Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of Bilbrough Parish Council held at
Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

39. Apologies and Declarations
Present: Cllrs Noble, Davison, Ellis & Wilkinson
Apologies: Cllr Paradine, Carol Lillingston (Clerk)

39a. Chair's Announcement
It is with deep regret that the Chair announced the passing of Brian Bussell on 8 November. Brian's contribution to the community cannot be overstated, from his tireless work as Chair of the Village Hall committee to his regular assistance to the Parish Council. A pillar of friendliness and generosity, Brian will be fondly remembered and sorely missed. On behalf of the Parish, we offer our sincerest condolences to Zelma and the family.

40. Public Session - No members of the public were in attendance.

41. Reports
• County Councillor - nothing to report.
• Community Police - a second meeting with the Deputy Mayor for Policing was requested in September to discuss traffic issues but we are yet to be given an appointment.

42. Minutes of the last meeting
Proposed: Cllr Davison Seconded: Cllr Ellis

43. Matters Arising

- *Fireworks*
  Cllr Davison again raised serious concerns about the distress to pets and livestock caused by loud fireworks, reporting that one of her own animals had seriously injured itself after bolting. Another resident has also reported that a similarly distressed horse needed veterinary attention. Whilst residents have the right to enjoy fireworks on their own properties, the Parish Council asks that consideration is given to neighbours, animal owners and the village's rural location and respectfully requests that they avoid fireworks that make loud and sudden bangs in favour of the quieter, 'popping' variety. Residents are also reminded that it is illegal to let off fireworks on land adjacent to fields containing livestock.
- *Storm-damaged tree in playing field*
  The PC thanks Richard Pilkington and Phil Spencer for their help in dealing with a large fallen limb following the recent storms. The PC's preference - shared by an independent arborist - is to fell the standing tree as a safety precaution, but NYC is due to inspect the tree shortly. We will act according to the inspector's guidance.
- *Highways*
  Works order issued to remedy the deteriorating edges of Redhill Field Lane. However, Highways have given no indication of the nature, extent or timing of the work to be done.

44. Representative Reports

• Village Hall (Cllr Noble): Following a call for new trustees, the VH Committee is hoping to welcome a new treasurer soon.

• Playing field (Cllr Ellis)

- RoSPA. Inspection made in September but report yet to be received.
- Quote received for rebarking and attending to matting around play equipment, mending the Main Street gate and repairing the manhole cover. Work to be postponed until the RoSPA report is received and the weather improves.

45. For Discussion

- Recent construction work and traffic congestion highlights the problems with parking near the Main Street junction with Cat Lane and outside the village hall.
- The 7.5T vehicle weight restriction on Back Lane is frequently ignored. More prominent and appropriately positioned signposting is required.
  Action: Clerk to contact Highways.

46. Information sharing:

- Online banking for the PC now in place.

47. Planning

Redhill Field Lane - recent occupation of land. Assigned a case number by Enforcement but no investigation to date.

Old Piggery - development status in limbo. No recent investigation by Enforcement.

<u>Appeal in progress</u>

Cat Lane container field (appeal ref 6012723) - comments to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by **8 December**.

<u>Applications approved</u>

Campbell House - Demolition and rebuilding of part of single storey east wing of the dwelling. Demolition of porch and utility room.

<u>Applications awaiting decision</u>

4 Back Lane - full crown reduction of oak tree

48. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

Payments totalling £534.00 were made for clerk's wages, village hall hire and bank charges. Total funds stand at £11,578.72, of which £1,182.03 is earmarked for playing field equipment. Full finance report will be published on the website.

49. Agenda items for next meeting:

Highways and playing field/RoSPA updates

50. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th January 2027, 7.30pm, Bilbrough Village Hall