Child mental health - concerns that the health impacts were not given appropriate consideration.

Child mental health has a financial and personal cost - is there evidence health impacts were addressed? Were reports submitted by experts and are these available for public view?

Health inequalities.

Transition from primary to secondary school is difficult; clarity and continuity is important.

Importance of keeping siblings and friendship groups together (mentally and logistically).

Environmental considerations - clean air / emissions.

Public safety issues surrounding anticipated traffic increases (more private cars forced to undertake the school run).

Already little public transport supporting the village.

Are places on the bus guaranteed?

Response:

- Cllr Lee told the meeting that he is positively supporting the village to get solutions. A number of queries regarding the policy have already been submitted and Cllr Lee is awaiting responses.
- Cllr Lee explained to the meeting that officers have been asked to make savings, assessments and consultations were done.
- Wider discussions have taken place and officers in the education department would say schools are there to supply pastoral care – all schools are there to support children and education officers would be sure the mental health was addressed.
- No clarity as yet on transport questions. Costings will be looked at.
- Cllr Lee said usually, most children have been able to get a seat on the bus, however a member of the public did say there has been children in other areas not able to get a seat (Malton area was mentioned).
- The council have agreed a policy review in 2026 and this has been asked to be brought forward; officers will supply figures and say if the policy is working or failing.
- Answers to the questions lacked clarity as Cllr Lee explained that he is waiting for feedback, which he expects to be around w/c 14th July 2025
- Cllr Lee recommended that concerned parties lobby NYCC's executive member for education **Annabelle Wilkinson** to push for solutions and answers.
- Cllr Lee will communicate with the parish when he receives answers to the questions he has already put forward.

17. Reports

- County Councillor – in attendance
- Community Police /Neighbourhood report - none.

18. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed – Cllr Noble Seconded: Cllr Davison

19. Matters Arising

- The Three Hares - the PC's Asset of Community Value (ACV) nomination/renewal has been rejected.
Cllr Noble outlined the recent decision which unfortunately cannot be appealed. However, conversations with NYCC's ACV team make it clear that the nomination and decision-making process has altered significantly since the last successful nomination in 2020 and that another nomination can be submitted at any time. This will be actioned and discussed further at the next meeting.

20. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall (Cllr Noble)
Quotes have been sourced for painting the exterior and for new windows and doors - a grant will be applied for.
- Playing field (Cllr Ellis)
Grass cutting is on schedule.
New bird spikes have arrived to replace damaged ones on the playground equipment.

21. For Discussion:

- Bridleway
An enquiry regarding the ownership of the bridleway (Old Ebor Way) and concerns about the width maybe a barrier is required.
Cllr Davison has spoken to NYCC and will report back when they have responded.

22. Information sharing:

- Land off Old Street
It appears that another family have moved in.
A Temporary Stop Notice was put in force and will remain until 26th August – this covers the following:
 - cease importation of hardcore, hardstanding etc
 - cease any works to create areas for hardstanding or hard surfaces
 - no importation of drainage and or water system
 - cease any works in relation to formation of paths, roadways or works including sewerage, water & electric
 - cease importation of caravans onto land
 - cease importation of toilets, residential paraphernalia and any erection of building etc
- Containers in field on Car Lane
Cllr Davison and the Clerk went to the police station at Fulford with the email the owner of the field had sent to the Parish Council regarding theft from their property and aggressive behaviour towards them.
The police were aware of a complaint logged and they are now in receipt of the response from the Parish Council.
No further action currently required on this.

23. Planning

- Applications for consideration
 - ZG2025/0578/TCA Redlake House, Redhill Field Lane
Application for consent to fell 5No Leylandii (Conifer) trees (G1) in the conservation area
No objections
 - ZG2025/0530/TCA Bilbrough Grange, Main Street
Application for consent to fell 2No Sycamore trees in the conservation area
No objections
 - ZG2025/0531/HPA White Gates, Main Street
Two storey and single storey extension to the rear with alterations to existing stables, conversion of garage to form additional accommodation with single storey link to the dwelling and alterations to existing linked cottage
No objections

- Applications Approved
 - ZG2025/0408/TPO Yew Tree House Main Street Bilbrough
Application for consent to reduce the canopy height and spread by approximately 2.4m and crown lift to 2m to 1No Yew tree covered by TPO 39/1989 in the conservation area
- Applications withdrawn/refused

24. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

The first instalment of the 2025/206 Precept (£2,800) was received into the account. Payments have been made to the clerk for wages and to Cllr Noble for the purchase of bunting for the village celebrations. Total funds £9,218.32 of which £1,182.03 is set aside for playing field equipment. Full details will be posted on the website with the minutes.

2024/25 Accounts and Annual Governance Statement have been completed and submitted.

25. Agenda items for next meeting

- ACV – The Three Hares

26. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 7.30pm Bilbrough Village Hall