Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Bilbrough Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 8th September 2026 At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

27. Apologies and Declarations :

Present: Cllrs Noble, Davison, Ellis & Wilkinson
In attendance: Carol Lillingston (clerk)
Apologies: Cllr Paradine

28. Public Session – no members of the public were in attendance.

29. Reports

- County Councillor – nothing to report
- Community Police

  An update was requested on the October 2025 meeting with the Deputy Mayor and Cllrs Noble and Davison regarding traffic issues in Bilbrough village. Residents are again encouraged to submit photographic evidence of any traffic issues (jams, speeding, obstruction, etc) via North Yorkshire Police's Operation Snap portal.

30. Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed: Cllr Wilkinson Seconded: Cllr Ellis

31. Matters Arising

- Blockages of Main Street caused by the works at White Gates.
  Following concerns raised by several residents, the Parish Council emailed the owner about the obstructions. The owner was asked to remind all suppliers and contractors that they are responsible for keeping Main Street accessible to traffic at all times.
- Verge cutting.
  The Parish Council have been asked to re-negotiate the current contract for verge cutting as a resident of the village has been cutting part of the verges himself.
  Action: Clerk to contact current contractor

32. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall (Cllr Noble):
  nothing to report other than there the position of chair is still vacant.
- Playing field (Cllr Ellis):
  The RoSPA inspection is due in September, and any necessary work will be decided once the report is complete.

33. For Discussion:

Quotes for cutting the Playing Field hedge are in progress. The current contractor has submitted a quote, and we are waiting for a second quote coming in.

Redhill Field Lane: Photographs of the deteriorating road condition to be submitted to Highways.
Action: Cllr Noble & clerk

34. Information sharing:

The Big Bear Run was a success, and the organisers expressed their thanks to everyone who helped the event run smoothly.

35. Planning

7 Back Lane
Enforcement was advised via email by the vendor that works will start in two weeks, and enforcement have requested a deadline of 18th September. The vendors have been told that the enforcement case may also be highlighted in the solicitor's search.

The Old Piggery
Currently on Stage 2 formal review complaint.
Discharge of conditions put in place. Concrete pad put down for a static caravan which is not in the planning, water services and gas service out – this encroaches onto the lane which is not theirs.

Containers
Deadline for removal is imminent; Parish Council will chase up

Redhill Field Lane - occupation of previously unused field
No response yet to the query.

Applications for consideration:

- St James Church: To fell a Horse chestnut tree within the conservation area. North Yorkshire Arboricultural Society has no objections if it is carried out by an Arborist. The tree is diseased.
  No objections from the Parish Council

Applications Approved

- Bowlands Farm Steel Portal Frame Agricultural building – no prior approval required.

Applications awaiting decision

- H Barker & Son Bowlands Farm – Installation of a combined heat and power unit.

36. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

Payments totalling £806.00 were made for gardening services and bank charges. There is an unpresented cheque for £90. The total funds stand at £9,193.66, of which £1,182.03 is earmarked for playing field equipment. Full details will be posted in due course on the website along with the minutes.

37. Agenda items for next meeting:

Playing fields – Post RoSPA

38. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th November 2026, 7.30pm, Bilbrough Village Hall