

**Buckden Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting
Monday 14th September 2015**

**Present
Cllr Schofield (Chairman)
Cllr Peters
Cllr Thompson
Cllr Clark
Clerk
1 Elector**

1. Minutes

The minutes of the parish council meeting for August 2015 were signed as a true and accurate record

Proposed by Cllr Schofield

Seconded by Cllr Thompson

2. Apologies

Cllr Peters & County Councillor S Marshall

3. Declaration of interest

Cllr Schofield and Cllr Clark declared an interest in any discussion of the Upper Wharfedale Community Bus Company

4. Matters Arising

1.1. Highways

Road repair outside Oughtershaw Hall has now been completed. Still waiting from Cllr Marshall regarding Buckden house and awaiting a date for the work at Fleet Moss, it was agreed that a reminder would be sent to Cllr Marshall

1.2. School and Rural Transport

The response was sent on the 14th August and a receipt was obtained.

A discussion then took place regarding the rural bus service and the tenders so far. It was advised that at a recent meeting in Kettlewell, 30 people out of 58 at the meeting expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer for any future bus company service. It was advised that Long Ashes were very enthusiastic about looking for a good reliable community bus. The tender process had started however until the bus service to Skipton was confirmed nothing could be completed. Cllr Marshall had written to Threshfield and Kilnsey with Coniston for a letter of support. Grassington hub would be prepared to offer the office facility but still needed to quote on using this resource. The committee were asking the public to be volunteers and the parish councils to commit to £500 grant.

It was advised that Cllr Schofield and Cllr Clark were on the steering group for the bus company and therefore were asked to leave the meeting while the financial request and letter of support were discussed and voted on.

Cllr Peters took over the chair of the meeting.

The councillors were asked to vote.

The clerk had an email from Cllr Breen who in his absence had voted for the grant and the letter of support.

Cllr Peters and Cllr Thompson both voted in favour, all agreed and this request was passed.

Cllr Clark and Cllr Schofield were invited back into the meeting and Cllr Schofield was Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

It was confirmed the deadline for tenders was 23rd September, the 8th December was the final decision and the preferred partner should know by late October.

If successful, the company had 3 months to prepare and be ready for roll out early April.

1.3. Vodafone Project

An update from Vodafone confirmed that the project was still waiting for paperwork to be submitted.

1.4. Library

No further updates given

1.5. Emergency village plan

No further updates given

1.6. BT

It was advised that BT could not succeed in Northern Power Grid to help with this ongoing problem. A letter needed to be written to BT to assist them with this. Cllr Clark to advise the clerk

County and District councillor update

Cllr Clark advised the meeting that the matter of Devolution was high on the Councils agenda at present and was discussed at length

5. Finance

The statements of account at 19th August 2015

Community Account £2731.38

Business Savings Account £1352.92

Liabilities this month are

Clerk £127.24

Proposed by Cllr Peters

Seconded by Cllr Clark

6. Planning

- Letter to Julian Smith regarding the sale of low cost housing

7. Correspondence

- Email from S Marshall regarding ragwort

8. Any Other Business

- The Clerk advised that she was in receipt of an email inviting parish councils to apply for a grant of £350 to purchase a laptop, everybody was in favour of this
- It was advised that Paul @ Greystones had approached Cllr Clark and offered his services in risk assessing for the village bonfire. The councillors accepted his kind offer and the clerk is to email him.
- The matter of the meeting held to help refugees was discussed. It was resolved that as there was a split in the village regarding this matter, the parish council would not send a letter of support and would not be involved any further.

9. Matter raised by the public

None

With no other business discussed the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date of next meeting Monday 12th October

Future items

Bonfire

Sale of Low Cost Housing