

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BILTON IN AINSTY WITH BICKERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN TOCKWITH SPORTS HALL ON MONDAY 20 April 2026

Present:

Councillors: Mrs J Hanson (Chairman), Mrs D Podlewska, Mrs L Chasney, Mrs J Farnworth, Mr D Cross

County Councillor: Mr A Paraskos

Mr L T I Grant (Clerk/RFO)

Clerk to Long Marston Parish Council

1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> None	
2.	<u>Public Questions and Statements</u> No questions or statements had been received from members of the public.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 March 2026</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2026 were approved as a true record by all Cllrs present without abstention.	
4.	<u>Highway Matters</u>	
4.1	Proposed footpath upgrades Bickerton Existing footpath surfaces in Main Street and Tom Cat Lane have been marked for replacement.	
4.2	Verge Maintenance Works The contractor has agreed that addition works can be carried out as necessary to road junctions when required	
5.	<u>Police Matters</u>	
5.1	NY Police had been invited to the meeting but had not responded.	
6.	<u>Financial Matters</u>	
6.1	Funds received ● £2,500 Tickled Trout car park rent received 2 April 2026	
6.2	Bank Balance at 31.03.26 ● Charity Account £9,948.46 There were no questions about the financial statistics circulated for March 2026.	
6.3	Invoices received and to be paid: ● £188.00 YLCA Annual membership ● £184.40 Parish Council website annual subscription All Cllrs present without abstention approved payment of the invoices.	

7.	<u>Planning and Related Matters</u>	
7.1	<p>Planning applications received and to be determine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traveller's caravan site Long Marston <p>Councillors had been made aware of the Application for a site in Long Marston, near the east Boundary with Bilton in Ainsty. NYC had not consulted the PC. Following urgent discussions over the weekend and some confusion about the date for return of comments, the Clerk was asked to object to the Application to protect the interests of residents in Bilton in Ainsty. The Clerk to Long Marston PC who was familiar with the long standing problems associated with the site, explained the history of failures by Enforcement Officers over several years and several retrospective planning applications for the site. After discussion, Cllrs agreed that joint action was needed to resolve the failings of the Enforcement Team in Harrogate, whose efforts were considered inadequate. Cllrs agreed to a joint complaint with adjacent Parish Councillors to seek action with the Enforcement team in Harrogate.</p>	
7.2	<p>Planning decision notifications received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None received 	
7.3	<p>Planning Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None received 	
7.4	<p>Turnpike Lane Development - update No Changes noted.</p>	
8.	<u>PC Administration</u>	
8.1	<p>Key Holders with access to Parish Notice boards - update No requests received by the Chairman for access to place notices in the existing Notice Boards.</p>	
8.2	<p>Replacement Defibrillator Heated Cabinet Bickerton A decision was made to purchase a replacement heated cabinet for Bickerton. The new cabinet will be a non locking version with a permanent light.</p>	
8.3	<p>Correspondence A resident in Bilton in Ainsty had written to question why an objection had been made to the Proposed Planning Application in Long Marston, near the east boundary with this PC before today's PC meeting. A reply had been sent explaining the urgency to respond before the return deadline which was advertised on the NYC Planning Portal</p>	
10.	<p>Councillor's Business Items for the next Meeting Resetting of road signs in Bickerton which have been damaged</p>	
11.	<p><u>Dates for Future monthly Meetings</u> 28 May, 15 June 2026 Meetings to be held in Tockwith Sports Hall at 7.30pm</p>	

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