**Present:** Cllr Tony Wood (Chair), Cllr Dario Elice (Vice Chair), Cllr Malcolm Foster, Cllr Sarah McIntosh,

 Cllr Ben Fargher

 3 residents of the village

1. **Election of Chairman**

Cllr Foster nominated Cllr Wood, this was seconded by Cllr Fargher

1. **Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Fargher nominated Cllr Elice, this was seconded by Cllr Foster.

1. **Apologies**

Apology received from Cllr Caroline Goodrick

1. **Minutes of the last meeting of 9th January 2023.**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

Pot holes noted in the village and on Wandales Lane, Cllr Elice to report these.

The issue of dog fouling continues to be a problem. Cllr McIntosh suggested that we provide dog-poo bags and fix these to the three dog bins in the village. Cllr McIntosh to look into this.

Online banking with Barclays and payments by bank transfer have now been enabled.

NYC Highways have still not swept the roads through the village despite flooding being reported on several occasions. Cllr Elice to contact Becky Bennett at NYC offices in Malton.

The Council has received an email thanking us for our donation to the Ryedale Foodbank.

1. **Chair’s Report**

The chair read out the report dealing with the last years proceedings included with these minutes

1. **Declarations of Interest**

No additional declarations were made.

1. **Public Participation Session**

Veronique Lewis mentioned that there were two funerals in the village on the 28th April and the 5th May.

No meetings have been held since the beginning of Covid, on the subject of the defibrillator and Village Emergency Telephone Service. Cllr Wood confirmed that the Council intends updating the details this year.

1. **Financial Update & Approval of Payments**

 The following payments were approved for the period January to March 2023

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| Refund Dario Elice |  | 14.2.23 | Online refund overpayment | -£90.98 |
| Village Hall Committee | 501 | 7.3.23 | Hire of Hall 3 meetings | £60.00 |
| Ryedale Foodbank | 502 | 7.3.23 | Donation | £200.00 |
| Village Hall Committee | 503 | 7.3.23 | Grant – increased electricity charges | £500.00 |

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

The end of Year Accounts had been circulated to all Councillors and were approved. Our current account balance is £4,035 compared with £4,307 for last year. The Exempt Certificate and Internal Audit have still to be completed. Colin Payne has agreed to do the Internal Audit and has been on holiday, but is back now. Once the Audit is complete the Certificate will be forwarded to the external auditors.

1. **Insurance and YLCA**

No quotation has been received from our Insurers Zurich Municipal, payment is not due until 1st June and the Councillors agreed that we should accept a similar quotation to that of last year when it came.

The annual subscription for YLCA (£127) was approved and paid by bank transfer after the meeting.

1. **Village Hall – Annual Report**

No report has been received from the Village Hall Committee as the Chair is indisposed at present. However we have a copy of the accounts to December 2022, circulated with the Agenda. These have been checked by Colin Payne and show a bank balance of £8,302 compared to £33,995 in 2021, due to the expenditure of £23,855 on the refurbishment of the Hall.

1. **Planning Applications**

23/00099/HOUSE – Thorn Nook, Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey extension – No objection

23/00048/CAT - Tree felling, Belle Vue Farm – No objection

ZE23/00256/HOUSE - Kilburn House, Extensions to North and East, conversion of outbuildings and garage – No objection

1. **Bulmer Parish Council Website**

Cllr. Elice stated that the new village website is ready to go. Councillors were asked to forward photographs of themselves this week, if they so wish, and Cllr Elice will complete its installation and publish the details.

1. **Village Noticeboard**

Cllr McIntosh confirmed that she has had no further communication from Alistair Triffitt concerning the quotation for the new noticeboard. She is looking at a lockable aluminium noticeboard “wonder wall products ltd” on a large ply backboard.

1. **Community Drop-in Session**

NYC organised a drop-in session in the village hall on Saturday 15th April. Representatives from the Ryedale Council Office, the Police and Fire and Rescue Service attended as did Caroline Goodrick our NYC Councillor. It was well attended by residents of the village, and there was much discussion. In particular Police Officer Sean Simpson said he would look into why we have not had a reply, about setting up a village group, from the organiser of the Speed Watch Campaign.

1. **Vacancy for the Clerk**

The Parish Council still has no clerk. Anyone interested in the post or who knows someone who might be, please contact the Chair on bulmerpc@btinternet.com

1. **Councillors Responsibilities**

A list of Councillors’ responsibilities has been circulated and agreed and will be published on the website.

1. **AOB**

No issues were raised.

1. **Next Meetings**

Next meetings: 7pm, 24th July and 30th October 2023, in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

 Signed Chair Bulmer Parish Council