**Present:** Cllr Tony Wood (Chairman), Cllr Malcolm Foster (Vice Chairman), Cllr Ann Lees, Cllr John Horton, Cllr Andrew Porter, County Cllr Caroline Goodrick, District Cllr Michael Cleary and Faye Snowden (Clerk).

1. **Election of Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Officer**

Cllr Foster nominated Cllr Wood, this was seconded by Cllr Horton. The declaration was duly signed by Cllr Wood.

1. **Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Wood nominated Cllr Foster, this was seconded by Cllr Horton.

1. **Apologies**

None

1. **County Councillor Caroline Goodrick and District Councillor Michael Cleary – Update**

Cllr Goodrick gave an update from NYCC. The authority is running under budget, keeping Council Tax as low as possible and is confident that it is providing a consistent service. NYCC are striving to work with more local companies, increasing both external and internal contracts were possible. Extra care facilities for the elderly amount to 50% of the Councils costs. The NYCC have spent more on the roads than in previous years and have reduced their carbon footprint and costs by changing street lighting to LED lights. Broadband has been rolled out to 90% coverage. The Council are investing more into stronger communities to support the socially isolated and supporting the Citizen’s Advice Bureau. The waste recycling park at Allerton is up and running.

Natural England have halted proposals for the A64 due to bridges and junctions costs, now believing that the changes would no longer be value for money. Cllr Goodrick stressed that this was not her opinion and that she plans to raise the matter with the MP and Minister of Transport.

Cllr Cleary explained that he had previously met with the Chief Constable and that speeding continued to be an item on his agenda but that with few policemen on at any one time they had to prioritise workloads.

A Representative asked if there are any plans to change the current public bus service. Cllr Goodrick responded no plans at the present but that she would enquire.

A Representative asked if there was an update on fracking. Cllr Goodrick responded that we are still awaiting the Inspectors report.

A Representative asked if Cllr Clearly as District Councillor had a particular view on the matter. Cllr Cleary responded that RDC is a consultee and as a potential Planning Committee Member all applications have to be dealt with on an individual case by case basis.

A Representative asked if the money spent on the roads had been spent wisely? Cllr Goodrick explained that they are legally required to carry out temporary repairs on pot holes of a certain depth.

A Representative asked if it was felt that the works to the Barton Hill crossing were an improvement to safety and if it could be brought to the authority’s attention that when turning left, from the main road, there were no white markings, making it difficult to see in bad weather conditions. Cllr Goodrick replied that due to vehicles having to cross a dual carriage way the system was never going to be 100% safe. Cllr Goodrick will speak to the engineers regarding the white lines and if necessary Natural England.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Goodrick and Cllr Cleary for attending.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting of 7th January 2019 and the Annual Meeting of 14th May 2018.**

Approved, taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true and accurate record.

1. **Matters Arising**

Actions from the minutes had been dealt with.

The Clerk to chase up with NYCC required repairs to the footpath outside St Martin’s Field.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None

1. **Chairman’s report**

Most items were covered elsewhere in the agenda.

Following the Election Charge consultation from RDC there would be no election charges.

1. **Public Participation Session**

A Member of the public asked if the ivy could be dealt with. Cllr Horton to advertise a working group in the Howardian Hills magazine asking for volunteers to work any evening’s, week commencing 10th June.

The PC received a complaint regarding a Resident parking vehicles on the road side on Bulmer Bank. Other residents present agreed it was difficult to see oncoming traffic in bad weather because of the parked cars.

The Chairman will visit and inform the resident of the issue.

1. **End of Year Accounts, Exempt Certificate & Approval of Payments**

The end of Year Accounts, Exempt Certificate were approved and signed by the Clerk and Chairman. The internal audit had been carried out and all was satisfactory. The following payments were approved:

Clerks Salary Q4 Chq No: 419 - £170.00

HMRC Q4 Chq No: 420 - £42.40

Autela Q4 payroll Chq No: 421 - £33.00

Zurich Insurance Chq No: 422 - £170.72

Village Hall Hire Chq No: 423 - £15.00

1. **Defibrillator and VETS telephone service**

New pads had been ordered. Request for new VETS telephone service volunteers, The Chairman has asked how many mobiles can be used. Awaiting a response.

A full day’s first aid training course will be arranged for 26th October for everyone. The Chairman to organise.

1. **Grit Bins**

It was agreed that the PC would take on the responsibility of the two redundant grit bins and also the purchasing of the salt. The Chairman had obtained a quote for the salt and also a new bin to be purchased for Wandales Lane. Cost for the bin would be around £104 plus VAT and the salt was quoted at 600 kilograms for £122. The Clerk to check with Yorkshire Housing if they would be willing to purchase the bin as it was a request from a tenant and inform NYCC that the PC wish to take on responsibility for the two redundant bins. Cllr Foster and The Chairman to share the responsibility of storing the salt bags.

1. **Parish Records – long term storage**

Action for the Chairman carried forward.

1. **Tree and Footpath Maintenance**

It was agreed to spend £95 for an inspection and report on the oak trees in the village to be carried out.

Residents to be vigilant of people failing to pick up after their dogs. Any witnessed incidents should be reported to RDC.

The trees on Welburn Road - lower branches had been removed.

1. **Telephone Box, maintenance**

Action for Cllr Horton carried forward.

1. **Village Website**

Cllr Andrews and Cllr Horton to update and edit the website.

1. **Planning Applications**

19/00454/FUL – 11-14 Beech Tree Cottages, Bulmer – No Objection.

1. **Any Other Business**

A Member of the public mentioned the Country File Live event at Castle Howard and the possible increase to traffic going through the village. To be raised with PC Jane Jones at Mondays talk.

Responsibilities: The Chairman – Parking and Grit Bins, Cllr Foster – Grass cutting, Footpaths and Trees

Cllr Horton – Website, Defibrillator and Potholes Cllr Lees – Telephone Box and Bookstore

Cllr Andrews – Planning and Website

1. **Items for the Next Agenda**

None.

1. **Dates of Next Meetings**

The next meetings will be held on Monday 15th July, Monday 7th October and Monday 6th January all at 7pm in Bulmer Village Hall.

Signed Chairperson Bulmer Parish Council