

## DRAFT - BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Buckden Parish Council held at Buckden Village Institute Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors - Vetch, Ramsden, Way, Ingram  
Also Present: Nicola Mansfield-Smith, Clerk  
Members of the Public: Two  
Start time: 19.00

#### **2324/50 Chair's remarks**

Noted the remarks from Councillor Ingram who thanked all Councillors for their support in his appointment and thanked the previous Chair of the Council, Peter Breen for his years of service to Buckden Parish Council and to Councillor Vetch for his role as Vice Chair in the interim period.

It was noted that the Bonfire night on Sunday 5th November was very well attended, and thanks were expressed to the Village Institute and Debbie. Thanks were also noted for all the residents of the community for their help in building the bonfire. A notice will be provided for the community as to what action will be taken to repair the ground.

Councillor Ingram mentioned that he had attended the Kettlewell and Starborton Parish Council meeting and is keen to foster good relations with Buckden Parish Council. Welcome was extended to District Councillor Richard Foster, with thanks for his attendance at the meeting.

#### **2324/51 Apologies for absence**

Apologies received and reasons for absence were accepted from Councillor Jarrett.

#### **2324/52 Disclosures of Interest**

None received.

#### **2324/53 Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September be signed as a true and accurate record.

Resolved that the amended minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July were signed as a true and correct record.

**2324/54 Resolved** that agenda item 2324/61c be moved to confidential items.

#### **2324/55 Public Participation**

Two members of the public were present. Neale Barlow-Hall mentioned a new piece of technology within his company, that automatically assessed road water height, for potential flood warning. A trial for the system was discussed and it was agreed that he would facilitate a free trial and would liaise with Cllr Foster to determine Highways legislation.

#### **2324/56 Reports from Invited Guests and County Councillors**

District Cllr Richard Foster reported the restructure of the authority. The Chair read an update received from Peter Katic regarding National Trust issues, as follows:

- Walls repaired on short section of permitted footpath behind Buckden House, next to Chapel Croft (Buckden Holloway).
- National Trust have appointed a contractor to fell various ash at the following places – 7 trees on roadside north of Buckden, 4 trees on roadside south of Buckden, 2 trees by Dales Way at Buckden Bridge, 4 trees by Dales Way at Kettlewell, 1 tree on roadside Dubbs Lane, 1 tree in Cray farmyard.
- New Woodland Creation – the two sites have both passed their Environmental Impact Assessments. The work is now out for tender and hopefully both will be fenced and planted by the end of winter.
- A meeting is being held with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Farming in Protected Landscapes Officer and the farm tenant, to look at the planned Dales Way permitted route avoiding the road. Cllr Way reported that she had held a meeting with Peter Katic on this matter and discussed the inclusion of a Bench. Whilst advised it was not the policy of NT to provide such items, in this instance such a representation could be made. In addition, the topic of a Citizen Science Post was also discussed.

#### **2324/57          Planning**

Noted the following applications and the responses made:

C/13/207 – Brae Foot – comments submitted to support this application.

R/53/36 – 25m Lightweight Mast – Gilbert Lane - comments submitted to support this application.

C/44/304 - Cam Houses (Grid Ref) 381601 482414), Oughtershaw, Hawes, North Yorkshire, BD23 5JS – comments submitted to support this application.

#### **2324/58          Highway Matters**

a. It was reported that proper culverts were needed at the left side road of the southern entry into Buckden. However, it was also noted that an existing under road culvert is in place but is currently blocked. Cllr Richard Foster agreed to make urgent representation to Highways.

b. It was proposed to replace the two village Buckden signs at the northern and southern end as the current ones are looking tired. Cllr Ingram proposed, and it was resolved that he would investigate costs, design, and Highway Planning implications. A consensus was made that any new signs would follow the theme in other villages within Upper Wharfedale.

It was further proposed for two signs on the green area around Buck Inn to invite day visitors to use the National Dales carpark giving visitors more information. It was also suggested that a more prominent Blue and white 'P' sign be established. Cllr Ingram to investigate further and report. A request was made to Cllr Foster, that a meeting be set up with the Highways Engineer on site, to discuss the above in addition to the repainting of yellow lines and SLOW road markings.

c). The recent resurfacing to Stubbings Lane and specifically the raised verge left as a result was discussed. Feedback from Highways stated, 'lay-bys they are informal and the status, intervention threshold is the same as a verge, so no action is deemed necessary in accordance with the Highways Safety Inspection Manual.' This response was disappointing, and Cllr Foster has agreed to take the matter up again with Highways, supported with photos.

Resolved to purchase 3 new grit bins in the following locations:

Behind Buckden House  
The lane outside the Village Institute  
The access to the car park

**2324/59 Land Registry Project**

Noted that Councillor Ingram will liaise with Land Registry regarding the pilot scheme to identify locations which require investigation for land to include pathways and rights of way and will report at the appropriate time, as the scheme has been deferred.

**2324/60 Correspondence**

- a. Noted the letter from Teligent relating to the Emergency Services Network and it was proposed to reject this should Buckden Parish Council have to respond to this.

**2324/61 Finance**

**Resolved** the following:

- a. Received and noted the bank statements for September and October 23.
- b. Resolved that the clerk will apply for a savings account with Unity bank and that £6,000 should be moved to this account. Resolved that the standing orders should be amended to allow the clerk to move funds between the current account and the savings account between meetings, subject to certain controls to be defined. Cllr. Vetch to draft the proposed changes to be made to the standing orders for discussion at the next meeting.
- c. Resolved that the precept will be set at £4585 for 2024/2025.

**2324/62 Date of the next meeting**

Noted that the date of the next meeting of Buckden Parish Council will be held at 7pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**2324/63 Exclusion of the press and public**

Resolved to exclude the press and the public from item 2324/61c under the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act 1960 s1 (2)) due to their confidential nature.

The meeting closed at 21.25

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