1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Present: Cllr Tony Wood (Chairman), Cllr Ann Lees (Vice Chairman), Cllr Titchener, Cllr Elice, Cllr Foster, County Cllr Goodrick, District Cllr Cleary and District Cllr Graham.

In attendance: Faye Snowden (Clerk)

Apologies: None

1. **Minutes of the last meeting of 11 October 2021.**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

Cllr Graham had spoken to the AONB regarding the Oak Tree and Verge hedge on Bulmer Bank. Action: Cllr Foster to speak to the AONB also.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

1. **Public Participation Session**

Cllr Goodrick gave an update.

There is no update in regards to the bus service as it is an ongoing piece of work.

Bridge of Bulmer Beck – Foston and Thornton Le Clay PC are also querying the issue. An acceptable design had been approved by NYCC but stopped by the Internal Drainage Board who have requested a more elaborate expensive design. Negotiations ongoing at this time.

Action: PC to write to the MP

Elections for the new North Yorkshire Council to be held on the 5th May. Elected Members will stand for a term of 5 years.

The new authority is due to be up and running in 2023.

1. **Precept**

Agreed: All present agreed the precept to remain at £2400. Action: The Clerk to submit the request to RDC.

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

Clerk Salary Q3 £192.01 chq 476

Clerk Tax Q3 £48.00 chq 477

YLCA clerk advert £15 chq 478

Payroll Services Q3 £30.00 chq 479

1. **Planning Applications**

21/01275/CAT – Arch Cottage – No objection

21/01504/House – Manor House - Approved

1. **Correspondence**

The Clerk had received correspondence in regards to the above application for Arch Cottage.

Castle Howard had responded to the PC regarding its concerns over the cull and gun shots. The response had been circulated.

1. **Welburn Road Footpath Clearing**

Work had been completed. A Cllr expressed that there were areas that the digger had missed and therefore may grow back faster.

1. **Village Hall**

Work to repair and replace the ceiling was due to commence 1st February 2022 and take around 2 weeks. Decorating and cleaning would then follow.

A Cllr asked that the current VH Committee arrangement to be looked at as it is not currently being managed legally and in line with YLCA’s guidance.

Action: Cllr Lees to speak to YLCA.

1. **Queens 70th Jubilee**

A village beacon will be lit at 9:45pm to mark the occasion on 2nd June. The PC, PCC and VH committees to meet and discuss options for further celebrations. Action: Cllr Titchener to represent the PC.

Due to the change in the bank holiday the plant sale will take place on the first weekend in May.

A 5/6 foot shearwater seedling tree, to be purchased from Roger’s of Pickering for £81.10 including VAT and delivery, will be planted in the verge to the north of Chapel Farm to mark the occasion also. Action: Cllr Foster and Cllr Elice to plant.

1. **Speeding**

Cllr Titchener had confirmed 6 volunteers to take part in the Community Speed Watch training, date to be confirmed.

1. **Website**

Cllr Elice is progressing with the website. Action: Cllr Elice to summarise the email options and circulate.

1. **Telephone box bookstore**

Still untidy. Action: Cllr Lees to make a laminated sign to go in the booth.

1. **Footbridge over Bulmer Beck**

Previously discussed under agenda item 5.

1. **Clerk Resignation and Replacement**

The current Clerk’s last working day is 31st January 2022. A replacement had not yet been found. The Chairman had circulated a list of responsibilities to Cllrs.

1. **AOB**

None.

1. **Date of 2022 meetings**

The following 2022 meeting dates were agreed: 17 January, 16 May, 25 July and 17 October.

The meeting closed at 7:55pm.

Signed Chairperson Bulmer Parish Council