

## BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT BUCKDEN VILLAGE INSTITUTE ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7.00PM

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor P Breen

Councillors: Councillor G Huck, Councillor P Vetch and Councillor J Way

Officer: Laura Jowett (Clerk)

Also Present: Cllr G Quinn (North Yorkshire County Council) and two members of the public

**2211/64**

#### **Chairman's remarks**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Quinn from North Yorkshire County Council and members of the public to the meeting.

**2122/65**

#### **Apologies and reasons for Absence**

None receive, all were present.

**2122/66**

#### **Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Way declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2122/70.b as a frequent user of the footpaths.

**2122/67**

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record by the Councillors in attendance at that meeting.

**2122/68**

#### **Public Participation**

The Chair advised that members of the public would be permitted to speak on items during the meeting at the invitation of the Chair.

**2122/69**

#### **Reports from District / County Councillors**

Councillor Quinn reported on the issues raised as a result of a recent road closure which was particularly disruptive to residents of Buckden. Councillor Quinn explained that she has been in communication with Councillor Don McKenzie and officers at Area 5 regarding the issue and acknowledged that there had not been adequate notice, communications had been confusing and inaccurate and that contractors did not make the adjustments that had been agreed.

Councillor Quinn explained that North Yorkshire County Council issue a permit when utility companies wish to undertake work on highways but that the responsibility for communicating and managing the work lies with the utility company and they instruct their contractors.

Councillor Quinn agreed that the 65 mile suggested diversion was excessive, that amended hours for the work to take place may have been more appropriate and that the Parish Council could have made useful recommendations had they been given notice of the works earlier in the process.

Councillor Quinn advised that she will request that in future Buckden Parish Council receive notification of road closures in Area 5 and of other local closures which may affect residents.

Councillor Quinn advised that the details of local government organisation in North Yorkshire are still being considered and that it is likely elections will be held on the 22nd May 2022. She explained that she has a locality budget which parish councils are encouraged to apply to.

**2122/70**

**Highways Matters**

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

Councillor Breen advised a proposal will be brought to the next meeting for consideration by the council

b) **To receive information and a quote for ongoing maintenance of footpaths in the parish**

Whilst some of the footpaths had been strimmed this had been paused at other locations due to concerns raised by some residents. It was noted that other residents were glad that this work had been started but the council agreed to check the status of the footpath.

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

Councillor Huck advised that the overhanging branches on Seal Bank have got worse since the council reported the issue to Area 5. The Council raised concerns about the safety of pedestrians due to the poor visibility and the speed of traffic including cyclists, the impact on deliveries of animal feed and that Seal Bank is the alternative route used by the school bus in cases of flooding on the usual route.

**Resolved** to report this to Area 5 and ask them to clear it due to the safety concerns. If this request is refused the Council **resolved** to enquire if Buckden Parish Council could appoint a contractor to undertake the work, and to apply to Councillor Quinn's locality budget to cover the costs.

Councillor Breen advised that the agenda item on Local Events would be considered next as members of the public were in attendance to provide information.

**2122/72**

**Local Events**

a) **To receive information about Buckden Bonfire and consider any action required**

Members of the public advised that the bonfire in Buckden was previously organised by Buckden Parish Council and well attended by local families. The Council was given an envelope containing £8.00 which was left over from the previous event.

**Resolved** that Councillor Breen contact residents and canvass opinion and if there is sufficient demand a bonfire will be held on the Village Green on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. The clerk will investigate insurance requirements.

b) **To consider any arrangements required for Christmas 2021**

As capacity at the Village Institute is currently restricted to 16 it was agreed that it would not be possible to hold a Christmas event.

**2122/71**

**Planning**

To consider planning applications

a) **C/13/203 - Householder planning permission and relevant demolition of an unlisted building in a conservation area for reconstruction and enlargement of existing stone built garden store to create flexible home office and garden room at Chestnut Cottage, Buckden, Skipton, BD23 5JA**

**Resolved** to support this application

- b) **C/13/169F - Full planning permission for conversion of existing barn to a rural enterprise dwelling; change of use and extension of existing barns to commercial use ancillary to the farm business to provide teaching and workshop spaces and for facilities relating to the proposed glamping pods (x 3); siting of a dark skies observation pod; erection of garage/workshop and greenhouse and installation of ground source heat pump and package sewage treatment plant at Nethergill Farm, Oughtershaw, Buckden, Skipton, BD23 5JS**

Resolved to support this application

**2122/73**

**Co-Option**

- a) **To receive an update on candidates for co-option**  
Two residents have expressed their interest.
- b) **To consider any action required**  
Resolved to invite two candidates to attend the meeting in October and give a short presentation with a view to the co-option being agreed by the Council at the meeting.

**2122/74**

**Land Registration**

- a) **To receive an update on parish land requiring registration**  
HM Land Registry had requested some information prior to arranging an informal meeting
- b) **To agree any action required**  
Resolved that Councillor Vetch draft a response to clarify the situation.

**2122/75**

**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 been received but the contractor is unavailable until the spring. Agreed to get further information about availability and request further quotes if necessary and to defer making a decision until early in the new year.

**2122/76**

**Correspondence**

- a) **To consider information from YDNPA regarding the Local Plan 2023-2040, consultation no.4 – Local Occupancy and Barn Conversions**  
Received
- b) **To consider any response the Council would like to make to the consultation**  
A discussion was held about the consultation on Local Occupancy and Barn Conversions. Resolved that Councillor Breen draft a response on behalf of the Council which will cover the points raised during the discussion. This will be circulated to councillors and submitted by email.
- c) **To consider information from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner regarding a consultation on the Police and Crime and Fire and Rescue plan.**  
Received and noted
- d) **To receive information from NYCC and Better Busses about the National Bus Strategy consultation and North Yorkshire Bus Service Improvement Plan and consider any response the Council wishes to make.**  
Noted.
- e) **To consider attendance at local council events and training**

- i. Councillor Breen will attend the Craven District Council Parish Liaison Meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 6.30pm on Zoom.
- ii. Councillor Way will attend the YDNPA Planning Seminar on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 6.30pm.

**2122/77**      **Finance**

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

The bank statements were received and noted. Balances at the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were as follows:

Business account: £2,867.47

Community account: £4513.85

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

YLCA – Good Councillors guides - £17.22

Clerk's expenses – stamps - £3.96

c) **To receive an update on banking arrangements, including a letter from HSBC relating to pricing, and consider if any further action is required.**

HSBC will introduce monthly charges for accounts of £8 per month. The Council had been considering switching bank accounts to enable banking to be done online. Resolved to switch to banking with Unity Trust, which will cost £6 per month, and that all Councillors be signatories on the account if possible.

**2122/78**      **Date of the next meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of Buckden Parish Council will be held at 7pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

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