

## BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Buckden Parish Council held at Buckden Village Institute on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Ingram, Vetch, Jarrett

Also Present: Elaine Barlow-Hall, Clerk

Members of the Public: One

Start time: 19:00

#### 2425/22. Chair's Remarks

**Noted** remarks from Councillor Ingram, who referred to the Annual Parish Meeting and thanked the contributors and attendees for a successful meeting with a format which could be repeated next year. It was noted that the Gala went well, given the weather, and Cllr Ingram thanked all the Gala team.

Cllr Ingram also **noted** that he now had the key for the store at Buckden House where the generator is located (Shaun has a second key and Buckden House have the third). It was **resolved** that the key would be kept in the Buckden Village Institute key safe with the generator key.

#### 2425/23. Apologies for absence

Apologies received and reason for absence were accepted from Cllr Ramsden and Cllr Way. **Resolved** that Cllr Ramsden's and Cllr Way's absences be approved for this meeting.

#### 2425/24. Disclosures of interest

No disclosure of any pecuniary or personal interests were received from the Cllrs on the matters to be discussed in the meeting.

#### 2425/25. Minutes of previous meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### 2425/26. Confidential items to be discussed in confidence after item 2425/34

**Resolved** that no further matters to be discussed after item 2425/34.

#### 2425/27. Public participation

It was **noted** that an issue of the replacing of defibrillator batteries had been brought to the council's attention by Mr R. Davidson. The batteries are warranted for 4 years usage and need replacing once the power levels drop below one third. Given the speed with which replacements can be obtained it was **resolved** to continue with Mr Davidson's quarterly monitoring and to include costs in future budgets.

#### 2425/28. Reports from Invited Guests and County Councillors

No invited guests or councillors were in attendance. However, a verbal report was received from Peter Katic from the National Trust, advising that a conditional planning approval had been received for the pathway alongside the river between Buckden and Hubberholme.

### **2425/29. Planning**

The following planning applications were **noted**.

- a) C/13/166C: Timber Summerhouse at Deepdale.
- b) C/13/169G: Nethergill amendment to earlier planning application.

### **2425/30. Highway Matters**

The following issues were **noted**:

- a) New Village Signs: Sponsorships and grant received, to a total of £1350. The New signs were shown to the council and details of the expected installation (17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July) discussed. It was **noted** that Cllr Ramsden had volunteered to organise the building and planting of stone edged flowerbeds at the base of the new signs.
- b) To alleviate the flooding at the culvert below Buckden works have now been approved for the building of a sump over the next month. This should remove the routine flooding, but some may still occur at particularly high levels of rainfall.
- c) Kidstones Bank and Buckden Causeway Drainage works: Road closures 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Sept are assumed to be relating to the flooding issues above Cray. This will be confirmed when Engineer returns from present holiday leave.
- d) Discussions with YDNPA with regards to the expansion of the parking within the National Park Car Park have been positive with the council suggesting simple signage or reinforcement matting to the grassed areas to maintain the green space. The PC however has advised the Parks Authority that it would not support the expansion being done using a hard tarmac surface.

### **2425/31. Land Registry Project**

Cllr Ingram gave an update of this project. Although the HMLR project to register Parish land is no longer running it was **resolved** that the council move forward with registering the three most obvious areas as outlined by Cllr Vetch's research. Of the three, the area known as "the village dump" would be used as a pilot to assess the ease and costs of registration. Cllr Ingram agreed to proceed with this process with the help of Cllr Vetch.

### **2425/32. Parish Maintenance**

The maintenance of verges and greens was discussed, with reference to overhanging branches on Back Lane, the mowing and strimming of the greens and verges by Mr S. Close, and the responsibility for the footpaths.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Jarrett would take on the responsibility of formalising the maintenance of the different areas around the village, and that the clerk would contact Mr P. Katic of the National Trust with regards maintenance required for the Holloway and footpath along the west of the village.

### **2425/33. Finance**

- a) Bank Statements for May and June 2024 were **noted** and signed by the Cllr Ingram.
- b) It was **resolved** to approve the 2024/25 Bank Reconciliation to July 2024.
- c) The provision of a phone for the council to use to post official information messages to the community via WhatsApp were discussed. It was **resolved** that Cllr Vetch would purchase a pay-as-you-go SIM card for use with a donated phone linked

to the council laptop which could then be used by the clerk when requested to by the council.

d) It was **resolved** to approve the following payments:

- i) Clear Councils Insurance renewal - £339.43
- ii) All Signage for Day Visitor parking signs - £164.88

#### **2425/34. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was **noted**:

- a) The YDNPA Spring Parish Forums
- b) The YDNP Management Plan -Annual Forum Summary
- c) North Yorkshire Council “Keep North Yorkshire Clean” Campaign. Posters are on order to display around the Parish.
- d) Exempt status for AGAR received and logged with PFK Littlejohn
- e) Request from North Yorkshire Council to confirm our precept amount by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. This request highlighted the need to begin the process of producing the budget for 2025/26 and it was **resolved** that the clerk and the chair would produce an outline budget for the meeting in September.

#### **2425/35. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Buckden Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

#### **2425/36. Exclusion of press and public**

No issues required the exclusion of the press and public.

#### **The meeting closed at 20.00**

The Clerk should be given seven clear days’ notice of items for the agenda of the next meeting.