**Present:** Cllr Tony Wood (Chair), Cllr Dario Elice (Vice Chair), Cllr Malcolm Foster, Cllr Ben Fargher

County Cllr Goodrick, District Cllrs Graham and Cleary.

9 residents of the village

1. **Election of Chairman**

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

1. **Election of Vice Chairman**

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

1. **Apologies**

Apology received from Cllr Sarah McIntosh.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting of 31 January 2022.**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

No items outstanding that are not already on the Agenda.

1. **Chair’s Report**

The chair read out the report dealing with the last 3 years when Covid prevented a proper Annual Meeting from being held.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

All Councillors have received the Register of Interest Forms online and these are being submitted to Ryedale DC for their records.

1. **Election of Councillors**

Two new Councillors Sarah McIntosh and Ben Fargher were elected at the May 5th Elections. The Chair welcomed to the Council and thanked the retiring Councillors Ann Lees and Anne-Christine Titchener for their time on the Council.

1. **Public Participation Session**

County Councillor Goodrick explained that she would be involved in planning how the new Northyorksire Council would operate and that there would be a office in Malton.

She said she would ask about the bridge over Bulmer Beck, on the footpath to Foston, at a meeting in Northallerton this week and confirm who was currently dealing with it.

Asked about potholes in the roads she said to keep registering them on the website, along with the large hole in the verge at the bottom of Bulmer Bank, and to chase up explanations for those not dealt with.

The projecting hedge on the south side of Bulmer Bank is an issue as it forces traffic into the middle of the road. Cllr Cleary said that it was questionable who was responsible for this and it was suggested that Highways looked after the first 3 feet of the verge. Further investigations need to be made.

A request was made for a plaque to be placed under the tree planted for the platinum jubilee.

Ryedale District Council have called for sites for possible development in the future, and if accepted, for inclusion in the Ryedale Plan. The District Council are now asking individuals and local communities to comment on the proposals on line. The meeting was shown the two sites proposed for Bulmer, one on the west side, no.159, for 5 houses and the other on the east side, no.298, for 123 houses. More information is available for site no. 298 on the village website, www.bulmervillage.wordpress.com . The Parish Council intends calling a public meeting in the Village Hall next month, and will send a flyer around the village in due course.

The proposed Jubilee celebrations were briefly discussed and Annie Shearsmith volunteered to print flyers about the beacon and tea party on the 2nd and 4th June respectively.

1. **Village Hall Constitution**

The Parish Council leases the Village Hall from Castle Howard and it is managed by the Village Hall Committee. The Council wished to assist with the costs of the repairs recently made to the Hall, but were advised that it was illegal to do so without a formal constitution. Ann Lees for the Council and Paul Munden for the Hall, with help from Community First Yorkshire produced a Constitution that was signed at the meeting.

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

The end of Year Accounts, and Exempt Certificate were approved and signed by the Chair. The internal audit had been completed and all was satisfactory. The certificate is now to be forwarded to the external auditors.

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

The following payments were approved for the period January to March 2022

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| Autela | Q3 payroll | £30.00 |
| Brian Hutchinson | Tree | £81.10 |
| Community Heartbeat  | Battery and Pads | £271.20 |
| Hainsworth Plant Hire | Footpath maintenance | £840.00 |
| Faye Snowden | Q4 Clerk’s salary  | £63.97 |
| Autela | Q4 payroll | £30.00 |
| HMRC | Q4 tax | £16.00 |
| YLCA | subs | £125.00 |

1. **Planning Applications**

22/00417/CAT - Tree pruning / removal Oak Cottage, School Lane – No objection

22/00291/CAT - Tree pruning Bulmer Lodge, Main Street – No objection

22/00173/LBC - Old Rectory, glazed kitchen extension, window alterations – No objection

22/00162/CAT - 2 Post Office Row, Hedge reduction / removal of willows - No objection

1. **Bulmer Parish Council Website**

Cllr. Elice has renewed the village website with a new address. However there have been problems closing down the old site and for the time being the old address [www.bulmervillage.wordpress.com](http://www.bulmervillage.wordpress.com) will be retained.

1. **Vacancy for the Clerk**

At present 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**

Councillor Foster reported that ivy was growing back up the trees down the Welburn Road. A number of volunteers agreed to remove it and trim the new shoots in their own time.

1. **Next Meetings**

Next meetings: 7pm, 25th July and 17th October 2022, in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

 Signed Chair Bulmer Parish Council