**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, Cllr Susan Graham, County Cllr Caroline Goodrick and Faye Snowden (Clerk).

1. **Apologies**

None.

1. **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Due to covid, the chairman’s and Vice Chairman’s position continues until 2021, The Chairman was happy to continue. Vice Chairman Cllr Malcolm Foster, stepped down as Vice Chairman. Cllr John Horton and Cllr Malcolm Foster proposed and seconded the election of Cllr Ann Lees as Vice Chair with immediate effect. The Clerk to update the contact details in the notice board.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting of 6 January 2020.**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

The District and County Councillor gave an update.

The PC asked when works to the A64 would be complete. This is currently unknown but Cllr Goodrick has sent an enquiry.

The PC asked for an update on the changes to the bus subsidy, Cllr Goodrick will ask for an update and report back.

The District Councillors reported that they were pushing for physical Planning Committees to be reinstated as soon as possible.

The PC asked if the financial knock on effect of covid 19 was yet known. Cllr Goodrick explained that is was too early to know the full effect but that the current delta return was at an overspend of around 76 million.

Cllr Goodrick gave a brief overview on the news regarding the planned changes by central government to restructure local government.

The PC discussed the opportunity to apply for AG1 funding. Due to the small amount available, it was decided not to pursue funding, at this time.

The reported fractured surface water drain in front of Ketton, on the verge, had now been repaired.

Verges outside Rose Cottage had been repaired.

Phone box, Cllr John Horton to contact the contractor.

Footpaths, The Chairman to contact the contractor.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Vice Chair Cllr Ann Lees expressed an interest in the planning application 20/00526/CAT and therefore did not vote on the decision.

1. **Financial Annual Return and documents for approval, exempt certificate and public notice.**

Approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The internal audit was complete and signed off. The Clerk to submit the exempt certificate to the auditors and display the necessary forms online and the public notice in the noticeboard.

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

The following payments were approved:

Clerk Salary Q4 £180.00 chq 442

Clerk Tax Q4 £45.00 chq 443

Autela payroll Q4 £31.44 chq 444

Insurance £171.23 chq 445

Grass cutting £50.00 chq 446

YLCA Subs £121.00 chq 447

Clerks Salary Q1 £181.52 chq 448

Clerk Tax Q1 £45.20 chq 449

Autela payroll Q1 £42.48 chq 450

Community Heatbeat £120 chq 451

Brian Hutchinson £54.60 chq 452

Councillors had agreed an annual increase of £40 in the Clerks salary. The Clerk to inform Autela.

1. **Planning Applications**

20/00212/CAT –Prospect Cottage – No Objection

20/00255/house – Manor House – Comments submitted

20/00526/CAT – Oak Tree Cottage – No Objection

20/00524/CAT – Ketton, School Lane – No Objection

1. **Any Other Business**

It was reported that the footbridge between Bulmer and Foston had still not been repaired. Cllr Goodrick will chase this up.

There is a water leak in the middle of the road outside Walnut Cottage. The Chairman has contacted Yorkshire Water and will chase up and mention the drain outside Huffkins at the other end of the village also.

The dog waste bin is leaning, Cllr Foster to have a look.

The 30 mph sign is also leaning, the Clerk to report this to highways.

Brian Hutchinson had suggested to the Chairman that the PC consider planting trees in the old quarry of the Welburn Road. Cllr Foster commented that this would probably not be possible because the quarry was used for landfill and was being monitored for methane production.

1. **Items for the Next Agenda**

None.

1. **Dates of Next Meetings**

The next meeting will be held on 12 October 2020, either remotely or in the village hall, tbc.

The meeting closed.

Signed Chairperson Bulmer Parish Council