

URL: <https://www.bilsthorpe-pc.gov.uk/community/bilsthorpe-parish-council-13751/home>

AIM Score (No accessibility features used): 8.8/10

AIM Score (All accessibility features used): 8.7/10

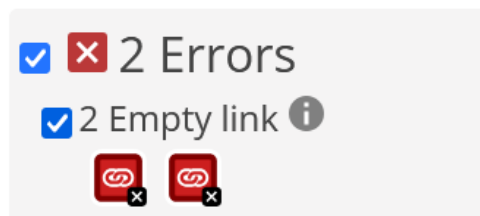
Notes: The high contrast mode (white text on black background) doesn't actually seem to work - see screenshots below.

The screenshot shows the website's accessibility settings menu on the left and the 'Home' page content on the right. The settings menu includes a notification: 'The changes to your accessibility settings were made'. The settings are: 'Turn Accessibility Features On/Off' (ON selected), 'Select Font Size' (Extra-Large selected), and 'Invert Colours (white text on black background)' (ON selected). The 'Home' page content includes a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Planning Tracker', 'Parish Councillors', 'Parish Council Meetings', and 'Parish Council'. The main content area has a heading 'Home' and several paragraphs of text: 'Bilsthorpe Parish Council comprises of 11 Councillor positions.', 'The Council meets once a month on the second Monday at 6.30 pm, usually in Burton residents are welcome to attend these meetings.', 'Please find recent updates and notices on this website and on the notice board outside', 'Any questions and enquires can be directed to the Clerk on 07856 680740 or via email clerk@bilsthorpeparishcouncil.gov.uk or by post to', and 'Bilsthorpe Parish Council, Bilsthorpe Village Hall, Cross Street, Bilsthorpe NG22 8QY'.

Below are structural changes that should be made to further improve the score of the site, as well as issues noticed during testing.

### **Accessibility Issues:**

1. You have an entire FancyBox implementation that is unused on this page/site. This bloats the website load, and causes a couple of accessibility issues. For reference, FancyBox is used to display images in a “gallery” where users can zoom in and out, swipe left and right for more images and such. Either remove this entirely if not required, or only load it on pages that require it. This will not only speed the site up (minorly) but will also remove empty and redundant links, which accessibility hates. The only pages that would benefit from FancyBox don't even actually use it. The park images for Maid Marian and Crompton are the only real images on the site that could be used in a gallery, and they aren't. This suggests to me that the FancyBox implementation is unrequired, and causing a couple of minor accessibility issues.

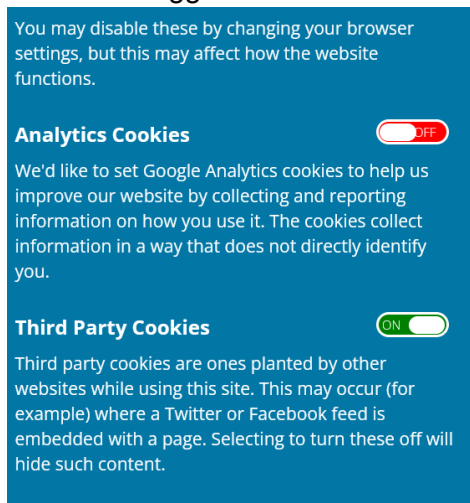


1a. In a similar vein, you are loading the Google Maps code on all pages too, which is only required on the contact page. This doesn't cause accessibility issues, but causes errors in the

console and is generally bad practice - loading things you don't need will also slow down page speed.

2. Perhaps due to the high contrast mode above being non-functional, the H1 (title) of the page is noted as low-contrast. Increasing the contrast, or fixing the toggle should resolve the issue.

3. Before getting into the site, the user must first confirm their cookie choices (standard). However, there is some very small text on there which will be difficult for those with accessibility issues to read. This is *before* the chance to increase the text size in the accessibility options is able to be toggled. It is the text in these buttons the accessibility score is complaining about:

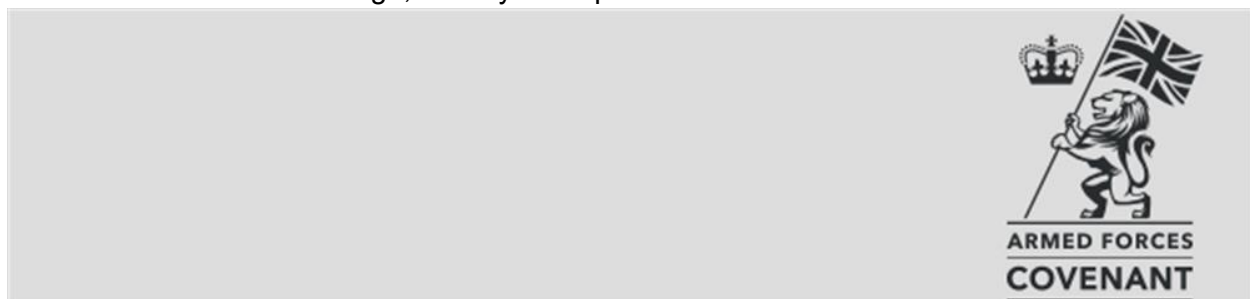


### **Style/Functionality Issues:**

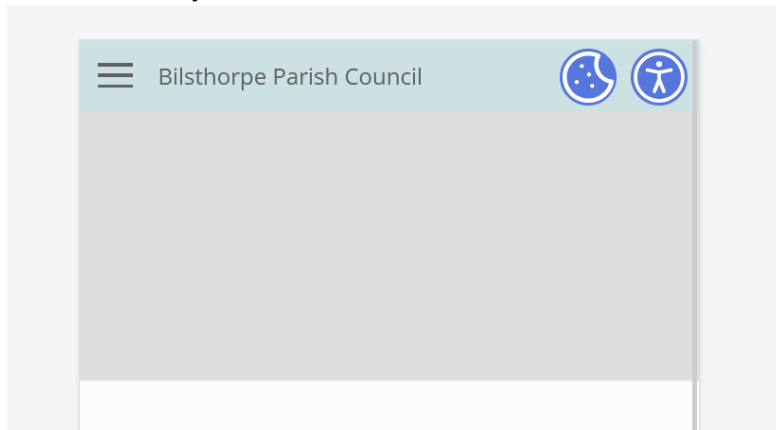
Aside from all that, there are a couple of style/functionality issues, which are not accessibility related but "nice-to-have" fixes.

Examples include:

1. The logo on a phone doesn't actually display anything, just a grey box. This is due to the box being *far* too big for the phone screen, and therefore not showing the correct design. Give an appropriate size for mobiles and use that instead, or better still, make the image responsive to be able to serve screens of all sizes. In fact, until I went into the code to look at it, I didn't realise it was an Armed Forces image, as only the top of the lion is visible. What it is meant to look like:



What it actually looks like on mobile:



2. The navigation bar at the top is broken. As you can see on the screenshot above, “Planning Tracker” is highlighted, when I am clearly on the homepage.

3. The prior-noted contrast mode is not working.

4. Multiple alignment issues such as on the Parish Council Meetings page.

5. The footer is not “sticky” to the bottom of the screen, can make the site look very squashed and difficult to navigate on small screens. For example, it makes the site look very short on the homepage and results in a lot of whitespace at the bottom.

