## Monday 9th March 2015

## Present

## Cllr G Schofield

## Cllr Breen

## Cllr Clark

## Cllr Peters

## Attending

Clerk

County Councillor S Marshall

5 Electors

The Chairman opened the meeting with the very sad news of the death of District Councillor John Roberts at the weekend. His passing is a huge loss to the dale and area, our condolences go to his family at this sad time and Buckden Parish Council will be in attendance at Johns funeral to pay our respects and to give our thanks for his life.

Minutes

1.The minutes of the parish council meeting for February 2015 to be signed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Breen

Seconded by Cllr Clark

Apologies

2. Apologies were received by Cllr Thompson.

Declaration of Interest

3. None

**School and Local Transport**

The chairman of Kettlewell Parish Council joined the meeting at this stage to discuss the proposed changes to local transport services and to the proposed changes to the school transport.

A meeting was held recently to propose the reduction of the bus service. This meeting was advertised however neigh Buckden Parish council or Kettlewell Parish council were made aware of this meeting, the official consultation stage has not began either. The proposed change that would effect both parishes is to terminate the bus service at Grassington, mainly for reasons that the bus service from the top of the dale is not utilised enough. Cllr S Marshall was invited to speak at this stage and she gave some valuable insight into discussions that have been and are going on regarding the public transport service.

It was resolved by all councillors that a letter should be sent from both parish council to object strongly to the proposed changes. The chairman of Kettlewell, Mr David Belk, would email all correspondence and information through to the clerk.

Cllr Belk was also asked if he would join forces with Buckden in sending a letter to the authorities objecting to the proposed school transport changes, he agreed to this and the clerk confirmed she would send this immediately.

With this item closed, Cllr Belk left the meeting.

Matters Arising

4.1

**Highways**

Cllr S Marshall confirmed the following points made by Andrew Mellor of Highways;

He has a date for the closure of Oughtershaw hall however this date is not confirmed so he would rather wait until it is set in stone. It will be in the summer school holidays as requested by the Parish Council.

The works for fleet moss are hopefully being brought forward however again this will be confirmed in April.

4.2

**Vodafone Project**

Mr Peter Vetch was invited to speak to the meeting and update the councillors of the recent Vodafone survey that had taken place.

He confirmed that initially the engineers were not going to survey past the Buck however Peter convinced them otherwise and they surveyed all areas.

The engineers have agreed all sites that they have surveyed to be used for the project however they did emphasise that it is not their decision. He thought the 2 sites at Buckden and 1 at the George were straight forward however beyond that he wasn't sure.

In 2 - 3 weeks a decision should be finalised and by the next meeting we should have some more information. They did stress that they would prefer to use BT rather than LN internet connections.

A further update will be given at the next meeting.

4.3

**Tour de France funds**

The funds were confirmed at £402.50 and would be moved into the savings account for future use. All agreed and this item can now be removed from the agenda.

4.4

**Library**

The Library cuts and consultation period - No further updates could be given other than 8000 responses have been passed with regard to the library.

4.5

**Emergency Village Plan**

Cllr Peters and Cllr Breen attended a meeting on the 17th February to discuss the emergency village plan, with the help of a village hall committee member a draft plan had been created and passed to the councillors to read before the meeting. It was all agreed that a plan was needed in the event of an emergency and the plan needed to identify each individual hamlet with an emergency plan. Everybody was happy with the proposal and Cllr Breen will take it further to the next stage.

4.6

**BT**

The matter of BT and the poor service that residents in Oughtershaw are receiving was discussed. Cllr Clark advised the meeting that BT and Northern Power-grid disconnected Nethergill Farm recently to see if the problem still occurred and it did. The next plan is to isolate Swarthghyll Farm and Nethergill Farm and to continue isolating properties back to the power station until the problem is found. No further updates could be given.

County and District Councillor Update

County councillor S Marshall gave the following updates;

* Changes to the policing structure, the Craven Rural inspector is Matt Hagon
* Les Moorhouse will distribute Country Watch update each month
* At the planning meeting at the parks recently was an application for a large dairy farmer over in Swaledale to increase his stock and farm buildings. This was turned down because of light pollution. The application is to go to appeal.
* A YDNPA newsletter was read out and Cllr Marshall will forward to the clerk for distribution.

5.Finance

The balance of the savings account as of £1352.45 19th January 2015

The balance of the community account as of £2159.57 19th February 2015

Still waiting for confirmation from the bank

The liabilities this month:

Clerk wages £127.24

Proposed by Cllr Peters

seconded by Cllr Clark

Planning

6. No Planning Applications to report.

Correspondence

7. Correspondence

* Letter regarding memorial bench - Mr A Tolson -
* Letter regarding memorial bench - Mr R Guy

The councillors all agreed that they were unable to accept any requests for memorial benches. The clerk is to reply asking if they would consider another memorial in the village, an example being a donation to the institute and a plaque.

* Accountants - Work placed pensions

The clerk is to find out some more information and report back at the next meeting.

Any Other Business

* The matter of Buckden house and the replacement of the verge tarmac was raised - The Clerk is to contact them again and highways.
* The matter was raised of Nethergill farm planting over 7000 trees since December and they ask for the councillors approval, this was given and all agreed.
* The matter of the Antique shop opening this weekend and the cars parked in the way of the postbox. The clerk is to ask the planning department for clarification of planning permission given for the shop.
* The matter of the first responders was raised and that the leader Ann was now passing responsibility over, a letter of thanks was needed and Cllr Breen volunteered to organise this.

Matters raised by the public

With no other business discussed the meeting closed at 9.41pm

Date of Next meeting Monday 13th April 2015

Future Items

Bonfire