

Minutes of the Myerscough and Bilsborrow Parish Council Meeting held at Bilsborrow Church on Thursday 5th January 2023

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84.23 Attendance

Present – Cllr Collinson(Chairman), Cllr Bolton (Vice Chairman), Cllr Barker, Cllr Willacy, Cllr Sutcliffe, Cllr Pye, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Allan, Cllr Turner

Apologies – no apologies

In attendance – Cllr Webster, Mr J Blackley, Mr J Finch

Public Participation

Cllr Webster provided an update on planning application Ref 22/00612/OUTMAJ, she advised that she had received correspondence from the public and many people had objections with this application. She has been advised that planning are due to make a decision very soon. They are aware of the significant concerns regarding this application and she has done her best to put these concerns forward to planning. Cllr Collinson thanked Cllr Webster for all her support with this and for coming to the meeting to update councillors.

Mr J Blackley & Mr J Finch were also in attendance to discuss with councillors a potential future project for Bilsborrow. A Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). Further discussions will be held in the future regarding this.

85.23 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were checked and signed as a true and correct record of the Parish Council meeting held on the 24th November 2022. Proposed & Signed by Cllr Collinson. Seconded Cllr Bolton.

86.23 Declarations of prejudicial interest in any of the agenda item interests and dispensations

Cllr Collinson declared that he was also a Trustee of John Cross School who are also involved in the discussions about the MUGA.

87.23 MUGA – update

Further to the earlier discussion with Mr Finch & Mr Blackley all councillors unanimously supported in principle a Multi Use Games Area pending further details.

88.23 Finance

-LB advised a payment had been received from Cockerham Junior JFC on 23/11, Cllr Sutcliffe advised that this was for a year.

-NS & I Investment account & HSBC account, it was agreed by all councillors that it should be the same signatories on both accounts. Cllr Bolton, Cllr Willacy will both be added and Cllr Allen & Cllr Barker will remain as signatories for both accounts. All other signatories that are currently listed will be removed. LB to email Cllrs directly to organise paperwork to sort this out.

-The clerk (LB) presented a cheque for scrutiny and signing from community account:

200267 St Hildas Room Rent (for meeting 5th Jan 23) £20

Cllr Collinson requested that a cheque for the new trees from Everglades Nurseries be raised ready for presentation to the company on collection of the trees. Cllr Collinson

200268 Everglades Nurseries (for 2 new trees) total amount to be confirmed on collection.

As the meeting was brought forward to the 5th Jan due to the Precept deadline the bank statements for December have not yet been received by the previous clerk Roy Bassnett, he will forward on as soon as he receives in the post and LB will then complete the bank reconciliation and this will be presented to councillors at the next meeting.

89.23 Planning

Ref 22/01203 FUL Roof lift/First Floor Extension The Gables Bilsborrow Lane Bilsborrow PR3 0RN

Ref 22/01192 FUL Two Storey side extension 1 Beacon Close Bilsborrow PR3 0RN

Ref 22/01200 First Floor hipp to gable side extension, rear dormer, single storey side extension 8 St Heliers Place Barton PR3 5AE

Councillors discussed the above new applications and all agreed that they had no issues with the proposals. LB to reply to council.

Ref 22/006121/OUTMAJ mixed use class commercial units at Brock. Cllr Webster provided an update at the beginning of the meeting. A decision on this is imminent.

90.23 Greater Garstang Partnership update

Cllr Turner advised that there is potentially some levelling up money for rural areas but no details as yet as the meeting he was due to attend has been postponed.

91.23 Wyre Council Climate Change Initiatives update

Cllr Turner had no update on this apart from asking if any councillors have any ideas for climate change initiatives which could be passed to Cllr Robert Atkins.

92.23 Precept

LB and Cllr Bolton went through current costings and any new costs that will be due in the coming year with all councillors. Clerks salary due to increase from SCP19 £14.48 per hour to SCP20 £14.75 from 11/05/23. John Hallas consultation fees £15.30 per hour, this will just be an occasional cost. Nurture Landscapes ground maintenance increase to £2862.83 per year. Bilsborrow recreational field lease agreement may increase. Cost of the 2 new trees for Bilsborrow REC as per planning conditions. Lengths man salary potentially due to increase by £1 to £17 per hour. New website charges £276 per year. Proposed planning application fees for MUGA £300. Parish council election costs £117 (as advised by John Hallas)

It was agreed by all councillors that we go with option 2 which was a 6% increase on previous year to £18,550 and then rounded up to £19,000 to take into account the increases in costs all round and any additional new costs £19,000. All councillors agreed with this figure. LB to contact council to confirm this precept figure for 23/24.

93.23 Bilsborrow Recreational field update

Cllr Collinson read through the history of the recreational field. The Parish council are currently waiting for a response from Wyre regarding the new lease agreement, there will be a site meeting to discuss any issues and the new lease agreement.

94.23 Grants

PROW Grant, Biodiversity Grant. The previous clerk had applied for these grants but since she has left we have no update. LB to contact John Hallas to see if he is aware of expiry dates for these grants and to see whether we can still apply.

95.23 MBPC risk assessment

The areas that need to be risk assessed are the recreation field, War memorial and Brock station. Cllr Sutcliffe to do this. Cllr Barker advised he already does the War Memorial annually.

96.23 Contingency plan for the cost of living crisis

Cllr Collinson advised that he thought there should be a plan in place if someone from the parish contacted us and needed help. Cllr Turner advised that many areas were setting up 'Warm & Welcoming areas' for people to go to, for example libraries, churches etc. It was agreed that if someone contacted the council we would direct them to advice pages on the Wyre Council website.

97.23 Website update

Lb advised that she has had a meeting with James Riley of Easy Websites, it was agreed by all councillors that the new domain name would be www.myerscoughandbilsborrow-pc.org.uk to incorporate 'parish council' into the website name.

Cllr Barker will take or provide 3 photos of Bilsborrow for the main page of the new website. It was discussed whether we would add photos of councillors to the website with their details. It was agreed that we would do this and that Cllr Barker would take the photos.

LB advised that James Riley should have a 1st draft of the website by next week.

The next meeting will be held at Bilsborrow Church 7pm on Thursday 23rd March 2023