

**Bilsdale Midcable Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**Chop Gate Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs M Bowes (Chairman), J Smith, B Heley, S Sanderson, D Jennings  
In attendance: P Johnson, H and S Van Wijk, C Marsh, N Jones

1. **Introduction and welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies for absence:** Clerk J Gamble, Cllr Heather Moorhouse
3. **Declarations:** None declared
4. **Minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman
5. **Matters arising: Boundary review** - The Boundary Commission published its final report for North Yorkshire on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. The Parish Council had objected to the initial proposal to move the Parish to the Helmsley ward. Members were pleased to note that the final decision is for the Parish to remain in the Great Ayton ward.
6. **Highways:**
  - a) The inaccurate traffic sign on the Urra road in Seave Green has been replaced
  - b) Further follow up is required regarding the complaint about the salt bins in Fangdale Beck.  
**Action:** Clerk
  - c) Further follow up is required regarding the request for a deer warning sign on the B1257.  
**Action:** Clerk
7. **Fibre Broadband (Quickline):** Following a redesign, Quickline are awaiting a permit to restart work and expect this to be completed in 4-5 months. The Helmsley contract, which includes Fangdale Beck, is currently still on its original timeline.
8. **Mobile phone network (Cellnex):** Cellnex have been unable to do any work on the mast since Jan 19<sup>th</sup> due to the weather. However two mobile networks have their antennae installed on the mast. For the remaining network Cellnex plan to complete this work when weather conditions allow. The mobile networks then need to test the system before the mobile signals go live. This may be completed in mid-April.
9. **Finance:**
  - a) The expenditure was reviewed and is on track with the forecast. It was noted that to date the income is £4123 plus forecast of £182; the current expenditure is £6642 plus a forecast expenditure of £928. The expected year-end balance is £3653.
  - b) For 2026-27 the projected opening balance is £3653, projected income is £2997.
10. **Speeding Traffic:** The speeding indicator sign has been moved to a new location in Chop Gate. The next stage is to analyse the data. Gt Broughton and Helmsley have similar machines so they will be contacted to discuss this. **Action:** Cllr Jennings
11. **Police:** The January and February 2026 reports were noted

12. **BMPC Asset Register:** The progress report for February 2026 was noted and signed by the Chairman. Repairs are needed to Fangdale Beck notice board. **Resolved:** to initially discuss this with Stephen Read. **Action:** Clerk
13. **Fangdale Beck Village Hall Charity:** Two meetings of the trustees and members have taken place and four options have been identified for further assessment.
14. **Great and Little Broughton Parish Council re Stokesley & District Community Care Association:** Members discussed a suggestion to make a regular donation to S&DCC Association. There is limited scope for additional spending in 2026-27. **Resolved:** not to give a donation to S&DCCA.
15. **Correspondence:**
  - a) No response has been received from National Power about the high number of power cuts. **Resolved:** to send a reminder. **Action:** Clerk
  - b) The process to co-opt a new member to the Parish Council needs to continue. **Action:** All Cllrs
  - c) There is a lot of gravel being deposited on B1257 at the junction with the access to High Crossett near the junction to Fangdale Beck. **Resolved:** to request Highways to investigate. **Action:** Clerk
16. **Next meeting:** The next meeting was confirmed as 7.30 pm on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 in Chop Gate Village Hall

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