

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Buckden Parish Council held at Buckden Village Institute Monday 11th March at 7.00pm

Present: **Councillors Ingram, Jarrett, Vetch, Way**
Also Present: Elaine Barlow-Hall, Clerk
Members of the Public: Four

Start time: 19.00

2324/79 Chair's remarks

Noted the remarks from Cllr Ingram who welcomed Elaine Barlow-Hall as the new Clerk.

2324/80 Apologies for absence

Apologies received and reasons for absence were accepted from Cllr Ramsden.
Resolved that Cllr Ramsden's absence be approved for this meeting.

2324/81 Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Way disclosed a personal interest in item 2324/89 b)

2324/82 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 8th January 2024 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

2324/83 Confidential items to be discussed in confidence after item 2324/93

Resolved that no further matters to be discussed after item 2324/93.

2324/84 Public Participation

2324/85 Reports from Invited Guests and County Councillors

A verbal report was received and noted from National Trust Woodland Project Officer Alicia Turner on the extensive tree planting to be completed by the end of April including a Community Planting Day on 7th April, which Cllr Vetch has already shared on the village WhatsApp group.

A verbal report was received and noted from Mr P Katic (NT) with regards to other National Trust projects:

- Update on the footpath between changes between Hubberholme and Buckden, planning approval is expected in the spring with a view to the work being carried out next winter.
- Felling of trees following Ash dieback almost completed.
- Fence Repairs have been completed downstream of Buckden bridge following the recent floods.
- A Drystone Bench is planned for the top of Buckden Pike.

A Verbal report was received and noted from Cllr. Richard Foster on the North Yorkshire Council decision to increase the council tax by the full 5% allowed. He detailed cost-saving in the move to the new unitary authority but explained that this did not cover the rises due to inflation and to Adult and Child Social Care Services.

Cllr. Foster also responded to council queries regarding the planning processes which were stalling an application at Oughtershaw.

2324/86 Planning

- a) Noted planning application C13/3 -Change of use -Townhead Barn.
- b) Noted the following applications:
 - a. Approval of planning application C/13/63C High Haw Garth
 - b. Approval of C/13/206B/OH Notification under Reg 5 The Overhead Lines (Exemption) – Beckermonds Scar
- c) The updated planning application register was noted, queries were expressed on the delays and implications of delays to the planning applications associated with C/44/404 & R/53/36. It was **resolved** that Cllr Vetch would draft a letter to the local MP to request speeding up the process with regards to the communications masts, and to copy the local planning department.

2324/87 Highway Matters

- a) It was noted that no action was required on footpaths at this time.
- b) The following highway issues were noted:
 - 1) That the recent grading at Hubberholme had been damaged by the recent floods.
 - 2) That there was a delay in the delivery of the grit bins. It was **resolved** to purchase an additional grit bin to install at Beckermonds.
 - 3) That the removal of parking restrictions around the village would be a lengthy process, no decision to proceed with this at this time.
- c) A report on the proposed new Village Signage was received. It was proposed that grants may be available to offset the cost of the main village entrance signs, Richard Foster to explore the availability of funds after May. Approval for the signs was given in principle, given the application of such grants.
It was **resolved** to purchase two signs to indicate the location of the National Park Car Park.

2324/88 Land Registry Project

No update was available on this project.

2324/89 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Letter from NYC ref Urban Highway Grass Cutting. No further action to be taken.
- b) Letter from Parish of UW&L ref grass cutting – Hubberholme Church. Cllr Way reminded the council of her interest in this matter. It was suggested that this should be considered in October, when setting the budget for the following year, if the PCC submit a similar request for next year.
- c) Email ref YDNP Management Plan.
- d) Letter re Home to school transport. It was **resolved** that the council would respond to the consultation, with a copy to Cllr. Foster, addressing specific concerns regarding the catchment area provision.
- e) Letter re Health & Well-being.
- f) Letter from YDNPA seeking nominations for PC Member of The National Park Authority.

2324/90 Finance

- a) Bank Statements for January & February 2024 were noted and signed by the chair.
- b) It was **resolved** to approve the 2023/24 Bank Recon and full-year forecast.
- c) It was **resolved** to approve:
 - a. Payment to S Close – Grass cutting & Generator fuel - £50
 - b. Payment to Handley Electrical - Defib Installation - £168
 - c. Payment to YLCA for clerk induction training - £25
 - d. Payment to Peter Vetch for MS365 licence - £59.99
 - e. Transfer from Current to Savings account - £4,300
- d) It was noted that the banking arrangements were being updated to allow the new clerk access to the accounts.
- e) It was **resolved** to approve the updated Financial Risk Register.
- f) It was **resolved** to approve the updated Asset Register.
- g) It was **resolved** to approve the 2024/25 budget.
- h) The update of the Business Contingency plan was noted.
- i) It was **resolved** to approve the re-appointment of Beck Cottage Bookkeeping as the internal auditor.

2324/91 Parish Clerk

It was **resolved** to approve the appointment of the new clerk.

2324/92 Annual Parish Meeting

The arrangements for the Annual Parish meeting were considered. It was suggested that local groups be invited to present reports at the meeting with refreshments possibly provided by the Buckden Village Institute. The Chair noted the possible dates as Tuesday evening in late April or May to be decided once availability was determined.

2324/93 Date of the next meeting

Noted that the next meeting of Buckden Parish Council, to be the Annual Council Meeting, be held at 7pm on Monday 13th May 2024.

2324/63 Exclusion of the press and public

No issues required the exclusion of the press and public.

The meeting closed at 21.01.

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

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