1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Present: Cllr Tony Wood (Chairman), Cllr Ann Lees (Vice Chairman), Cllr Titchener, Cllr Elice, Cllr Malcolm Foster, District Cllr Cleary and District Cllr Graham.

In attendance: Faye Snowden (Clerk)

Apologies: None

1. **Minutes of the last meeting of 26 July 2021.**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

All agreed to pay £15 for the use of the Church at the previous meeting.

All other actions had been completed.

1. **Complaint**

The Chairman had received a complaint from a member of the public. The complaint was in regards to not being able to hear what Councillors were saying at meetings. The complaint was noted and responded too

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

1. **Public Participation Session**

Local Government Reorganisation – Awaiting further information. It was believed that the NYCC Elections will go ahead in May 2022.

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

Clerk Salary Q2 £192.01 chq 471

Clerk Tax Q2 £48.00 chq 472

Payroll Services Q2 £30.00 chq 473

Stamps £7.92 Chq 474

Church Hire £15 Chq 475

1. **Planning Applications**

21/01275/CAT – Arch Cottage – No objection.

21/01035/FUL – West Barn & Willow Grange – Approved.

A Cllr asked if the PC’s comments regarding applications were taken into consideration. District Cllr Cleary responded that they were and that RDC now had Enforcement Officers in post, to deal with breaches of conditions.

Cllr Foster reported that he had submitted a site to RDC for consideration, to be included in the Local Plan, that sets future development plans. No further information at present.

1. **Speeding**

Email previously circulated from ‘20s plenty for North Yorkshire’ campaign. Proposing a County wide implement of a 20mph limit. Cllr Titchener reported that the PC had received notification that the data logger had been used in the village and that we were now awaiting the analyse. It was stated that due to the large number of villages awaiting analyse, that no time frame could be given.

1. **Website**

Cllr Elice previously circulated detailed options to provide a solution to the issues and lack of compliance with government regulations with the current website. 6 options were given. Councillors discussed the options and agreed to option 5, with an annual cost of around £130. This includes moving to a different hosting provider and choosing a com/co.uk domain, corporate email hosting for Cllrs and a ssl certificate.

**Action:** Cllr Elice to implement option 5.

1. **Telephone Box Bookstore**

It was reported that residents are leaving unsuitable items for a community used bookstore, in the box and bags are just left outside. Please can all residents ensure no items in poor condition are left and no unsuitable books/magazines. Also, no items should be left in bags near the box. It is a community bookstore and all that use it, have a responsibility to keep it tidy.

1. **Oak Tree and Verge hedge on Bulmer Bank**

Several trees on the left as you leave the Village down Bulmer Bank, require pruning of the lower branches and the blackthorn on Bulmer Bank requires cutting back.

**Action:** Cllr Graham will speak to the AONB and report back.

1. **Welburn Road Footpath Clearing**

The path at the side of the road to Welburn requires clearing. The Chairman had received two quotes for the work. All agreed to hire the contractor with the cheapest quote of £700.

**Action:** The Chairman to check the necessary insurance is in place.

1. **Footbridge over Bulmer Beck**

Work to the footpath over Bulmer Beck was scheduled for this year. However, quotes have been too high and new additional works have been requested.

**Action:** Cllr Goodrick to provide an update.

1. **Queens 70th Jubilee**

A resident has suggested planting a tree to mark the Queens 70th Jubilee. This should be done sooner rather than later so the tree is planted at the right time, to ensure it is kept healthy. A small flowering fruit tree was suggested. Thought to cost around £40 to purchase.

**Action:** Cllrs to have a look at the spaces provided and speak to any nearing home owners.

**Action:** District Cllr Cleary to provide more information on the possible tree planting scheme going to be run by RDC.

1. **AOB**

* The Clerk informed the PC that a query had been received, asking if the village was a designated ‘dark village’? Cllrs were not aware of the village been classified a ‘dark village’.

**Action:** Cllr Lees to look into.

**Action:** An item to be put in the Howardian to remind Residents not to leave external lights on for long periods or overnight, to help minimise any light pollution in the Village.

* Cllr Lees asked that an additional item be included on the agenda to cover correspondence received by the PC. All agreed.
* The Village Hall architects report had been completed and a schedule of works arranged.

1. **Date of next meetings**

The following 2022 meeting dates were agreed: 17 January, 16 May, 25 July and 17 October.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

Signed Chairperson Bulmer Parish Council