**Present:** Cllr Tony Wood (Chair), Cllr Malcolm Foster, Cllr Sarah McIntosh, Cllr Ben Fargher

1. residents of the village

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| 1. **Apologies**   Cllr Caroline Goodrick, Cllr Dario Elice (retrospectively)  **38 Minutes of the last meeting of 24th July 2023.**  Approved, taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true and accurate record.    **39 Matters Arising**  Some pot holes had been repaired. The village roads have not been swept by NY Highways despite several requests. Cllr Elice to chase up.  Cllr Foster to chase Castle Howard about dealing with the rotten ash Tree at the side of the old quarry.  Dog fouling - dog-poo dispensers still to be purchased / fixed to the bins, 3 now required at a cost of £29.80 each, Cllr McIntosh to purchase these and fix them to the bins on Wandales Lane, the Welburn Road and the footpath just to the west of the Church.  40 **Declarations of Interest**  No additional declarations were made.   1. **Public Participation Session**   The collapsed wall to the east of the graveyard behind the Church is to be rebuilt with funding from the AONB and NYC. This means there will be additional parking, during the works, on the main road to the east of the Church.   1. **Financial Update & Approval of Payments**   The following payments were recorded and approved for the period April to June 2023   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 31.08.23 |  | Community Heartbeat Trust | VETS telephone service | £120.00 | £20.00 | | 18.06.23 |  | Village Hall Committee | Hire of Hall (5) April - July | £125.00 |  | | 14.09.23 |  | Alistair Triffitt Joinery | Timber Noticeboard | £760.00 |  | | 15.09.23 |  | Sarah McIntosh | WonderWall Noticeboard | £358.80 | £59.80 | | 15.09.23 |  | Sarah McIntosh | Village Sign flowers | £23.98 |  | | 13.10.23 | £1,483.00 | Groundwork UK R/C | Neighbourhood Plan Grant |  |  |  1. **Current Bank Balance and Precept**   The current bank balance is £6,193.60 (£4,710.60 after deducting the grant for the Neighbourhood Plan). No response has been received from the external auditors, which we assume means they have accepted the 2022-23 Accounts.     1. **Village Hall – Annual Report**   A report from the Village Hall has still not been received.   1. **Planning Applications**   The following applications have been received and inspections made:  ZE23/00816/CAT - 8 trees to be felled, 2 East End Cottages – No objection  - 2 trees crown reduction, 1 East End Cottages - No objection     1. **Neighbourhood Plan**   A Government Grant of £1,483, towards the costs of a survey, has been received from the Government. Newsletter no. 1, advising residents of the Survey, was delivered to all household in the Parish on the 29/30th October. The invitation to complete the Survey will be delivered this coming weekend, 4/5th November.   1. **Bulmer Parish Council Website**   Cllr. Elice is still working on the new village website, which is online (bulmer-pc.co.uk), but needs updating and information transferring from the old website. Cllr Elice will contact each Councillor to arrange their new email address. The cost for the website and email addresses is £60 per year.   1. **Village Noticeboard and Telephone Box**   The Parish Noticeboard has been installed on a new ply backboard, and all payments completed. Thanks to Cllr McIntosh for organising this. The board needs to cleaned on a regular basis (including removing redundant notices) and treated with oil in the spring and autumn. A check on the condition of the telephone box is to be made in the spring and it is to painted if found to be necessary.   1. **Welburn Road Footpath**   The condition of the footpath was briefly considered. It will be 3 years, next spring, since it was last maintained and further maintenance will be considered at the next meeting in January.   1. **Community Speed Watch**   Since the first Speed Watch session in July there have been 10 further sessions, at various points in the village. 20 vehicles were recorded exceeding the limit and the owners will have received letters from the police. The maximum speed recorded was 47mph with the average of those 20, 37mph. The Council would like to thank Anne-Christine Titchener for organising the group. If anyone is interested in helping with CSW please contact Anne-Christine on [annechristinet@hotmail.com](mailto:annechristinet@hotmail.com)   1. **Vacancy for the Clerk**   The Parish Council still has no clerk. This is causing delays to the work of the Council and assistance is required. All Councillors to consider how a new Clerk can be found and how they can help in the meantime. Anyone interested in the post or who knows someone who might be, please contact the Chair on [bulmerpc@btinternet.com](mailto:bulmerpc@btinternet.com)   1. **AOB**   The post supporting the plaque, by the oak tree planted to commemorate the 1895 Act creating Parish Councils, has rotted away. Councillor Fargher to source a new board and post for the plaque and arrange for it to be reinstated.   1. **Next Meetings**   2024 meetings: 7pm, 29th January, 29th April, 29th July and 28th October 2024 in the Village Hall.  The meeting closed at 7.50pm.  Signed Chair Bulmer Parish Council | Action  DE  MF  SM  BF  SM  All  All  BF |