

## BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY REMOTE PLATFORM ON MONDAY 12th APRIL 2021 at 7.30PM

**Those present:**

**Chairman: Councillor P Breen**

**Councillors: Councillor P Vetch and Councillor J Way**

**Officer: Ms Laura Jowett (Clerk)**

**Also Present: None**

**2021/113**      **ITEM 1- Chairman's remarks**

Councillor P Breen welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

**2021/114**      **ITEM 2 – Apologies and reasons for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor G Huck and Councillor L Smith.

**Resolved** to approve the reasons for absence.

**2021/115**      **ITEM 3 - Disclosures of Interest**

None

**2021/116**      **ITEM 4 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Councillor P Vetch

Seconded by Councillor J Way

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record by the Councillors in attendance at that meeting.

**2021/117**      **ITEM 5 – Public Participation**

None

**2021/118**      **ITEM 6 – Reports from Invited Guests**

None. District and Count Councillors will be invited to future meetings.

**2021/119**      **ITEM 7 – Local Government Re organisation**

**To receive responses from parishioners and to consider the council's response to the current consultation.**

A request for responses from parishioners had been issued following the previous meeting however no responses had been received. A draft response to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

**Resolved** to respond to the consultation in support of the East/West proposals and against the NYCC proposal for a single unitary authority.

**2021/120**      **ITEM 8 - Highway Matters**

**a. Road safety in Buckden**

Councillors had been contacted by residents who were concerned about road safety in Buckden due to the speed of traffic through the village. A discussion was held about the issue. It was noted that following previous investigations North Yorkshire County Council had determined that the problem was not sufficient to warrant further action.

**Resolved** to keep the issue of road safety as a parish council agenda item and that Councillor Breen will make investigations into options which may be available to the council, with a view to consulting the community.

**b. Highways updates**

No updates

**2021/121**      **ITEM 9 – Correspondence**

**a. To receive and consider correspondence received from the National Trust about a proposed new woodland at Cow Close, above Cray**

**Resolved** to support the proposal for a new woodland at Cow Close above Cray. The council felt that a wood of mixed native species would be beneficial to the area both for people and wildlife and that the impact on ground nesting birds would be minimal due to the expanse of habitat available in the area.

**b. To receive and consider information circulated by the YLCA regarding a new Code of Conduct produced by the Local Government Association**

The correspondence was received and noted. The Council's Code of Conduct will be reviewed at a future meeting.

**2021/122**      **ITEM 10 – Land Registration**

Councillor Breen had spoken with past members of the Council and advised that they have no further information.

Councillor Breen will write to the solicitor to request a status update and the return of all papers including the map.

Councillor Vetch advised that a number of local maps and land registration documents are available on the Parish Council section of the Buckden website.

**2021/123**      **ITEM 11 – Finance**

**a. To receive and note the Bank Statement**

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

Business account: £2,867.40

Community account: £4,490.24

**b. To approve payment of £60 for the annual subscription to YLCA**

**Resolved** to approve payment of £60 for the annual subscription to YLCA.

**c. To consider arrangements for internal audit**

This item will be included on the next agenda.

**2021/124**      **ITEM 12 – Planning**

None received

**2021/125**      **ITEM 13 – Staffing**

**To receive and consider information about the clerk's other employment.**

The clerk's other employment was noted and approved in accordance with the terms of her contract.

**2021/126**

**ITEM 14 – Date of the next meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at 7pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and will be followed by the ordinary meeting of Buckden Parish Council at 7.30pm.

**The meeting closed at 20.20pm**

**Date of Next Meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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

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