**Present:** Cllr Tony Wood (Chair), Cllr Dario Elice (Vice Chair), Cllr Malcolm Foster, Cllr Ben Fargher, Cllr Sarah McIntosh, NYC Cllr Caroline Goodrick, District Cllr Michael Cleary. I resident

1. **Minutes of the last meeting of 25th July 2022.**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

Cllr Foster confirmed that the projecting hedge on the south side of Bulmer Bank was still to be cut back, and the road would need to be temporarily closed while the hedge trimmer was working. Cllr Cleary suggested we should prepare a risk assessment and inform Highways when the work was to be done. Cllr Foster to obtain a quotation and agree a date with Mick Harland allowing sufficient time to notify NYCC.

The grass verges on the Welburn Road have now been cut. Cllr Fargher to arrange for the ivy and new shoots on the trees to be removed on Wednesday 26th October.

Potholes and edge wear on the Ganthorpe Road have been marked up by Highways North Yorkshire for patching, but no repairs have been made to date.

Dog fouling, through the village and down Wandales Lane, remains a problem despite the flyer that was sent out. An article will be added to the December Howardian.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of Interest made.

1. **Public Participation Session**

Veronique Lewis informed the meeting that the Church had appointed a new Rector, Douglas Robinson.

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

The following payments were approved for the period July to September 2022

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| Sarah McIntosh | 491 | 25.7.22 | Bedding Plants | £41.38 |
| M. Harland | 492 | 18.8.22 | Grass Cutting | £122.40 |
| Community HT | 493 | 19.8.22 | VETS service | £120.00 |
| Tony Wood | 494 | 19.8.22 | Key and Howardian | £14.00 |
| Bulmer VHC | 495 | 28.8.22 | Hire of Village Hall | £80.00 |

1. **Planning Applications**

No planning applications in the Parish have been received since the last meeting.

Castle Howard’s planning proposals for the Ryedale Local Plan were raised. Cllrs Goodrick and Cleary confirmed that all the submitted sites were now being assessed for suitability by Ryedale’s planners and the list would be passed onto the Policy and Resources Committee in due course and later to the full Council. Ryedale hope to finalise the Local Plan before the handover to North Yorkshire Council in April but no firm dates were given and it is possible that Ryedale’s final decision will not be made before then.

1. **Jubilee Tree Plaque**

Cllr Elice confirmed that the Jubilee Tree plaque had been installed along with the repaired plaque under the tree in front of Slothwood Farm. The Jubilee Tree has had a dry first summer but had been watered regularly by Cllrs Elice and Fargher, and had survived.

1. **Bulmer Parish Council Website**

Cllr. Elice confirmed that he had spoken to Wordpress about closing down the old website, and that he hoped the new website could soon be set up. The Council is looking into organising a Facebook Page and WhatsApp group.

1. **Village Hall**

The Village Hall Committee has requested financial assistance because of the major increase there has been in their electricity costs. We have asked them for a formal application which is due to be submitted before the next meeting.

1. **Defibrillator**

Cllr Elice has been monitoring the defibrillator in accordance with the requirements of the Community Heartbeat Trust and all is in order. An out of date pad still needs to be removed.

1. **Village Noticeboards**

Cllrs McIntosh and Wood inspected the two noticeboards behind the telephone box recently and reported that they were both in poor condition with significant rot. Cllr McIntosh to obtain quotations for possible repair but probably replacement of both boards.

1. **Bulmer Beck Footpath Bridge**

The bridge over the beck has at long last been replaced by North Yorkshire Council, meaning that we can walk across country to both Foston and Thornton le Clay once again.

1. **Community Speed Watch**

Cllr Wood reported that he had spoken to Anne-Christine Titchener who explained that she had nothing about the training scheme on how to use the radar gun and that she had heard that it could be another two years (a total of 3) before we got the opportunity to check speeds through the village. Cllr Goodrick said she had offered to fund the purchase of additional guns but had not had a positive reply, she also suggested we write to Zoe Metcalfe, our Police and Crime Commissioner; Cllr Wood to action.

1. **First Aid, BHF Video**

Cllr Wood reported that the Village Hall had been booked for 7.30pm on Thursday 10th November to show the CPR video and allow residents to practice their technique on the dummies that the Council has.

1. **Village Signs**

Cllr McIntosh was thanked for her work, along with Annie Plaskitt, maintaining the village signs and flower beds through a very dry summer. She confirmed that they would be replanted for the winter in due course.

1. **AOB**

The Council has had problems changing mandate details and introducing a new signatory, with Barclays Bank, and as a consequence have not had a bank statement since March. Cllr Elice confirmed that he had re-submitted the mandate forms, so hopefully this issue will be resolved in the near future.

Cllr Foster reported that the roads through the village needed sweeping as the drains at the east end were becoming blocked. Cllr Elice to contact Highways North Yorkshire.

The Council needs to decide on the precept we require for next year, before the next meeting. Cllr Wood to circulate details of the budget and expenditure for consideration of the Cllrs.

1. **Next Year’s Meetings**

7pm in the Village Hall on the 9thFebruary, 24thApril, 24thJuly, 30thOctober 2023

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed Chair Bulmer Parish Council