

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Buckden Parish Council held at the Buckden School Room on Monday 23rd September at 7pm

Present: Councillors R Ingram, P Vetch, A Jarrett, P Ramsden, J Way

Also Present: Elaine Barlow-Hall, Clerk

Members of the Public: None

Start Time: 19:01

2425/37 Chair's remarks

Noted remarks from the Chair (attached)

2425/38 Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence received.

2425/39 Disclosures of interest

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

2425/40 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th July 2024 be approved as a true record and signed by the chair.

2425/41 Confidential items to be discussed in confidence after item 2425/53

Resolved that no further matters to be discussed in confidence after item 2425/53

2425/42 Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

2425/43 Reports from Invited Guests and County Councillors

There were no reports received.

2425/44 Planning

The following planning applications were **noted**:

a) C/13/46E and C/13/46F/LB: Kitchen extractor fan at The George.

b) C/13172E: change of use to site "Shepherd Hut" tourist accommodation at Wharfeside House.

c) C/44/304: Cam Houses Mast - **Noted** refused. Cllrs were invited to discuss prior to the YDNPA Committee meeting, a recommendation to support refusal of this application. A majority of Cllrs supported, considering the Permitted Development approval by the Home Office to build a mast close to the Cam Banks application for a 25mtr mast for the ESN. The view of the PC was that we should concentrate our efforts in facilitating additional antennae on this mast for commercial operators, to ensure coverage in this part of Langstrothdale. Simultaneously, the application for a mast at Bishopdale has been withdrawn. The application for the mast at The Raikes is of course conditionally approved. However, the Permitted Approval for the increase in height

and capacity of the ESN Mast at Gilbert Lane, suggests the same approach should be taken by the PC for this application, and representation to the appropriate parties will be made on behalf of the PC.

d) Yorkshire Dales Local Plan Consultation no7. It was **noted** that a map of Buckden in the consultation did not correctly represent two spaces as designated open spaces or private garden and **resolved** that the clerk would send corrections to the consultation.

2425/45 Highway Matters

The following issues were **noted**.

a) That the works are completed on drainage issues and road repairs: to the south of Buckden, Deepdale to Oughtershaw and Buckden causeway which should reduce the incidence of flooding.

b) That YDPA do not intend to extend the car park at Buckden Village due to insufficient days of maximum capacity.

c) NYC scheme to cut Roadworks: Whilst Buckden Parish Council is not a key stakeholder it was **proposed** that the clerk draw up a letter of support for Upper Wharfedale Bus Company's response and send to the consultation.

d) That the road works leading to road closures of Kidstones 16th -27th September were completed ahead of schedule.

e) That the Village Signs project had been completed without requiring additional council spending.

f) That the sign on Village Green is overcrowded. It was agreed to request the re-siting of as many of the signs as possible.

g) It was **resolved** that the former Buckden Village Signs be auctioned in aid of the Air Ambulance at the November Quiz night, possibly with the addition of other Buckden themed memorabilia. Cllr Ingram agreed to organise this.

h) Maintenance of the hedges and verges around the Parish was discussed, specifically between Buckden Village and Starbotton, Stubbings lane and roadside between Hubberholme and Low Raisgill. It was **resolved** that the council support the farmers responsible by a contribution of £300 or one third of the costs, whichever is the lower.

2425/46 Land Registry Project

No work has been done on the land registry project.

2425/47 Buckden Parish Bonfire

The plans for the annual Buckden Parish Bonfire event were discussed. Cllr Vetch agreed to ask Buckden Village Institute to help organise refreshments, Cllr Ingram to approach members of the Parish to assist building and lighting the Bonfire.

2425/48 Parish Maintenance

The following updates were **received**:

a) Cllr Jarrett gave an update of discussions with Shaun Close on the scope of the maintenance of the greens and verges. It was **resolved** to accept his budget proposal.

b) Cllr Ramsden gave an update on the Dry Stone Wall planting for the new Village Signs, with the aim for both areas to be completed by the end of the year.

2425/49 Buckden Parish Council Website

The provision of a dedicated Buckden Parish Council website was discussed to meet the requirements for public bodies of accessibility. Cllr. Vetch described a route to restructure and redevelop the parish website, as part of which a Parish Council micro-site would be created. This should address the accessibility requirements of WCAG2.1AA. A prototype of this micro-site is available for review. This initial version to be reviewed by the council as soon as possible.

2425/50 Correspondence

The following correspondence was **noted**:

- a) Parish Liaison -Parish Sector Information which includes information about upcoming NYC consultations including one on the Mobile Library Provision
- b) A YDNP Dark Sky Reserve Lighting Workshop – 11th November 2024 free to the public.
- c) An invitation to the Branch Meeting of the YLCA in Bentham.

2425/51 Finance

- a) Bank Statements for July and August were **noted** and signed by Cllr Ingram.
- b) It was **resolved** to approve the 2024/25 Bank Reconciliation to September 2024
- c) It was **resolved to** approve the following payments:
 - i) S A Close, maintenance of the village greens: £535.00
 - ii) All Signage, for the new village signs: £1505.76
 - iii) Peter Vetch Ltd, for renewal of domain name for 2 years: £86.39
- d) An update on the preparation of the 2025/26 Budget was **received**

2425/52 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Buckden Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 11th November 2024.

2425/53 Exclusion of press and public

It was **resolved** that members of the press and public be excluded from item 2425/54 under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) during consideration of items of a confidential nature.

The clerk left the meeting at 21:24 and subsequent minutes were taken by Cllr Vetch.

2425/54 Discuss Parish Clerk Completion of Probationary Period

The meeting closed at 21:35

BPC Chairman Remarks – Monday 23rd September 2024

Our scheduled meeting for the 9th of this month had to be postponed to this evening because of holidays and family commitments, making our then meeting inquorate. And its strangely ironic, as meeting tonight in this room, as opposed to the Institute, marks almost exactly one year since my appointment as both Cllr and Chair of BPC. I said to myself from the outset, if this role became unenjoyable, I would walk away. I have to say that I've really enjoyed the past year. And that is in no small part to the support I have received from you all, but in particular from Cllr Vetch, whose advise, support and friendship, I have come to value greatly.

A busy period for most in the community, including the PC. Several initiatives were undertaken with the help of several residents.

With assistance from Mike Lee and the Barlow-Hall family, the verges alongside Dalegarth and Buckden House were cleared of loam and weeds, which had accumulated over several years. This was back breaking work in hot conditions, so an extra sincere thanks for their help. Whilst the Barlow-Hall boys were splendid, their Mother Elaine put us all to shame in showing us just how strong her back is. Mike Lee also helped with trimming some overhanging branches in Back Lane, which were interfering with vehicles.

Messrs Gordon Kilvington, Peter Breen, Richard Barlow, Kevin Roe and Mark Barraclough came together and stripped the concrete roadside markers alongside the village green and then painstakingly repainted them. New reflectors were added. Whilst looking immeasurably smarter, their real purpose as markers to traffic travelling through the village, should make for a safer journey for all. Thanks also to Cllr Jane Way and Gill for the super lunch they put on for us. A real village effort from which we all benefit.

The next community project is in hand to renovate benches in the Parish in the village green and on the riverbanks outside the Church at Hubberholme. Update next meeting.