

**Minutes of Buckden Parish Council Meeting held at 8.00pm on Monday 11 August 2014 at
Buckden Village Institute**

1. In attendance:
Councillors G Schofield (Chairman), A Peters, C Clark, P Breen (Acting Clerk). Also in attendance District Councillor J Roberts and three parish residents. Apologies were received from County Councillor S Marshall.

2. Minutes of last meeting:
The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record and were as such proposed and seconded by Councillors Peters and Clark respectively. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Declaration of Interests:
No interests were declared.

4. Matters arising:
 - 4.1 Attempts to find a permanent replacement for the post of Parish Clerk are continuing.

 - 4.2 Councillor Rogerson's position to be reviewed at the next meeting.

 - 4.3 Response to proposed federation between Kettlewell School and Upper Wharfedale School was noted.

 - 4.4 Hubberholme signage amendments are in hand.

 - 4.5 The display of an historic document referring to 'Enclosures' within the Parish was deferred to the next meeting for consideration with point 4.2.

 - 4.6 The Acting Clerk will prepare a letter to Welcome to Yorkshire regarding attendance forecasts at the Tour de France event.

5. District and County Councillors' reports:
District Councillor Roberts referred to a meeting held by North Yorkshire Police as part of the consultation on the proposed policing model for 2016. Of particular concern are the proposed closure of the Custody Suite in Skipton, which will require prisoners to be transported to Harrogate, and the reduction in the number of police sergeants active in Craven District. He acknowledged that the introduction of static vehicle number plate recognition equipment in the Craven area is likely to be beneficial to its security in the future.
Craven District Council is continuing with its efforts to develop its land assets in order to raise revenue following significant reductions in central government funding.

CDC's Scrutiny Committee is looking at parking enforcement in Skipton and liaising with other areas including Harrogate to ensure the best practice is adopted. Enforcement officers from Yorkshire Dales National Park are reviewing compliance with planning consents in the redevelopment of Oughtershaw Hall. Regeneration of the former Town Hall site is continuing.

6. Finance:

Statements of the Parish Council's accounts were reviewed and noted.

It was agreed that Councillor Breen would replace the outgoing Parish Clerk as a cheque signatory but that the number of signatories would remain at two.

It was recorded that a claim for a grant toward the costs of a leaflet aimed at potential visitors to Buckden had been forwarded to YDNP. It was agreed that Mr K Portman, a parish resident who has borne the cost of the printing and design of the document should be reimbursed as soon as possible after the receipt of grant monies.

7. Planning:

District Councillor Roberts clarified the amendment to planning consent for the Water Gap Riggs property at Oughtershaw. The 'removal of condition 3' refers to a change of consent from 'agricultural workers only' to a local residency restriction.

8. Correspondence received.

The Acting Clerk provided a summary of correspondence received and referred specifically to:

Consultation by Yorkshire Dales National Park on the creation of a Local Plan 2015-2030.

The web address for access to the document was provided along with details of the deadline for responses.

Yorkshire Water had given details of reinstatement works to the roadside in the Upper Dale including a commitment to revisiting areas where re-seeding had been ineffective. Works were due to be completed by 12 August and progress is to be reviewed at the next meeting.

9. Any other business:

The Acting Clerk referred to changes in the administration of the Council during his stewardship. It was agreed that correspondence relating to income and expenditure would be filed separately and recorded on a spreadsheet for quick reference. The continuous numbering system previously employed would be set aside in favour of a monthly file of physical correspondence. Emails to be stored on the Acting Clerk's computer and backed up weekly on a separate storage mechanism.

Concern over the frequency of emptying of the dog waste bin at Buckden Election Bridge had been notified to the Acting Clerk. Contact with the District Council has resolved the situation but resident dog owners have agreed to continue to monitor.

The presence of sandbags and a metal frame outside the Gallery was raised. It was agreed that NYCC were responsible and that Area 5 should be contacted.

Councillor Clark referred to his telephone conversation with Andrew Mellor of NYCC's Roads Department. Mr Mellor had given details of resurfacing work to take place between Beckermonds and Low Greenfield in September or October 2014. It was agreed that this was to be welcomed and progress to be closely monitored. He expressed further concern over the condition of the road at Fleet moss. Major remedial works are apparently unlikely until 2016 but monthly inspections by NYCC are to take place to ensure that statutory safety obligations are met.

Responses to the Council's request for suggestions for the use of funds raised during the Tour de France event to be raised at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed