**Present:** Cllr Tony Wood (Chairman), Cllr Malcolm Foster (Vice Chairman), Cllr Ann Lees, Cllr John Horton, Cllr Andrew Porter

In attendance: District Cllr Michael Cleary and Faye Snowden (Clerk).

1. **Apologies**

County Cllr Caroline Goodrick

1. **Minutes of the last meeting of 7 October 2019.**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

The reported fractured surface water drain in front of Ketton, on the verge, had still not been repaired. The Clerk to chase up with Highways.

The Chairman will arrange an evening for all to go through the archives.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None

1. **Highways Speaker Richard Marr**

The Chairman gave a brief background explanation for members of the public. Mr Marr was unable to attend and therefore the Clerk had agreed with Mr Marr that the PC would collate any questions/comments that Residents or Councillors have and forward them to Highways for Cllrs to discuss with him, at a site meeting, to be arranged for later this month. Cllr Horton had previously submitted a list of concerns that were echoed by other Cllrs. All present agreed that the interactive map on the NYCC website was too vague. It currently showed works taking place between a 1 year period with no accurate dates or helpful information. Also, that signage used at roadworks was inadequate and unclear. The bus company was not made aware of the road closures and that the one letter of correspondence, that residents received, gave dates of work to commence, which were incorrect and gave no indication of how residents would be able to enter or leave the village while work was taking place.

The PC to send these comments to Mr Marr and arrange a site meeting.

1. **Public Participation Session**

A member of the public expressed concern regarding the condition of the verges outside Rose Cottage. The Chairman had spoken to the owner who is aware of the issue and intends on repairing them once work is finished.

1. **Parish Precept**

All present agreed no increase was necessary and to request the same as last year, £2400.

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

The following payments were approved:

First Aid Course £100 chq no: 434

Village Hall Hire £15 chq no: 435

Grit Bin and Salt £286.75 chq no: 436

Clerk Salary Q3 £180 chq no: 437

Clerk Tax Q3 £45.00 chq no: 438

Autela payroll Q3 £30.00 chq no: 439

Grit Bin and Salt £286.75 chq no:440

Clerk expenses £3.66 chq no: 441

Grass Cutting + £421.29

Donations from 1st Aid Course + £55.00

1. **Pot Holes**

No specific concerns were raised. The effectiveness of the online system for reporting pot holes was noted, though concerns were expressed that repairs were only effective in the short-term.

1. **Parking**

Concern was raised regarding cars parked between Corner House and Church House causing a difficulty for vehicles to pass and danger of collision. The Chairman to put a notice in the Howardian newsletter and a flyer to go out to all residents.

Cllr Porter reported that work was imminent at Beechtree Cottages and that this may cause parking congestion. Cllr Porter to enquire what work will be done and how long it will take. District Cllr Cleary advised that RDC would be hiring a new Enforcement Officer for planning conditions in the near future.

1. **Grass Cutting**

No concerns.

1. **Footpath Maintenance**

The footpath was beginning to get narrow in places. Work this year to be considered at the AGM.

1. **Tree Maintenance**

Cllr Foster to contact David Coutie to ask for assistance in removing the lower branches of the two oak trees in the village, highlighted in the report. A volunteer group to be formed to remove the ivy from the trees in the verge on the Welburn road.

1. **Grit Bins**

A new bin had been purchased for Wandales Lane and grit-salt had been restocked.

1. **Website**

There had been 263 hits to the website in total in 2019.

The Clerk had uploaded the updated bus timetable.

The idea of a community Facebook page for Bulmer residents to use was discussed as a possibility for the future.

1. **Defibrillator and VETS**

No issues. VETS telephone service volunteers now 9 in total.

1. **Telephone Box and Bookstore**

Cllr Horton had received a quote for £195 to repaint. An anonymous benefactor in the village has offered to contribute 50% of the costs and Cllr Horton has offered to make a personal contribution towards the cost to reduce the cost to the PC. Cllr Horton to accept the quote and work to be scheduled for March/April.

Cllr Foster had noticed that the light had been switched off, all agreed for the light to be on permanently on a night.

1. **Countryfile Live 2020**

District Cllr Clearly had attended a review meeting and had passed on the PC’s previous comments, which were taken on board. The team organising the event expressed that they plan to communicate better next time.

1. **Planning Applications**

19/01265/CAT – Manor House – No Objection

19/01312/HOUSE – Manor House – Comments

1. **Any Other Business**

It was reported that the footbridge between Bulmer and Foston had still not been repaired. The Chairman to speak to NYCC and AONB. District Cllr Cleary will also take this forward.

Cllr Lees asked District Cllr Cleary if the District Council had plans to review its policy on recycling, particularly in the light of measures to avoid global warming. District Cllr Clearly replied that recycling in Ryedale was always under review and looking to improve.

1. **Items for the Next Agenda**

None.

1. **Dates of Next Meetings**

Meetings to be held in 2020/2021 at 7.00pm in Bulmer Village Hall on the following dates:

18 May 2020 (AGM)
13 JULY 2020

12 October 2020

11 January 2021.

Cllr Horton to book the village hall.

The meeting closed.

Signed Chairperson Bulmer Parish Council