

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT BUCKDEN VILLAGE INSTITUTE ON MONDAY 20TH JUNE 2022 at 7.00PM

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor P Breen

Councillors: Councillor A Jarrett, Councillor P Ramsden, Councillor P Vetch and Councillor J Way

Officer: Laura Jowett

Also Present: County Councillor R Foster

2223/21 Chairman's remarks

Councillor Breen thanked the Clerk for her work with the Council and noted that this would be her last meeting. He advised that the memorial bench for Ted Salmon had been received and would be fitted shortly.

2223/22 Apologies and reasons for Absence

None

2223/23 Disclosures of Interest

None

2223/24 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council on Monday 9th May 2022 be signed as a true and accurate record.

2223/25 Public Participation

None present.

2223/26 Reports from District / County Councillors

Councillor Foster gave a brief update on arrangements for the new North Yorkshire Council.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Metcalfe.

2223/27 Highways Matters

a) To receive an update on footpaths in the parish and consider any action required

The Council considered footpaths in the parish in light of discussions with residents at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was noted that nettles make some footpaths almost impassable. The Council **resolved** to draft a specification and request quotes from contractors to trim three paths to a width of 1.5m. The three footpaths are the lane to the sheepdip, the lane to the car park and from Firth Demesne to Lane Ends Barn. Councillor Vetch will draft a specification and circulate to councillors. **Resolved** to set a budget of up to £500 for the year for this work, to come from the Council's general reserves.

Councillor Ramsden advised of issues on the area between Hartrigg House and The Croft. Japanese Knotweed is growing and will need to be properly

dealt with. Councillor Ramsden will draft a proposal for consideration at the meeting in July.

b) To consider any highways issues in the parish and any action required

The Council noted that there will be a road closure in Starbottan between 10pm and 2 am from the 27th June until the 1st July. The Council have been advised that residents will be allowed to pass through but that at times they may have to wait up to ten minutes.

The Council agreed that Seal Bank be included on the agenda for the meeting in July.

c) To receive an update from the Road Safety Working Group

No update was available. This item was deferred until the next meeting.

2223/28 **Planning**

No planning application had been received but the Council noted its disappointment that the application at High Haw Barn had been refused.

2223/29 **Emergency Planning**

a) To receive an update from the Emergency Planning Working Group

No update available.

b) To receive an update and consider the purchase of a generator for use at the Village Institute in case of emergencies

Councillor Vetch advised that he is looking at options.

2223/30 **Litter Picking**

a) To consider expenditure of up to £250 to purchase litter picking equipment

Resolved to purchase 5 x 33" litter pickers and 5 x 37" litter pickers for the cost of up to £250. The Council may apply to Cllr Metcalfe for a locality grant towards the costs.

2223/31 **Correspondence**

a) To receive and consider correspondence from the Council for British Archaeology

Received and noted

b) To receive an update on progress towards a new single council for North Yorkshire

Received and noted

2223/32 **Finance**

a) To receive and note the Bank Statements and a bank reconciliation to 31st May 2022.

The bank statements and bank reconciliation were received and noted. The bank balance at the 31st May was as follows:

Unity Trust T1 account: £9694.38

b) Resolved to approve the following payments

i. YLCA: Job advert: £15.00

2223/33 Resolved that members of the press and public be excluded from item 2223/34 under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1(2)) during consideration of items of a confidential nature. (staffing matters)

2223/34

Staffing Matters

The Council agreed to continue to try to recruit a new clerk.

2223/35

Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Buckden Parish Council will be held at 7pm on Monday 11th July 2022

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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