

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT BUCKDEN VILLAGE INSTITUTE ON MONDAY 9TH AUGUST 2021 at 7.00PM

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor P Breen

Councillors: Councillor P Vetch and Councillor J Way

Officer: Laura Jowett (Clerk)

Also Present: Cllr S Metcalfe (Craven District Council) and two members of the public

2211/48 **Chairman's remarks**

None.

2122/49 **Apologies and reasons for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor G Huck. **Resolved** to approve the reasons for absence.

2122/50 **Disclosures of Interest**

None

2122/51 **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12th July 2021.

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Monday 12th July 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record by the Councillors in attendance at that meeting.

2122/52 **Public Participation and Reports from Invited Guests**

Councillor G Quinn had sent her apologies. Councillor Metcalfe gave a brief update on the reorganisation of local government in North Yorkshire. She advised that there will be elections in May 2022 and that she would share any information as it becomes available.

2122/53 **Co-Option**

a) **To receive an update on candidates for co-option**

No update at the time of the meeting

b) **To consider any action required**

Councillors will continue to encourage members of the community to consider applying for co option.

2122/54 **Highway Matters**

a) **To receive an update on the issue of road safety in Buckden**

A background document and list of suggested priorities will be brought to a future meeting.

b) To consider arrangements for strimming footpaths in the parish

Four footpaths had been identified which require strimming and ongoing maintenance. This is particularly important due to the issue of road safety in Buckden as these footpaths provide an alternative to walking on the main road.

1. Snicket adjacent to Pike Foot
2. Snicket adjacent to the car park

Resolved that Councillor Breen will approach a local contractor to ask if initial strimming (at specific locations) could be completed within two hours and if so will instruct him to conduct the work.

Resolved to request a quote for the ongoing maintenance of these footpaths for consideration at a future meeting

Resolved to obtain an estimate of the cost of clearing and maintaining footpath adjacent to Lane Ends Barn

c) To receive information from North Yorkshire County Council on unadopted roads

Information had been circulated advising that residents are responsible for the maintenance of unadopted roads and that North Yorkshire County Council are not currently considering any applications for the adoption of unadopted roads.

d) To consider any highways issues in the parish and any action required

The issue regarding the lack of consultation and an inappropriately long diversion, and the disregard for residents of Buckden during the recent road closure had not been addressed or resolved.

Resolved to write to North Yorkshire County Councillor Don Mackenzie and BT to reiterate concerns about the process and to ensure that protocols are followed in future. A copy will also be sent to Julian Smith MP.

2122/55

Planning

A planning application had been received after the agenda for this meeting had been issued.

Resolved to hold an extraordinary meeting to consider planning application C/13/200A. The notice and agenda will be displayed on noticeboards and added to the website giving three clear days notice.

2122/56

Land Registration

a) To receive an update on parish land requiring registration

Papers relating to parish land had been returned to the Council. Previously agreed actions would be completed where possible.

b) To agree any action required

Resolved to reimburse Councillor Vetch for expenditure of £24 for land registry searches.

Resolved to approve expenditure up to £50 for further land registration work.

2122/57

Local Government reorganisation

An update had been received following the announcement of the Government's decision to form a single North Yorkshire council.

This item will be kept on the agenda for future meetings and progress, and the impact on Buckden, kept under review.

2122/58

Television system

- a) **To receive an update on the television system in Buckden**
- b) **To receive quotations for the work to remove the system and associated cables**
- c) **To consider any action which may be required.**

A quotation had not yet been received. This item will return to a future meeting.

2122/59

Correspondence

- a) **To receive information from NALC regarding the National Resilience Strategy and consider any response the Council would like to make**

Received and noted. The Council agreed not to respond to the consultation on the National Resilience Strategy but **resolved** to review the Parish Plan in light of local government reorganisation and the pandemic, and to consider arrangements for Buckden Parish Council documents.

2122/60

Finance

- a) **To receive and note the Bank Statements.**

The bank statements were received and noted. Balances at the 19th July 2021 were as follows:

Business account: £2,867.47

Community account: £5288.67

- b) **To approve the following payments:**

Clerk's expenses – Defibrillator signage: £4.54

Councillor Vetch – Land Registry searches: £24.00

- c) **To receive an update on banking arrangements and consider if any further action is required.**

Information about opening a bank account with Barclays will be sought before the next meeting.

- d) **To consider approving attendance at planning training for Councillor Way for the cost of £22.50**

Resolved to approve the attendance of Councillor Way at planning training for the cost of £22.50

2122/61

Resolved that members of the press and public be excluded from item 2122/62 under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1(2)) during consideration of items of a confidential nature. (Consideration of confidential staffing matters)

2122/62

Staffing

- a) **To review the Clerk's probationary period and to consider making the appointment permanent**

Resolved to make the clerk's appointment permanent.

2122/63

Date of the next meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Buckden Parish Council will be held at 7pm on Monday 13th September 2021.

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