



Parish Council of Bishop Wilton

Minutes to the meeting of Bishop Wilton Parish Council, held on Monday 23rd March 2026, at 7.00pm, at Bishop Wilton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr P Warry (Chairman); Cllr I Haywood (Vice Chair); Cllrs G Lonsdale, Jo Denton, R Sumpner, I Rickatson and Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)

Guests: Ward Cllr P West

777. The Chairman Welcomed members and guest and gave thanks to Cllr Denton for chairing the previous months meeting. Under the protocol for the recording of meetings it is minuted that the meeting was being recoded on behalf of the Parish Council and also by R Sumpner for his own personal use.

778. To receive apologies of absence - Cllr North and Ward Cllr Carey

779. Code of Conduct: To receive Declaration of Interests from members on any items on the agenda

- a) Pecuniary - none
- b) non-pecuniary - none
- c) granting of dispensations - none

780. Open Forum: To resolve that the meeting be temporarily suspended to allow for a period of public participation. – no public in attendance,

781. Ward Councillors Report and update on any outstanding issues-

Items reported following the Annual Parish Meeting

a The trees planted along Braygate have either died or been vandalised - reported to

Forestry Team to investigate Ref 2357305

b White lining is needed on Vale Crescent.- logged with Highways reference 2357306.

c The road surface adjoining the entrance to the village hall is breaking up and needs

patching.- logged with Highways ref 2357307

d Traffic speeds in the village and 20 is plenty awareness

e Pocklington Lane – numerous potholes reported by a concerned resident – Ward Cllr West advised that he had checked this and would look into the matter further.

f. The issues with Vicarage Lane have been passed to the Country side access team, who will investigate the repairs which should be a like on like as the lane is classed as a green lane.

g. Road repairs to The Mile at Pocklington are now underway, resulting in a potential road closure of up-to 10 weeks.

h. The Combined Authority have now allocated how their funding should be spent.

7.15pm Cllr West left the meeting

782. Minutes: To adopt minutes of the parish council meeting held on the **23rd February 2026** Proposed Cllr Lonsdale seconded Cllr Denton. Resolved.

783.The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on **11 March 2026** were received and adopted.

784. Community and ongoing Issues for consideration and resolution

1. Update and review of Parish Meeting - the meeting was well received and compliments were paid to the chair, further items under discussion were the Beck and the suggestion that an environmental study be conducted by a Masters student as their dissertation, thus giving us a professional report that has also been reviewed. To be discussed at the next meeting.
2. Update on the replacement of the defibrillator outside the village hall following approach to other organisations , and quotes from AEDDonate. No offer of financial support has been received so far. Agreed to draft article for Parish Pump asking for pledges of support.
3. Update on the replacement bus shelter, installation date set for 27.03.2026 Cllrs Denton, Haywood and Sumpner to be available on the day.
4. Report of damaged road surface on Vicarage Lane – following reports from a resident that planings had been put down, effectively contaminating the green lane, the matter has been forwarded to East Riding for investigation.
5. Letter from the Village Hall committee regarding a vehicle driving on the grass. The Village Hall committee have sent a formal letter to the clerk that a vehicle has been recorded driving on the grass, causing damage to the surface. Enquiries revealed that this was Cllr Sumpner. Cllr Sumpner has been asked to apologise, but stated that he would not as he has not caused any damage. Cllr Sumpner has spoken to the chair of the Village Hall committee, who has given him the code to the garage. The Chair advised that he has received 3 reports of damage to the grass caused by Cllr Sumpner. and that these were not the actions that we expect

from a councillor. Cllr Sumpner again stated that he did not believe he had damaged the grass and that he had been driving on it for several years.

7.30pm Cllr Rickatson joined the meeting.

785. To consider and resolve any issues relating to the outdoor gym and play equipment

1. To receive monthly inspection report on outdoor gym and agree any action that may be required - no report due to Cllr Haywood being away.
2. To receive monthly playground inspection report and agree on action that may be required - received no issues

786. Finance:

- a) To approve accounts and bank reconciliation to date. Proposed Cllr Haywood seconded Cllr Rickatson. Resolved
- b) To approve payments as per schedule 1. Proposed Cllr Rickatson seconded Cllr Lonsdale. Resolved.
- c) To approve payments as per schedule 2. The extra hours that the clerk has worked during February, dealing with matters related to Cllr Sumpner was noted, and approved for payment. Proposed Cllr Rickatson seconded Cllr Denton. Cllr Sumpner did not agree, stating that the chair has caused the issues by not replying to his email. Cllr Sumpner confirmed that the clerk had in fact replied, but not the chair. The chair advised that if these emails continued then it could cost up to an extra £1500 per annum in the clerk's time. Cllr Haywood suggested that all future emails from Cllr Sumpner relating to past and archive matters should be ignored as it is costing/wasting council money. Cllr Sumpner retaliated that maybe any extra hours should be allocated against the next month. Clerk advised that as long as the excessive and lengthy emails continued then she would have to continue to make notes that would be attached to the minutes.
- d) To review current year's budget – reviewed and agreed.

787. Correspondence for consideration and action

- I. ERNLLCA February Newsletter – circulated.
- II. ERNLLCA Training dates – circulated.
- III. Road closure notice – Main Street as from the 22.04.2026 for sewer lining and enabling works – circulated.
- IV. Road closure notice – Part of Gowthorpe Lane from 2.06.2026 for tree trimming for clearance of the over head electricity supply – circulated.
- V. Confirmation from Cllr Sumpner that his complaint to the ICO has been closed due to lack of information. Acknowledged.
- VI. ERNLLCA Community Engagement Free Webinar – circulated.
- VII. Letter from Yorkshire Water re local remedial works – circulated- noted that there are no issues, and sites have been left clean and tidy.

788. To resolve the proposal by the village shop committee that Bishop Wilton Parish Council adopt the new cycle rack once installed. – the rack is now in place. The Parish Council require confirmation that the requirements from East Riding Highways, that the rack is set far enough from the highway so that when a cycle is parked against the rack it does not protrude onto the highway, have been met.

789. To agree nomination of an additional member on the personnel committee – Cllr Denton volunteered. Resolved.

790. To receive clerk's report – following advice from ERNLLCA it was noted that Cllr Sumpner has done a lengthy response to the report which was emailed to members on the 23.03.2026. The Chair advised that no further discussion was needed. The clerk's report summaries the circumstances. Proposed Cllr Denton and seconded by Cllr Haywood that the report as presented be accepted. Resolved. Cllr Sumpner voted against.

It was noted that the Clerk will continue to log and report issues should they continue, in order that a record can be maintained and attached as a appendix to minutes. Cllr Sumpner stated that the majority vote does not preclude an individual from acting on their own, and that his newsletters are not classed as media, but sent out to friends and acquaintances totalling some 18-20, 1 or 2 of which no longer reside in Bishop Wilton. It was noted that Cllr Sumpner's views are not supported by the Parish Council, although his newsletters portray them as such. Further, Cllr Sumpner feels that taking ERNLLCA's advise and reporting the matter, should it continue, to the police is a waste of time. The chair emphasised that the council had responsibilities to employees and that these lengthy and repetitive emails caused a lot of time and mental anguish as he himself had sometimes received 6-8 emails on the same subject, and would be quite happy to involve the police if this should continue.

791. To discuss and agree potential new date for the AGM and May meeting It was agreed that the AGM and May Ordinary meeting should be to Thursday the 21.05.2026 and be held in the Club room.

792. To receive agenda items for the next meeting Monday 27th April 2026 – bike rack, Biodiversity Plan for the Beck, no mow May, future of the old bus shelter, replacement of notice boards.

Meeting closed 8.26 pm

Signed as a true record

Date :

Chairman

Signed

Date