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Parish Council**

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Minutes of Tour de France Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Present: Mr. G. Scofield, Ms. A. Peters, Mr. C. Clark, Mr. P. Breen, Mr. T. Berry (Clerk)  
Twenty seven parishioners which included DC Mr. J. Roberts

- Mr. Scofield opened the Meeting by informing the Parishioners that this item had been on the Parish Council Agenda but the Council had felt the whole community should have the chance to hear what plans the Council had been informed of that would affect the Village and also to hear what views the Parishioners had.
- CDC was informing that we were to expect between 31,000 – 60,000 visitors between Buckden and Kidstones.
- The main road is to be closed from 6.00am on the 5<sup>th</sup> July until the evening re-opening between 5.00/6.00pm. Health Care Visitors will be able to travel on the road to visit their clients by prior arrangements. Similarly Emergency Vehicles will be allowed but this will be limited.
- The Authorities will inform the Council at the end of April the exact timing of these closures. Buckden House will be the Emergency Centre where the Police and Fire Services will operate from although this cover will be limited.
- The Parish Council are concerned about the supply of fresh water being available further up the Dale as they are in Buckden itself. Parishioners are concerned about the reduced supply owing to the increased amount to service campers at Velofest at Kilnsey and other camp sites. Yorkshire Water were well aware of the problem and they say, 'have the situation in hand.' They were going to augment the supply at Skipton to give increased pressure. It is envisaged there will be between 9 – 10,000 people staying on the Velofest field so up-dale pressure is bound to be decreased. Mr. Julian Longbottom, Technical Manager, Yorkshire Water will be re-visiting the Council Meeting and he will have more details as on his previous visit he had limited information.
- There are only 100 days to Le Grand Depart with only two more Parish Council Meetings. It is envisaged cars and camper-vans will be parked in lay-bys weeks prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> and the Council are concerned as to how to stop parking at Kidstones and on the Village Green. If a Parishioner is aware of cars being parked inappropriately they are asked to inform a Parish Councillor.
- The closure of the roads at the back of Buckden House is the responsibility of the Parish Council but legal permission is required which would be problematical. The Parish Council is to produce 'No Parking' notices.
- Parishioners were asked for their ideas as to what should be done with the Village Green. Had anyone any ideas or events that was felt would/could be needed. At the time no ideas were forthcoming.
- The Institute Committee had no plans at the present but at the School room the Church group were to have a bar-b-q on the day before and the day after. They will also be charging visitors to sit on the grass in front of the School Room.
- There was discussion about the Villages insurance liability for injuries caused to visitors using the franchises on the Green but nothing was resolved. It was noted though that with 3 or 4 units providing refreshments there would be sufficient visitors for everyone providing this service, to take make it worth

their while. No Parishioner had any objections to franchises being on the Green. The green outside the pub would be more suitable for viewing rather than parked franchisees.

- The Government has made £10 million available to arrange the TdeF, then an additional £2.5 million. This money had all been spent on consultancy fees. This had been to provide barriers for crowd control, toilets, and local activities. Another [problem was who would be responsible for repair to damaged stone walls as those whose land the walls were on could be responsible but this was not acceptable. WRG had put in a low quote to win the contract but then ran into trouble 'when they realised how long the course was.' They say savings will be made elsewhere.
- The National Park was to put extra toilets in the car park. There would be toilets provided in farmer's fields who were offering camping.
- According to the Purple Guide there should be a toilet to every 50 people which according to envisaged numbers was impossible.
- A large number of visitors would be on bikes allowing freedom to move easily from one viewing position to another.
- Bunting – the Chairman spoke to Mrs Kilvington on this item. It was the consensus that a banner would be nice to have but as it could not be put over the road where would be best to site it?
- Litter Picking. It was pointed out that the edges of the road were already becoming covered in 'waste refreshment water bottles.' Some Parishioners felt these should be cleared before the 5<sup>th</sup> so the area looked 'cared for.' There will be dust bin wagons visiting the village to collect waste on the Monday and Tuesday. It was raised as to who was 'responsible' for the collection of waste from the road and in law this is the Highways Authority. DC Mr said he would look into this. It is the National Parks policy not to provide bins in the Parks as it is policy to encourage visitors to take their litter home without exception. If as has been suggested some Villagers help with the litter picking, who is responsible for their insurance?
- 100 Day Arts Festival – dance, Bar-B-Q – Knitting together.
- Buckden are knitting sheep with yellow jersey for sale to raise funds for the Church.
- TdeF Social Evening in the Institute.
- TdeF sweat/T shirts for sale.
- There are 16 large screens on this stage of the race, but on further discussion, a few local farmers are to have screens in their camping fields.
- If any Parishioners had any fresh ideas or suggestions to benefit the Village, they are requested to put these on paper and put through a Councillors door.
- The idea of a lasting memento was voiced but nothing specific was decided although a plaque or statue was suggested there is a problem as where to site this.
- The pinfold and the Village Green will need to be fenced off.
- Franchises will have to be secured for the Village Green.
- The next Meeting is to be on 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.
- The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.30pm.