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Dear Parishioner,

I write to you on behalf of Bishop Wilton Parish Council to clarify our position, and explain our decision regarding Worsendale Quarry.

We have determined to relinquish all responsibility for management and maintenance of Worsendale Quarry because we have not been able to find any official documentation which states the Parish Council owns, or has responsibility for the quarry. We did however, find official documentation (from the Land Registry) which states that Worsendale Quarry is the property of Halifax Estates, and there are no formal rights of access on this land to the parishioners.

We therefore, feel that it is unfair for the parishioners of Bishop Wilton Parish to bare the significant maintenance and management costs for this piece of land, which according to all official evidence we have seen, is not the responsibility or property of Bishop Wilton Parish Council.

We are responsible for public money, your money, and because of the above we do not feel it is appropriate for a significant (if not all) of that money to be spent maintaining a chalk quarry which we are not responsible for to our knowledge, and which brings little benefit to the Parish. We believe it is far more important to spend that money on things which improve our parish, such as gritters to make our roads safer in winter, and community focused events, like the Parish Street Party.

We would be happy to discuss this further, or any other issues in the Parish which you may have, at a Parish Council meeting. We are always happy to welcome people to them, the next is on the 24th January 2022.

Finally, if any official evidence comes forward in the future stating that the Parish Council does own, or is responsible for Worsendale Quarry, we will review our decision then. Until that time, we stand by what we have decided, as we believe it is in the best interest of our Parish.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr Ingrid Haywood

Chairman, Bishop Wilton Parish Council

On behalf of the Parish Council.