

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT BUCKDEN SCHOOL ROOM ON MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2021 at 7.00PM

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor P Breen

Councillors: Councillor A Jarrett , Councillor P Ramsden, Councillor P Vetch and Councillor J Way

Officer: Not present

Also Present: Nine members of the public

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Chairman's remarks

Councillor Breen noted the absence of clerk and that the meeting would be recorded. Councillor Vetch would take notes in the Clerk's absence. He advised that public participation is limited to that item on the agenda and that if members of the public wished to speak at any other point in the meeting it would be at the Chair's discretion. Councillor Breen advised that there would be a change to order of agenda and that Co-option of new members would be taken as the next item.

2122/80

Co-Option

a) **To receive applications from candidates for co-option**

b) **To co-opt two candidates to fill the existing vacancies**

Resolved to co-opt Andy Jarrett and Peter Ramsden to Buckden Parish Council
Councillor Jarrett and Councillor Ramsden signed their declaration of acceptance of office and joined the Council.

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Apologies and reasons for Absence

None receive, all were present.

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Disclosures of Interest

None

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Minutes of the Previous Meetings

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th September 2021.

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Monday 13th September 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record by the Councillors in attendance at that meeting.

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Public Participation

A member of the public advised that they had concerns about local footpaths and differing views of residents who feel that it is a public footpath and those who believe it is not a public footpath.

Members of the public advised that they were particularly interested in items regarding land registration and the bonfire.

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Reports from District / County Councillors

Councillor Quinn and Councillor Metcalfe had sent their apologies as they were unable to attend the meeting.

2122/86

Council Business

a) To elect a Deputy Chair

Resolved to elect Councillor Vetch as the Deputy Chair

b) To consider and approve Financial Regulations

The Council considered the model Financial Regulations from NALC but agreed that amendments would be required to ensure the regulations are appropriate to Buckden Parish Council particularly relating to the definition of appropriate approval and delegation thresholds.

2122/87

Highways Matters

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

Deferred to the next meeting

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

Agreed to remove this item from the agenda until the issue of land registration has been resolved in relation to the status of the footpaths. This item will be brought back as and when appropriate

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

The Council had received notification from NYCC confirming that Seal Bank will be flailed. **Resolved** that the Clerk should write back to Area 5 to ask them to ensure cutting back of overhanging trees is include in scope of work.

2122/88

Planning

No applications had been received

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Local Events

a) To consider arrangements for Buckden bonfire

Councillor Breen reported that following communication of the plan for a bonfire on November 5th, he had been making informal requests for volunteers to organise the event. There is a risk assessment / checklist which can be used. Approximately 10 days notice is appropriate.

Some parishioners expressed strong views that there should be fireworks. It was explained that it had been decided at the last meeting that there would only be a bonfire with refreshments. Some parishioners felt strongly that children would be excluded if there were not fireworks. It was explained that this was a decision for this year only and the possibility of having fireworks would be explored for next year.

b) To consider making a donation towards refreshments at the bonfire event

Resolved to make a donation of up to £100 for refreshments at the bonfire, using Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2122/90

Land Registration

a) To receive an update on parish land requiring registration

Councillor Vetch gave update on the status. The Land Registry has recently launched an initiative to ensure the appropriate registration of parish land and have offered to provide advice. The council has been reviewing documents and talking to residents and a total of 22 pieces of common or parish land have been identified. There are a variety of different scenarios relating to these various pieces of land, some of which are likely to be contentious – others less so, or not at all.

The Council has developed a number of questions which have been sent to the Land Registry along with the supporting details. The Land Registry have proposed a meeting

and the Council is awaiting to hear the date/time for this. It was explained that the cost of addressing these issues could be very substantial and it would be necessary for the PC to take a view on the need for action once the position and potential actions on each of the pieces or land was clear.

A parishioner strongly expressed the view that the Parish Council should take a stand where parish land had been wrongly appropriated.

It was emphasised that we are at the fact-finding stage and once the position and potential way forward was clear, the Parish Council would decide on next steps.

Another parishioner drew a distinction between the ownership of land and the questions of rights of way. Councillor Breen explained that the only registered public rights of way in Buckden are the Dalesway and the path up the Raikes as per both the YDNP and NYCC registers. There is a procedure to make a claim of additional rights of way. There is a cut-off point in 2026 when a definitive map will be published.

The possibility of a public meeting with Sheila Roberts – YDNP Rights of Way officer was discussed.

b) To agree any action required

Agreed to bring this topic back to the Council after meeting with officers from the Land Registry.

2122/91

Correspondence

a) To consider a request from West Yorkshire Long Distance Walking Association to hold an event starting in Buckden in July 2022

Resolved to ascertain if car-parking for up to 150 cars would be available with the owners of the land before responding to the event organisers, and to ask Institute about the use of the hall.

b) To consider a request for support from the National Trust for a tree planting initiative

The request was received and noted. The Council **resolved** not to respond.

c) To receive and consider information from the North Yorkshire branch of 20s Plenty, a national organisation campaigning for 20 mile per hour speed limits in place of existing 30mph speed limits

Received and noted, to be deferred until the Council considers the issue of road safety.

d) To receive information from North Yorkshire County Council regarding its Respect and Protect campaign

Received and noted

e) To receive and consider information from NALC regarding a DEFRA consultation into Local Nature Recovery Strategies

Received and noted

f) To receive and consider information regarding the Queen's Green Canopy tree planting initiative

Received, considered and noted

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Finance

a) To receive and note the Bank Statements and a bank reconciliation to 19th September 2021.

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

Business account: £2,867.54

Community account: £4350.43

b) Resolved to approve the following payment:

Buckden Parish Council - £500.00 to open Unity Trust account

The Council noted that this was a transfer of funds to open the new account – not expenditure

- c) **To receive an update on banking arrangements, and approve the bank mandate to Unity Trust**

Update received; **Resolved** that the mandate be approved.

- d) **To consider the draft budget for 2022-2023**

Councillors have considered the draft – this will be discussed at the meeting in November and finalised at the December meeting.

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Date of the next meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Buckden Parish Council will be held at 7pm on Monday 8th November 2021 in the Village Institute.

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

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