Bilbrough Parish Council
Minutes of the Bilbrough Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 14th July 2026 At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

15. Apologies and Declarations :

Present: Cllrs Noble, Davison, Paradine, Ellis, Wilkinson
In attendance: Carol Lillingston (Clerk)
Apologies: None

16. Public Session

3 members of the parish in attendance to hear of any updates with the current planning applications some of the points raised are covered in the planning section of these minutes.

Affordable Housing – Councillors were asked whether the team leading the affordable housing scheme had provided the information promised at the January meeting. The only information received was the Housing Association contact details, which have already been shared on the Bilbrough website.

Recently occupied field off Redhill Field Lane – Cllr Davison reported concerns raised by parishioners, which were also discussed at the meeting. These included raucous behaviour on the site one evening and possible fire risk. Cllr Davison asked that details be emailed to her so she could forward them to the relevant contacts.
Cllr Davison now has a contact at NYC Enforcement who will provide any updates. A UKPN number is being created and should be on file within a week.
Cllr Noble said as it is private land, it was difficult to determine what was happening on the site or whether the occupants were breaching any conditions.
CCTV notice on the fence – this could also be raised as a query, as the cameras must be positioned appropriately.

Action: Cllr Noble advised that the Parish Council will continue to maintain the paper trail with NYC, but parishioners should also contact Enforcement directly as concerned residents and neighbours via the links on the NYC website:

https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/planning-enforcement/planning-enforcement-your-area/planning-enforcement-selby

'Bilbrough' sign missing on Cat Lane: a new sign was requested in September 2025.

Redhill Field Lane
Ruts at the roadside: general erosion from traffic and possibly caused by flooding
Curb (southbound to A64): should be flattened or removed completely
Action: The Parish Council to contact Highways about this potentially dangerous stretch of road.

Emergency Officer – Councillors were asked whether the Parish Council had any arrangements in place in case of national emergency. Cllr Noble explained that no arrangements currently exist and are not required.

17. Reports

- County Councillor – nothing to report
- Community Police /Neighbourhood report - nothing to report

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

19. Matters Arising

- **Email access details**: email addresses have been set up, and the clerk will circulate login details to all councillors.
- **Online banking:** ongoing – clerk and 2 signatories to complete online documents.
- **Meeting with Police Chief Jo Coles' team regarding traffic:** The Clerk has received no response to several emails sent to Jo Coles' team and will therefore try to contact someone by telephone.
- **Changes to planning process:** Planning application update notifications are no longer sent to Parish Councils by routine; residents are directed to track applications personally via the NYC Planning Portal.

20. Representative Reports:

- Village Hall (Cllr Noble): Thirsty Fridays are to be reinstated.
- Playing field (Cllr Ellis): An informal letter was sent to a neighbouring resident asking them to reinstate their boundary with the playing field. A positive response has been received agreeing to restorative action.
  A contractor will provide a quote for bark for the play area, concreting work, and the construction and fitting of a new gate.
  Large bird spikes have also been installed above the rope swing.

21. For Discussion:

Cllr Ellis raised concerns about articulated vehicles using Back Lane. The '7.5 ton' signage is unclear and needs to be made more visible.

Action: Letter to highways.

22. Information sharing:

23. Planning

- **7 Back Lane**: A resident contacted Cllr Davison after the property boundary appeared to have been extended into the playing field. Following a meeting with the owner and planning team, the issue will be resolved by moving the fence back.
- **Old Piggery:** Approval was granted for mixed traveller, residential and equestrian use. An appeal has been submitted and acknowledged, with an extension requested until 21st July 2026.

Applications for consideration

- H Barker & Son Bowlands Farm – extension and alterations to an existing agricultural building and installation of a combined heat and power unit.

- Ebco holdings Bowlands Farm – erection of steel portal frame agricultural building.

Applications refused or withdrawn

- Redhill House – this has been refused on various grounds, mainly green belt and misrepresentation of the amenities.
- Containers – this retrospective planning has been refused, and the owner has a deadline as to when the containers are to be removed by. If these have not been removed by this date, the enforcement officers will be involved.
- The Three Hares – second planning appeal has been dismissed as the owner failed to show it would not be a viable business. The inspector also mentioned that it was not marketed on reasonable terms.

Applications in appeal

- **Grey Gables – detached house**

24. Clerks report, Finance, Income and precept

Income: £2,800 precept payment received.
Payments totalling £1,760.64 were made for insurance, YLCA Membership, Clerks Wages, Email updates and Banks Charges. There are unpresented cheques totalling £880.00.
The total funds stand at £9,208.34, of which £1,182.03 is earmarked for playing field equipment. Full details will be posted in due course on the website with the minutes.

25. Agenda items for next meeting:

26. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th September 2026, 7.30pm, Bilbrough Village Hall.