**Present:** Cllr Tony Wood (Chair), Cllr Dario Elice, Cllr Malcolm Foster, Cllr Ben Fargher, Cllr Sarah McIntosh, William Heyes (Clerk)

3 residents of the village

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| **26.** | **Apologies**  Cllr Caroline Goodrick |  |
| **27.** | **Minutes of the last meeting 29th May 2024**  Approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true and accurate record |  |
| **28.** | **Matters Arising**  The work on the Churchyard wall has been completed. |  |
| **29.** | **Declarations of Interest**  No additional declarations were made |  |
| **30.** | **Public Participation Session**  No comments were made |  |
| **31.** | **Financial Update & Approval of Payments** all approved and signed by TW & DE |  |

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| **DATE** | **PAID BY** | **INCOME** | **ORGANISATION** | **PARTICULARS** | **TOTAL** |
| 27.03.24 | TW / DE |  |  | VH Meeting bookings | £110.00 |
| 03.04.24 | online | £451.67 | North Yorkshire Council | Grass Cutting 23-24 |  |
| 15.04.24 | TW / DE |  | Groundwork UK R/C | Refund NP Grant 2 | £1,018.80 |
| 30.04.24 | online | £2,400.00 | North Yorkshire Council | Precept |  |
| 03.05.24 | TW/DE |  | YLCA | Membership subscription 24-25 | £133.00 |
| 24.05.24 | TW/DE |  | Zurich | Insurance | £257.37 |
| 17.06.24 | TW/DE |  | Mr K H Mcintosh | Dog Poo Bag Dispensers and bags | £91.63 |
| 27.06.24 | online | £499.07 | HMRC VTR | VAT Tax refund 2021-2023 |  |
| 08.07.24 | TW/DE |  | N.T.Fargher | Grass Cutting | £150.00 |
| 08.07.24 | online | £481.43 | North Yorkshire Council | Grass Cutting 24-25 |  |
| 08.07.24 | TW/DE |  | Bayes Tree Services | Tree Maintenance | £1,056.00 |
| 10.07.24 | TW/DE |  | HMRC Shipley | Clerk wages NI contributions | £120.00 |
| 12.07.24 | online | £7,632.00 | Groundwork UK R/C | Neighbourhood Plan Funding |  |
| 15.07.24 | TW/DE |  | Mr W Heyes | Clerk's wages | £480.00 |
| 15.07.24 | online | £642.87 | HMRC VTR | VAT Tax refund 2023-2024 |  |

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| **32.** | **Current Bank Balance -** £13,201.60 of which £7,632.00 is allocated for the Neighbourhood Plan |  |
| **33.** | **Village Hall** |  |
| **34.** | **Planning Applications**   * Rose Cottage - ZE24/00531/FUL - Change of use of hobby room to form 1no. two bedroom holiday let apartment - no objection - approved |  |
| **35.** | **Neighbourhood Plan**  The repayment of grant 2 has been made and an application made for Grant 3 was made and received (£7,600). ‘Teams’ meetings have been arranged with AECOM to help with the Neighbourhood Plan. 6th Aug to discuss housing needs assessment. 9th August to discuss design codes for housing planning and building included a visit to the village, where the working group will meet the visitor from AECOM. |  |
| **36.** | **Bulmer Parish Council Website & Whatsapp Group**  There are still two Whatsapp Groups in the village, the admin for the alternative group has suggested visiting the merger at a later date.  The village website is still in its infancy and needs finishing off, WH & DE to liaise on Tuesday evening to get it ready. | DE  WH & DE |
| **37.** | **Village Noticeboard and Telephone**  We have received two quotes for repainting the telephone box and are awaiting one more.  Cllrs agreed to oil the noticeboard at 10AM on Saturday 3rd August. | SM |
| **38.** | **Defibrillator and VETS telephone service**  Replacement pads have been ordered and we are awaiting the invoice. The current pads are still in date and do not require changing yet.  We have enough volunteers for VETs telephone service, though current members are concerned they are not trained on how to use it and training would be appreciated. We will arrange a session in the village hall for training in Autumn. When the list of volunteers is updated we will advertise the number and send card around to update the service. | DE  TW |
| **39.** | **Community Speed Watch**  More dates have been agreed for speed watch, which are very productive. The last session caught 9 speeders in one hour, logged 35 mph and above. They need more volunteers to run more sessions.  A letter was received from a resident regarding unacceptable speeding on the East end of the village where residents need to pull their cars onto the road which poses significant risk when cars speed through the village. The request was to ask for a speed van to visit the village. However, speed vans are only sent out if there has been a recent accident. It is considered a dangerous corner by a few members of the meeting, issues including dangerous overtaking.  Members of Community Speed Watch agreed to contact Police contacts for advice and the PC would discuss how to act soon. |  |
| **40.** | **Road sweeping and pothole repair**  Pot holes on Wandales Lane have been repaired and patched.  A letter from Highways was received explaining that a section of the Ganthorpe Road is going to be repaired and closed between August and December. It was also noted that the area between the South end of the Ganthorpe turning and the 200m leading to Welburn is particularly bad and often has a large amount of standing water in wet weather. WH will respond to the email and ask to include them in the repairs along with drain sweeping and gutter update. | WH |
| **41.** | **Tree Maintenance**  The ash tree on the Ganthorpe Junction is suffering from ash dieback, Castle Howard won’t let us touch it. WH to contact CH land agents to press them to cut it.  The two village oaks have been trimmed, and ivy cut. 5 oaks have been tidied up down Bulmer bank as well. | WH |
| **42.** | **Dog Poo Dispensers**  They have been installed and it has improved dog fouling down Wandales Lane, although some refill bag rolls have been taken. |  |
| **43.** | **Grass Cutting**  The grant has been received from North Yorkshire Council to cut the verges which has begun already, and Nigel Fargher has cut additional verges as well. It was asked if more can be cut on the other side of the road by Rose Cottage to help with visibility. BF to ask if NF would do it. | BF |
| **44.** | **Rubbish and recycling**  ‘Let's Talk rubbish’ campaign is beginning in the county for residents to give feedback on how rubbish and recycling is collected in Yorkshire. WH to print provided posters and online ads to residents to give feedback. After no further response about netted covers for recycling bins the PC agreed to wait for results of the campaign before purchasing new covers for residents. |  |
| **45.** | **Missing village sign**  The insurance claim has been unsuccessful as the village signs are not included in the cover (this has now been updated). The PC needs to decide whether we want the cheaper version or the more expensive one. WH to get an image of an aluminium sign and a decision is to be made ASAP. |  |
| **46.** | **Dark Skies Friendly Village**  Richard Darn from Dark skies is giving a talk in the VH on September 19th. The PC is interested in taking up the status of Dark Skies Friendly Village and will discuss the process with Richard when he comes. |  |
| **47.** | **‘Let’s Talk Rubbish’ NYC scheme**  Discussed above - point 44. |  |
| **48.** | **St Martin’s Church**  A letter from Paul McCluskey about their application for £200,000 to the heritage lottery fund was discussed. The PC has been asked to send letter of support to back up the application. The new History group has been formed to encourage the community to be involved. They plan to involve the community by having a tour of the Church Tower and invite History lecturer to give a talk about the church and Bulmer’s History. |  |
| **49.** | **Clerk as RFO** |  |

WH is nearly able to take over as RFO; DE, TW and WH to meet to finish online forms asap.

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| **50.** | **AOB**  The flowers under the west Village sign have been stolen, it is unclear whether it is by people or wildlife. The PC discussed covering it with a wildlife camera or putting up deterrent fake security cameras and signs up to deter thieves. |  |
| **51.** | **Future Meetings**  Monday 28th October 2024, 7pm in Bulmer Village Hall.  Meeting ended 8.15pm |  |
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Signed Chair Bulmer Parish Council

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