**Present:** Cllr Tony Wood (Chairman), Cllr Malcolm Foster (Vice Chairman), Cllr Ann Lees, Cllr John Horton, Cllr Andrew Porter, District Cllr Michael Cleary and Faye Snowden (Clerk).

1. **Apologies**

County Cllr Caroline Goodrick

1. **Minutes of the last meeting of 15 July 2019.**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

Cllr Cleary to ask Cllr Goodrick for an update on the purchase of speed radar guns for her Parish.

Comments were passed to Cllr Clearly regarding the disappointment in the lack of communications from Highways regarding the road closures. The PC would appreciate knowing accurate dates and details of work to be done in advance. Cllr Clearly and the Clerk to pass on these comments to Highways.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None

1. **Public Participation Session**

Cllr Lees expressed condolences to the family of former Councillor Mark Jones, who recently passed away. Mark served on the Parish Council for 19 years and participated in all local events including the open gardens, carol singing and history group. He leaves a tremendous legacy around the village and his dedication to the village was exceptional.

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

The following payments were approved:

Community Heartbeat Chq No: 428 - £120

Clerks Salary Q2 Chq No: 429 - £180

HMRC Q2 Chq No: 430 - £45

Autela Q2 payroll Chq No: 431 - £30

Mr Hutchinson Plants and maintenance Chq No: 432 - £45.60

Mr Mark Feather Tree Report Chq No: 433 - £95.00

1. **Pot Holes**

The Clerk had received a comment regarding a deep pothole outside Rose Cottage. The Clerk to report it to Highways. The Clerk to also report the severe edgeware on the Bulmer to Welburn Road.

1. **Parking**

Concern was raised regarding the churned up verge and fractured tarmac on the footpath, opposite Rose Cottage, caused by the workmen’s vehicles. Councillors who use the footpath to keep an eye on this and ensure the damage is made good in due course.

1. **Grass Cutting**

No concerns.

1. **Footpath Maintenance**

The footpath was beginning to get narrow in places. Work to be considered in the spring. The cost to be considered when setting the next precept. The Clerk to add to the May agenda.

1. **Tree Maintenance**

The Chairman had received the report, previously circulated. The report highlighted that minimal attention and simple pruning was required. Volunteer group to do the work after Christmas.

1. **Website**

Cllr Horton to add the new bus timetable.

Cllr Porter to look at possible ways to improve the content of the site.

1. **Defibrillator and VETS**

No issues. VETS telephone service volunteers now 10 in total.

First Aid Training for all that wish to attended has been arranged for Saturday 26th October 9am till 12, in the Village Hall. Cllr Horton and The Chairman to create a flyer.

1. **Telephone Box and Bookstore**

Cllr Horton is awaiting quote to repaint.

Cllr Lees to clear the boxes of books that has accumulated.

1. **Planning Applications**

19/00787/FUL – Land Off Bulmer Bank – Comments sent.

19/0847/HOUSE – Rose Cottage – No objection.

Both applications have since been approved.

1. **Any Other Business**

Cllr Lees reported that the fractured surface water drain in front of Ketton, on the verge, had still not been repaired. The Clerk to chase up with Highways.

The Chairman will arrange an evening for all to go through the archives.

It was reported that a property was somewhat overgrown creating problems for walkers to pass by. Cllr Horton to action.

Cllr Foster reported that he had received a letter regarding fracking and an invitation to an event. The letter was circulated.

Councillors have received several reports from residents who use Wandales Lane, of inconsiderate driving by non-residents attending Pilates classes at the end of the Lane.  The Chairman agreed to have a discrete word with the owners of West Barn, so that that they make visitors aware that there are limited pedestrian refuge points in certain parts of the lane and it not always easy to make a hasty exit from approaching vehicles.

1. **Items for the Next Agenda**

Parish Precept.

Dates for 2020 meetings.

1. **Dates of Next Meetings**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th January at 7.00pm in Bulmer Village Hall.

Signed Chairperson Bulmer Parish Council