

Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes for Bilbrough Parish Council to be held on
Tuesday 10th March 2026 At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

63. Apologies and Declarations :

Present: Cllrs Noble, Paradine, Davison, Wilkinson

In attendance: Carol Lillingston (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Ellis

64. Public Session

- Cllr Noble extended an invitation to all residents of the village to join the Parish Council.
- 2 representatives of Curly's Athletes attended the meeting to discuss The Big Bear Run 10k. This event is being organised in collaboration with Askham Bryan College and the proposed route includes a section passing through Bilbrough village. Before finalising the event, discussions will be held with the three parishes affected. Should any parish object to the event, the route will be amended accordingly.
The run is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 16th August. If the event proceeds, leaflets containing information, online links, and website access will be distributed to residents two weeks prior to the run. Cllr Noble advised organisers to check for any church services on that day to avoid potential conflicts.
Cllr Paradine highlighted that The Normans would need to be contacted – Curly's Athlete – will engage with local businesses after consultations with the Parish Councils.
Bilbrough Parish Council confirmed that they have no objections to the event.
- A resident reported to Cllr Davison that, during the Velo 29 cycling event held on 7th March, six participants stopped on the verge to urinate with one individual exposing himself in view of the resident. **Action: the Parish Council Clerk has sent an email on behalf of Cllr Davison, to the event organiser to address the issue.**

65. Reports

- County Councillor – not in attendance, nothing to report
- Community Police /Neighbourhood report – nothing to report

66. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed Cllr Paradine; Seconded Cllr Wilkinson

67. Matters Arising

- Village traffic – The clerk has contacted Deputy Mayor Jo Coles' team to request an update on the meeting held with Jo Coles, Cllr Noble & Cllr Davison. At present, there has been no reply from Jo Coles' team. **Action: Clerk to follow up**
- Cllr Noble has encouraged residents to assist the parish council in addressing traffic concerns within the village by taking videos/photos of any traffic incidents in the village and forwarding them to the clerk's email address. Gathering evidence is crucial for

substantiating any claims when engaging with relevant authorities regarding traffic-related issues. All evidence provided will be submitted anonymously.

68. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall (Cllr Noble):
 - The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 21 April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, during which two trustees will be stepping down. The Village Hall is therefore looking for new trustees; anyone interested can find further details on the website or via the Village Hall WhatsApp group.
 - Small works in the pipeline – more thorough update in July.
 - Website – Following a review, the Bilbrough Hub website is now fully compliant for joint ownership between the Village Hall and Parish Council.
- Playing field (Cllr Ellis):
 - Gatepost slipped that will be fixed.
 - Fence line with the boundary to The Old Rectory to be looked at as there is an area that can be accessed through.

69. For Discussion:

Rural Exception site: at the request of members of the parish, we have sourced a contact for the Housing Association dealing with the proposed Bilbrough site. Enquiries should be directed to **Warren Groves** of the housing association **54North Homes**:

warren.groves@54northhomes.co.uk

Residents are encouraged to cc the Parish Council on any communications with Mr Groves and/or 54North Homes.

- Communication with the Parish Council: The Parish Council is made up of volunteers dedicated to assisting residents. If you would like to contact the council collectively or individually, please email the clerk, who will forward your message to the appropriate councillor(s). All are welcome to raise issues in person at council meetings.
- The Three Hares planning appeal: Following its second application for change of use and redevelopment of the pub, the owner has again gone to appeal, this time by virtue of non-determination by the local planning authority (LPA). The NYC planning officer confirmed by phone that the LPA opted not to determine owing to a lack of material difference between the latest application and the first, which was rejected. All submissions made at the application stage (including from residents and the Parish Council) are passed on to the Inspectorate and remain integral to the appeal.
- Hedges – PH Bird confirmed he cuts the hedges on Redhill Lane and the exit on the right of Main Street, but not the left (he thinks Mr Pilcher used to do that side). **Action: Clerk to raise an invoice to council for allocation of monies.**

70. Information sharing:

- Please note that Bilbrough Parish Council now has a new email address: clerk@bilbrough-pc.gov.uk
Residents are requested to use this new address in all communications going forward.
This replaces the Clerk's previous email address (clerkbilbroughcouncil@gmail.com) which will remain active for a crossover period but will be ultimately phased out. The PC will give due notification of the end date.
- YLCA planning webinar 18th March Cllr Davison to attend.

71. Planning

- Redhill House – decision date pushed back owing to late, additional submissions made by the applicant.
- Site on Redhill Field Lane - No enforcement action to be taken during this time; planning officer in discussion with the applicant awaiting additional information.
- Land off Cat Lane (Containers) – All published decision dates have passed but still under discussion; awaiting decision.
- Old Piggery – awaiting decision
 - Applications for consideration - No new applications
 - Applications Approved
Spring Cottage; reducing spread of trees – permitted with constraints.
 - Applications withdrawn/refused – nothing to report

72. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

Payments have been made to the clerk for wages, village hall hire and YLCA Planning webinar.

Total funds £9,055.75 of which £1,182.03 is set aside for playing field equipment.

Full details will be posted on the website with the minutes.

73. Agenda items for next meeting

- The Big Bear Run

74. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 12th May 2026, Bilbrough Village Hall:

Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm, followed by

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm