Bilsthorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th July 2026 at Burton Court Bilsthorpe

Present: **Cllrs; K McAdam (Opening Chairman) S Kemp (arrived late), D Mincher, A Ward, B Jackson, B Stanley**
NSDC Cllr R Holloway
10 members of the public
Clerk Susan Stack

MINUTES

26.38 Apologies for absence – to formally accept apologies from Cris Cooper at meetings until further notice as she continues to work on the Council's behalf within the community
Resolved that Cllr Cooper will have apologies formally accepted. (DM/BJ)
Parish Cllrs R Stoneman, D Brickles apologies, Cllr Kemp advised he would be late.

26.39 Declarations of pecuniary and/or personal interest
Cllrs Jackson, Ward and Stanley in relation to the Village Hall, Cllr Kemp on planning item d

26.40 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June 2026
It was resolved to receive and approve the minutes (DM/AW)
26.42 was taken at this point as minuted below
26.45 was taken at this point (public questions)
Cllr S Kemp arrived at this point in the meeting.

26.41 T receive updates on outstanding items (if available):

a. Boundary review request ref Mickledale Lane to A614 SK
Cllr Kemp has contacted Rufford PC and had no reply to enquiries. He will attend their next meeting.

b. Graffiti incidents and cleaning requirements SK
Graffiti suspect has been interviewed by police and no further action as they have denied it and the police say that CCTV is not good enough on this occasion. Cllr Stanley reported on some cleaning machinery. Cllr Kemp reported that he has had no response to three requests for cleaning quotes from contractors.

c. Repairs to roof adjacent to Heritage Museum progress
Completed and paid for

d. Skate Jam SK
Cllr Kemp outlined the stall holders and timetable for the day.

e. Crompton Rd fencing installation
Scheduled for first/second week of August (Cllr Stoneman reported via e-mail).
Need tea/coffee stall if possible

f. Repairs to Proludic play equipment
Repairs requested have been carried out

g. Distribution of cleaned tablets
No update

26.42 Reports from District and County Councillors
We are expecting the outcome of the LGR report next week and it will be sent to the Parish Council for circulation

Scoping Notice has been issued for input from PC's and residents. NSDC have issued a "call for sites" asking for pieces of land that may wish to be considered for development – they will then be assessed. This is something to bear in mind when new applications are coming through
Ref 119 homes in planning Cllr Holloway is willing to speak on behalf of the parish Council if asked.
Cllr Holloway was asked about traffic issues with new developments coming along and explained the recent assessments that had taken place but were acceptable

26.43 Reports from community groups (CG), working groups (WG) and designated responsibility Cllrs (DR)

a. Speedwatch CG
No update
b. Flood Resilience team CG (MPurdy)
Still in touch with the Flood team and a meeting is being held ref the Mickledale Lane development for all parties concerned. Two gulleys have been replaced following roadworks.
c. Village Hall WG (CC,KM,BJ,BS)
A Scope of Works/Feasibility study is being prepared followed by a Structural survey (three quotes being sought by Cllr McAdam). A questionnaire will then be prepared regarding if the village want the hall re-furbished for potential consideration at August council. It is anticipated that there will be some person to person interaction at various sites and contact with local groups to spread the word in order to encourage participation by the residents. Discussion on the way to ensure that replies are genuine and not being manipulated.
Meeting with NSDC Heritage officer planned for next week to discuss some of the above proposed actions.
d. Remembrance WG (CC,BC,BS,AW)
No report
e. VIA Group DR (DM,KM,MPurdy)
Work completed on Oak Tree Drive to clear drainage, need to monitor any outcomes further down the road which is likely to be a capacity issue.
Church Street has been reported for chipping work.
f. Parks DR (KM,BJ)
Graffiti problem on Maid Marion, The "bandstand" could be sanded off and repainted for approx. £50 – Resolved to allocate budget accordingly for B Jackson to undertake (SK/AW)
g. CCTV DR (SK)
A new pole to get temporary CCTV nearer to skatepark is £1,000. Noted
h. Removal of "spinner" on Crompton Rd park
Resolved that DHM remove the base as NSDC has not done so. SK to arrange

26.44 Councillor reports
Cllr Jackson reported on work undertaken on the park
Cllr Ward is being asked about crossing outside the Co Op – dropped kerbs were said to be in the wrong place. Put on August agenda. Clerk to chase Cllr Laughton for a response to previous request.
Cllr Stanley reported that, on Swish lane £750 of traffic control equipment has been left in the verges. NSDC have not emptied bins today

26.45 Public questions (maximum 10 minutes)
Himalayan Balsam problem in the area in the river for about three miles (down to Rufford Country Park), Notts CC (Christopher.Jackson@) have a 5 year action plan to eradicate the problem. Has been reported to NSDC (Lynn.Preece@) and County Council. Cllr Stanley reported that most of the area identified is outside the Parish Council boundary. Clerk to contact NSDC, Notts CC and Rufford PC

Ivy Gardens (planning c) has been re-submitted. No further information available to Councillors other than on the website.
Mickledale Lane (planning b) resident agrees with the arguments put forward by Cllr James Gamble on Facebook.

26.46 Correspondence
E-mail regarding extension of the Dial a Ride bus service extension to Bilsthorpe The Council agreed to support the views (KM/SK)
E-mails regarding hedges along Twitchell – NSDC are clearing a path and then will cut back fully in September after nesting. Cllr Stanley will do a check on all the NSDC works and report anything that has not been attended to.

26.47 To receive and consider current planning applications;

a. NSDC Scoping consultation
Noted

b. Outline permission for up to 119 homes with all matters reserved except for access and landscaping Land At Old Rufford Road Bilsthorpe Ref. No: 26/00827/OUTM
Object on the basis of Location, infrastructure improvements not included, Implications on flooding mitigation, pressure on Bilsthorpe services with no corresponding funding to offset these costs. A614 junction improvements a prerequisite, adjustment of speed limit on safety grounds from A614 down to 30MPH (KM/SK)

c. Proposed residential development up to 9 No. First Homes Land At Farnsfield Road Bilsthorpe Ref. No: 23/01252/OUTM
Objection on the same grounds as was the case in June. Re-iterate the initial comments and add the bin storage not appropriate and effects safety. (DM/SK)

d. Replacement of 3ft fence with a 6ft fence and installation of a gate 63 Kirklington Road Bilsthorpe NG22 8SQ Ref. No: 26/00861/HOUSE
(Cllr Kemp left the meeting for this item only) **No objections**

26.48 To receive – Crompton Road Hub Report and decisions needed from Working group as follows;
Cllr Mincher gave an update on the ongoing process and reported that we are under pressure for a cost clarification for the remainder of the funding and so we need to get an accurate number to work to.

a. To approve the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor to undertake a two-stage costing exercise to assess the project's funding gap.
Resolved to undertake and delegate decision to the working group Councillors (cost circa £2,500) (KM/SK)

b. To discuss the Play Zone project and consider earmarking funds to provide the required match funding for a football federation grant.
Resolved to progress and set aside £70,000 from reserves to match fund if it goes ahead before the Community Hub. Suggested that this may help with improvement in CCTV (KM/SK majority vote)

26.49 To discuss – Audit 26/27 year
Will continue with current Auditor

26.50 To discuss – 2027 Village Centenary (BS)
It was agreed that we wanted to celebrate the Centenary of coal production. Councillors checking important dates. Ideas invited to August meeting with potential Working Group being set up.

26.51 To consider regarding Crompton Rd Park;

a. Discussion on recent damage and general ASB creating a hazard on the park and the long term cost of maintaining the facility when it continues to suffer damage including future events (Skate Jam) a strategy decision on what will and will not be repaired and delegation to 2 Councillors to prepare and handle media coverage of the past incidents and any others going forward.

Make statement agreed between Councillors about the situation and that the Council are finding ongoing costs unsustainable and that any further damage cannot be rectified and the items concerned will be remover/closed off

b. Quotation from Proludic for additional works/cleaning of the exercise equipment on Crompton Rd park (emailed 1/7)
On hold pending next meeting

c. Potential cost of heras fencing to secure any dangerous areas
Noted that costs are £160 per week plus signage and installation in the event that we have to take items out of commission

26.52 To consider – Village sign (SK)
Sign is ready. Installation is due shortly.

26.53 To consider permission for improvements to the Heritage Centre (e-mailed 1/7)
Permission to change heating boiler to a commercial grade unit and relay flooring in the long corridor and committee room and library areas was agreed (DM/SK)

26.54 To consider Grant request £500 for water oxygenating equipment
It was resolved to agree the grant (SK/AW)

26.55 To review – Website Accessibility report and statement for the website
It was resolved to accept the report and statement (KM/SK)

26.56 To review and pay – Revised Insurance quotation to include changes agreed in June
Resolved

26.57 To consider financial matters; to review and approve:

a. Bank Reconciliation – to be reviewed by one Councillor and signed as accurate
b. Previous month's invoices - to be reviewed by two Councillors and signed as accurate
c. Budget and financial status
d. Invoices to be paid

All of the above were approved and signed (DM/SK)

26.58 Summary of the meeting (time permitting, maximum 10 minutes)

26.59 Date of next meeting(s)10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December

To note that potential agenda items must be with the Clerk by 2nd August 2026