

Minutes of Buckden Parish Council meeting

9th February 2015

Present

Cllr Schofield

Cllr Clark

Cllr Breen

Cllr Peters

Cllr Thompson

Attending

Clerk

District Cllr Roberts

4 Electors

Minutes

1. The minutes of the parish council meeting for January 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Breen

Seconded by Cllr Clark

Apologies

2. Apologies were received for Cllr S. Marshall

Declaration of Interest

3. None declared

Matters Arising

4.1

Highways

An email from Andrew Mellor was read out to the meeting confirming that he would try to bring the proposed work at Fleet Moss forward. He also asked for the councillors views on the proposed work outside Oughtershaw Hall. This is scheduled for the financial year 2015 / 2016 and the question of the time of year for the work to take place was discussed. It was agreed by all councillors that summer school holidays would be preferable however they all agreed and requested that once a date was confirmed it was not changed. The clerk is to reply to Andrew with this feedback.

4.2

Vodafone Project

Mr Peter Vetch was invited to a high profile event on 21st January in London and therefore he was asked to update the meeting of events. He confirmed that the survey that was due to be carried out was snowed off and the next date would be 26th February. The engineers have confirmed to Peter that they have only ever completed this project using BT broadband so there were slight reservations as to how effective it would be with the broadband used in the village and surrounding parish. The head engineer did confirm that he was confident it would work. The next stage now was to await the results of the survey and to see what areas Vodafone found to be potential stations.

At this stage of the meeting the Councillors expressed their Thanks to Mr Peter Vetch on behalf of the community for all of his hard work with this project so far.

4.3

Tour de France funds

The funds from the Tour de France and what to use them for was discussed at length. The councillors agreed that they did not feel the need to commemorate the passing of the tour through Buckden and it was resolved that the money should be kept for future use or projects that may arise and not to spend the money just because it was available. The clerk is to update at the next meeting the full amount and which account it should be left in, after this it was agreed that a statement should be placed on the village website to advise everybody what the councillors had decided to do.

4.4

Library

The Library cuts and consultation period - All paperwork had been completed, no further updates could be given, this item to be kept on the agenda for future discussions.

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Emergency Village Plan

At the meeting on the 27th January which Cllr Schofield and Cllr Breen attended it was resolved to form a sub committee to move the plan forward. The sub committee will meet on Tuesday 17th February and will be attended by Cllr Breen and Cllr Peters, they will provide an update at the next meeting.

It was agreed that all councillors are in favour of putting an emergency plan together and some kind of resource if a disaster should occur.

4.6

BT

The matter of BT and the poor service that residents in Oughtershaw are receiving was discussed. Cllr Clark advised the meeting that BT and Northern Power-grid disconnected Nethergill Farm recently to see if the problem still occurred and it did. The next plan is to isolate Swarthghyll Farm and Nethergill Farm and to continue isolating properties back to the power station until the problem is found. This matter is still ongoing.

County and District Councillor Update

Cllr J. Roberts provided the following updates;

- Craven District Council is looking at the budget and freezing council tax or increasing by 1.199%
- Craven District Council is looking at alternative income streams as they cannot make any more financial cuts
- The entrance to the Town Hall is being constructed
- 10th March is the brown bin collection again
- On the 29th March a cycle event is to pass through Buckden, this will consist of between 500 - 600 cyclists. The police are consulting the event organisers
- The planning meeting for the 10th February is to include the application to move the dental surgery across the road, the main problem being not enough parking for clients.

5.Finance

The balance of the savings account as of £1352.21

The balance of the community account as of £2266.81

The statements cannot be signed as the Clerk is not in receipt of them from the bank. The mandates have been completed and change of address should be in place for next month

The liabilities this month:

Clerk wages £127.24

HM Revenue and Customs PAYE liabilities £129.60

It has been advised that the past clerk did not send any payments to HMRC therefore this amount is needed to bring the matter up to date

Proposed by Cllr Schofield

seconded by Cllr Breen

Planning

6. No Planning Applications to report

Correspondence

7. Correspondence

- School Transport Consultation - Threat to school

The above item was discussed, the view of all councillors is that it seems ludicrous for an empty bus to pass children within a 3 mile radius and not collect them. It was agreed that a joint letter with Kettlewell Parish Council should be sent in protest to the proposed changes, all agreed - The clerk to action

Any Other Business

- The matter of Buckden house was raised and the fact that the tarmac had been removed outside and needs reinstating urgently. It was also reported that the builders who had worked at Buckden house had left considerable mess.

Matters raised by the public

With no other business discussed the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of Next meeting

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Future Items
Bonfire