**Buckden Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting**

**Monday 12th December 2016**

**Cllr Schofield**

**Cllr Clark**

**Cllr Thompson**

**1 x Elector**

**Clerk**

**Councillor Marshall**

1. Minutes

The minutes of November meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed Cllr Thompson

Seconded Cllr Clark

1. Apologies

Cllr Breen has offered his apologies as he is away and Cllr Huck is still recovering from her operation.

Cllr Graham also sent apologies

1. Declaration of Interest

None Declared

1. Matters Arising

**1. Highways**

The Councillors agree on 2 small Buckden signs. The Clerk would order them and claim the money back from the Parish Council.

2. Parish Plan

The plan is to be sent to the Clerk for circulation and then onto the website for public consultation and feedback

**County and District councillor update**

Cllr Marshall spoke about the BT broadband project but could not offer any explanations. She would draft a letter to BT and NYCC on behalf of the Parish Council to explain the strong feelings about spending large amounts of money on a service we already receive albeit from a different supplier.

Cllr Graham sent an email to state that if there were any issues we needed her to help with to let her know.

1. **Finance**

The statements of account at 19th November 2016

Community Account £4176.92

Business Savings Account £2854.29

Liabilities this month are

Clerk £127.24 December

Clerk £127.24 January

**Precept**

The precept was decided for the forthcoming year. A few issues were taken into account, an impending election, potential grass cutting increases. The councillors decided that a contingency plan was needed as services would be cut during the next year and the Parish Council needed to be in a position to help the parishioners if needed.

It was resolved to increase the precept by £400 from £4600 to £5000

Proposed by Cllr Clark

Seconded by Cllr Schofield

All agreed

1. **Planning**

Nothing to report

1. **Correspondence**

* Parish forum - Weds 16th Cllr Schofield and Cllr Clark to attend - Both councillors gave an update of the forum meeting and advised that it was an interesting meeting. Many items were discussed uincluding the proposed Hellifield Holiday complex. One of the items for discussion by Cllr Clark was the future of farming. It was advised that the support from government for farming will reduce dramatically, potentially by as much as 50%.
* Cllr Peter Breen - letter of resignation - The Clerk advised the meeting that Cllr Breen had resigned from his post. The Clerk would contact democratic services to advertise the vacant post.

1. Any Other Business

* Vice Chairman - Following on from Cllr Breen’s resignation Cllr Clark was proposed to be Vice Chairman by Cllr Thompson, this was seconded by Cllr Schofield and Cllr Clark accepted.
* YDNPA - Housing plan to be discussed at next meeting and placed on agenda for such time in the future.
* A transparency grant has been applied for by the clerk to purchase a lap top. It was resolved that the council did need to purchase a laptop solely for the Parish Council work. We await to hear if the grant was successful.
* Cllr Clark advised the meeting that LEADER were offering grants again and were there any ideas the meeting could think of that needed help. This item is to be placed on the agenda for further discussion in the future

1. Matter raised by the public

With no other business discussed the meeting closed at 21.16pm

Date of next meeting Monday 13th February 2017

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year