**Buckden Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting**

**Monday 10th August 2015**

**Present**

**Cllr Schofield (Chair)**

**Cllr Breen**

**Cllr Clark**

**Cllr Peters**

**Cllr Thompson**

Clerk

9 Electors

1. Minutes

The minutes of the parish council meeting for June 2015 to be signed as a true and accurate record

Proposed by Cllr Breen

Seconded by Cllr Peters

1. Apologies

Cllr Marshall sent her apologies as she was on holiday

1. Declaration of interest

No matters to arise that the councillors were aware of

1. Matters Arising
   1. Highways

Road repair outside Oughtershaw Hall has now been completed. Still waiting from Cllr Marshall regarding Buckden house and awaiting a date for the work at Fleet Moss

* 1. School and Rural Transport

This item took a large amount of time during the meeting as the matter was discussed and a few electors were invited to join in and present their views.

Cllr Clark read out the response that had been put together and asked for views from the councillors. The deadline to respond is August 14th so the letter needed to be confirmed by then.

Cllr Breen stressed that he felt the letter was not forceful enough, it

articulated our position but in his opinion he felt we were accepting the cuts before the decision had been made.

It was confirmed that Kettlewell Parish Council had approved the letter and were happy to join forces with Buckden.

Some Electors then spoke regarding their views.

Discussions were held regarding the letter, the consultation and the bus

service.

A vote was taken to determine if the letter should be changed or kept as it is ; 2 councillors voted to change and 3 voted not to change the letter

It was resolved to speak with Kettlewell PC and to move forward with the

Response from the councils in time of the deadline.

* 1. Vodafone Project

Peter Vetch had informed the meeting by email that Vodafone were moving forward with the project at 2 locations but Langstrothdale would not be

covered. There is no indication of timescales as of yet.

* 1. Library

No further updates

* 1. Emergency village plan

Cllr Breen advised that he has the document ready and it would be displayed in the village hall. It was resolved that the document would be printed and distributed by Cllr Breen and any costs would be reimbursed.

* 1. BT

Cllr Clark advised the meeting that BT had installed filters to the lines which had improved things however investigations were still ongoing. Unfortunately Northern Power grid would not dig up the power lines which would help the investigations.

County and District councillor update

An update from S Marshall was read out at the meeting and is attached to the minutes

1. Finance

The statements of accounts are 19th July 2015

Community Account £3265.86

Business Savings Account £1352.92

Liabilities this month are

Clerk £254.48

S Close £280

Proposed by Cllr Schofield

Seconded by Cllr Clark

1. Planning

None

1. Correspondence

* North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
* Government policy of selling of local need housing - This matter was discussed at length and it was all agreed that if the local housing were sold off there was nowhere else to build them. It was resolved that the clerk would write to Julian Smith copying S Marshall to oppose such plans.
* Complaint regarding Greystones - The residents of Greystones have complained about the Parish Council and confirmed that they have planning for this business, the parish council has replied and confirmed that as the matter is with the planning department they will await an update from them.

1. Any Other Business

The Clerk confirmed their property was on the market however she would continue as clerk until the house sold and she would inform the councillors of any news sooner rather than later

1. Matter raised by the public

A resident from Greystones spoke directly to the clerk and asked her to read out the letter of complaint that they had sent to the National Parks. This resident then continued the complaint in person. Cllr Schofield handed the chairperson to Cllr Peters, the vice chair and left the meeting and the building. The matter was very uncomfortable for the whole meeting however it was explained very clearly to the resident that Buckden Parish Council will act on complaints as they receive them and as confirmed in an email response to them;

’As with all democratic bodies, Buckden Parish Council represents parishioners of Buckden and therefore does not peremptorily take matters

Into its' own hands.  It listens to views, concerns and any complaints

raised by the electors and channels them through the appropriate official

Department(s). Councillors including Mr. Schofield, wouldn't come to have a

word with you when an official complaint has been made, they would follow

All routes as necessary, as is the case here.  Therefore, the Council is now

liaising with YDNPA and I expect it will update the councillors in the

Fullness of time.’

With no other business discussed the meeting closed at 9.50pm

Date of next meeting Monday 8th September 2015

Future items

Bonfire – clerk to enquire with the insurance company what the requirements are to hold a bonfire only