**51. 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. 2 residents

 Apologies: District Councillor Sue Graham

1. **Minutes of the last meeting of 17th October 2022.**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

It was confirmed that the hedge on the south side of Bulmer Bank had been cut back, shortly after our meeting on October, presumably by NYCC

The ivy and new shoots on the trees along the Welburn Road have now been removed.

Potholes and edge wear on the Ganthorpe Road have been recently been patched / repaired by Highways North Yorkshire.

Dog fouling, through the village and particularly down Wandales Lane, remains a problem despite the flyer that was sent round the village and articles in the Howardian. The possibility of installing a camera to monitor the situation was discussed. It was agreed that a sign making it clear that the area was being surveyed would be required. Cllr Michael Cleary suggested we get advice from Bridget Scaife at Ryedale before proceeding. Cllr Mcintosh to action.

Anne- Christine Titchener has confirmed that she has had no further communications from the Police about training for the radar guns to be used by the Community Speed Watch group. Cllr Wood to write to Zoe Metcalfe, Police and Crime Commissioner.

The mandate problems with Barclays Bank have now been resolved and the Council has three signatories, Cllrs Wood, Foster and Elice. Statements can now be viewed online and shortly it should be possible to make payments by bank transfer.

Cllr Elice confirmed that he had made several requests to NYCC Highways to sweep the road through the village particularly at the east end, but this had not been done. Both Cllrs Goodrick and Cleary suggested that we contact Becky Bennett at Ryedale District Council. Cllr Elice to action.

The Parish Council precept was agreed by all Councillors, following the last meeting, at £2,400, the same as last year.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of Interest made.

1. **Public Participation Session**

The Council were informed that a planning application for alterations to Thorn Nook had been submitted to Ryedale.

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

The following payments were approved for the period October 2022 to February 2023

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| Autela Payroll  | 496 | 12.12.22 | Final invoice | £30.85 |
| Clive Baxter Builders | 497 | 30.01.23 | Village Hall Roof Repairs | £714.00 |
| Dario Elice | 498 | 9.2.23 | Projector | £551.29 |
| Dario Elice | 499 | 9.2.23 | Screen | £46.66 |
| Sarah McIntosh | 500 | 9.2.23 | Plants | £63.84 |

1. **Planning Applications**

A planning application for Swallow Farm had been received by the Council. This involved the conversion of existing parts of the building into accommodation. Councillors visited the site to inspect and had no objection to the proposals. Ryedale were notified accordingly.

Both Cllrs Goodrick and Cleary confirmed that Castle Howard’s submitted sites proposals, for the Ryedale Local Plan, were proceeding slowly through the system and that it was unlikely that a final decision would be made before the end of March, when North Yorkshire Council would take over.

Ryedale District Council have informed the Parish Council that Welburn Parish Council are submitting a neighbourhood plan to influence the treatment of future planning applications. Both Cllrs Goodrick and Cleary stated that, although it involved a lot of work it could be in Bulmer’s interests to do the same, and suggested we get advice from YLCA.

1. **Bulmer Parish Council Website**

The government has set up a new website for small Parish Councils; Cllr Elice is investigating what is involved.

1. **Village Hall**

The Village Hall roof leaked during heavy rain in November, requiring urgent repairs. The Parish Council agreed to cover the costs of £714 for this.

The Village Hall Committee has submitted their financial statement, showing the change in their electricity costs from £456 last year to an estimated £1,000 this year. The village hall has very few regular booking now, partly because of the heating problem, and the Council unanimously agreed to make a one-off payment of £500 to assist them for the time being. Cllr Cleary said he would contact Ryedale District Council about grants of £1,467 that were available to local Councils.

1. **Charitable Donation**

The Council unanimously agreed to make a donation of £200 this year to the Ryedale Foodbank.

1. **Defibrillator**

Cllr Elice confirmed that the out of date pad has now been removed.

1. **Village Noticeboards**

Cllr McIntosh still chasing quotations for possible repair of the noticeboards but most probably replacement of both boards.

1. **AOB**

Cllr McIntosh reported that the ash tree, in the hedge on the south side of the Welburn Road just before the old infilled quarry, had major cracks and was in a dangerous condition. Cllr Foster agreed to inform Jasper Hasell at Castle Howard, the owners of the tree.

1. **Future Meetings this year**

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

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

 Signed Chair Bulmer Parish Council