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Minutes of Tour de France Meeting – 21st May 2014.

Present: Mr. G. Schofield, Ms. A. Peters, Mr. C. Clark, Mr. P. Breen, Mr. T. Berry (Clerk)
Twenty four parishioners which included DC Mr. J. Roberts.

- Mr. Schofield opened the Meeting by informing parishioners that this Meeting would primarily be addressing three main topics. These are:
Access around Village, protection of the Village Green & movement around the area prior to and on race day.
- The road through Buckden would be closed from 6.30am on the day of the race, re-opening at 4.30pm.
- The Cavalcade procession was scheduled to come through the Village at 11.37 am.
- The race competitors were due through the Village at 1.27am.

These times may vary but up to date information would be accessible` on Sharon Hudson's web site, CDC, 'Welcome to Yorkshire.'

- Within the 'closed area' – cyclists and pedestrians will have free movement up until 30 minutes before the Cavalcade is due.
- 'Carers & Nurses' will have access into the closed area. Here there are some envisaged problems as 'Dales Care' are informing their clients that they will have problems entering the village on the 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th. Mr. Roberts is to contact CC Mrs. S. Marshall and the Clerk is to contact NYCC.
- The roads are planned to re-open at 4.30.
- Buckden House is to be the Emergency Centre for the Air Ambulance, Fire Tenders and the Police. Yorkshire Water is to deliver 2 pallets of bottled water (960 bottles) for emergency use only.
- The Village Green. A Coffee Company (Coffee Nutz) have arranged to hire a pitch on the Village Green. Various other companies and organizations have made tentative enquiries but it is felt they are waiting as to find out where the most populous sites are before booking a pitch. A 'Burger & Bacon Butty' unit has also shown interest.
It was agreed to allow the pitch holders to camp next to their units as access to and security of the site will then be taken care of.
Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream will have an ice cream unit on the Green for the full week of Le Tour.
- Protection of Areas. This was discussed as to when to create some form of barrier and how to stop 'visitors' bringing in camper vans and parking these on the back lanes around Buckden and perhaps making use of villagers parking areas.
It was agreed to erect plastic chains at the various entrances to the lanes around Buckden. This would be done by working parties 10 days before the event. There would be plastic signs on these barriers informing visitors that this was a private road and there was no public parking or camping in the area. A private company was to monitor this. Some villagers thought this barrier could be seen as an 'obstruction' to the highway but after discussion, it was felt the police would understand and 'turn a blind eye.'
It was felt that plastic chains were preferable to metal ones. The ordering of these would be done by Mr. Schofield. A parishioner volunteered to carry out the fixing feeling 'too many cooks spoil the broth' but it was generally felt working parties in each area would carry out this task. The lane by Heber Cottage, a barrier a cars length into the lane would be erected.
If vehicles are left on the main roads, these will be towed away by outside contractors.

If parishioners have friends and relatives staying over this period, their vehicles will be classed as being 'local.'

Visitors staying in rented accommodation will need to be advised of these arrangements by the property owners/agents.

Chains will be placed at the entrance to Dalegarth, Buckden Court, the entrance to Firth Demesne, Lane End barn, The Village Institute and by the shop.

To ensure camper vans are excluded from parking on the Green by The Buck and the main Village Green, posts are to be erected round the Greens. Mr Kevin Edwards will monitor the area in front of The Buck Inn.

BPC would pay for all the items needed to 'secure' the Village.

The signs would be A4 laminated signs and Mr. Keith Portman was to be asked if he would organise this.

It was considered to hire some scaffolding and erect a seated area on the Village Green but due to the health and safety issues this was discounted.

Mr. Stephen Barrett, the OIC Buckden House had informed a Councillor that if any Parishioners wanted to park their cars in the grounds of Buckden House, space would be found.

Ms. Ann Peters said she would inform the Doubtfires at Heber Cottage.

Mr. Garry Schofield was asked about numbers that were likely to be camping in the area.

He replied that the bookings for their camp site were on target and it was expected to be fully booked by the 5th July. Car parking was also being provided. This was on a first come first basis there was no booking for this facility.

There were likely to be a large number of cyclists in the area who arrive on the day and then go on to see the second stage. Numbers would be greatly influenced by the weather but the official figures from the Meetings suggested, were initially 30,000 up to 60,000 between Kettlewell and Kidstones.

A parishioner reported that the Tour of Italy which had started in Belfast had had no barriers installed, no crowd control. Crowds were 10-15 deep and there had been no trouble disturbance at all.

There would be 'Tour Marshalls' along the roadside from Buckden to Cray to ensure visitors do not climb on the stone walls.

Clerk to enquire as to completion date of work on Buckden Bridge.

Clerk to contact Fiona Protheroe to try to obtain 30 sets of litter pickers, reflective jackets and black plastic bags. Although this was not the responsibility of the Parish Council, the organising Committee at CDC were asking for help.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00 pm. Informed those present anything else that was relevant would be discussed at the Council Meeting on June 9th.

The Clerk received an email from DC Mr. J. Roberts after the Meeting. There would be a programme for collecting waste issued by Mr. Paul Florentine shortly for waste during w/c 7th July.

The National Park has made arrangements for 4 additional 'portaloos' to be erected in the car park.