

# BULMER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 commencing at 7.00pm in Bulmer Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Tony Wood (Chair), Cllr Dario Elice, Cllr Michael Cleary, Cllr Sarah McIntosh, Cllr Ben Fargher, William Heyes (Clerk),  
NY Councillor Caroline Goodrick  
0 resident(s) of the village

Action

## 43. Apologies

## 44. Minutes of the last meeting 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true and accurate record

## 45. Matters Arising

Declarations of interest, Cllr Cleary cannot find where to declare his interests online, Clerks to email monitoring officer to request direction.

TW phoned Barclays Bank to discuss bank account advice for the Village Hall, they said that there is no possibility to ring fence the VH's money.

## 46. Declarations of Interest

None

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## 47. Public Participation Session

None

## 48. Financial Update

DATE	PAID BY	INCOME	ORGANISATION	PARTICULARS	OUTGOINGS
30.07.25		£481.43	North Yorkshire Council	Grass Cutting Grant	
07.08.25	TW/WH		Village Hall	Hire of Hall	£25.00
12.08.25	online	£500.00	North Yorkshire Council	HHNL sign replacement	
17.08.25	TW/WH		W J Heyes	Printing Expenses	£28.21
22.09.25			PKF Littlejohn LLP	AGAR external auditing	£252.00
25.09.25		£1,796.40	Village Hall	Exterior painting	
26.09.25	TW/WH		HMRC Shipley	Clerk's Wages 2025 Q2	£63.00
26.09.25	TW/WH		Lime Contracting	VH Exterior Painting	£1,796.40
26.09.25	TW/WH		W J Heyes	Clerk's Wages 2025 Q2	£252.00

## 49. Current Bank Balance - £4,651.66 - expecting £500 for NP plan, £1000 for noticeboard repairs etc

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## 50. Village Hall VAT Update

WH has drafted a letter to HMRC based on the, October 6<sup>th</sup>, meeting with VHMC, with amendments from Councillors. Initially, Cllr Goodricke suggested we should not be claiming VAT and it will need to be paid back in full, however when full context was given, Cllr Goodricke said that claiming VAT should be able to be done, thus highlighting the complexity of VAT rules. It has been suggested that we write to HMRC that we've been claiming VAT following advice from Community First Yorkshire, and we are prepared to pay it back if need be. Finally agreed to write simply along the lines of Cllr Elice's suggestion, and that we attempt to get a conversation going with a VAT inspector (email); clerk to ask the VHMC treasurer for

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an HMRC contact (VAT inspector). All agree.

**51. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Goodricke will go back and review the Clerk's email request for funds.

Andrea Long has replied, delayed with personal issues, The NP next draft will be done by the end of November.

**52. Community Governance review**

NYC are reviewing local PC boundaries, as Welburn has no Councillors at present. Many small local councils are struggling to run or completely dissolving, due to complicated bureaucracy requirements or lack of funds. NYC has suggested that Bulmer take on Welburn Parish Council as a joint Parish Council. Bulmer Parish Councillors unanimously agree that they will **not** take it on as our responsibility.

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PC to respond to [cgr@northyork.gov.uk](mailto:cgr@northyork.gov.uk) confirming this

**53. Assertion 10**

All Cllrs will need to have an official email address, and a vexatious policy created. Our parish council website domain works fine under the regulations, our email address works fine but all cllrs need to have new addresses. This will need to be declared as compliant on our AGAR forms.

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Do we need a data officer? Check the Practitioner's guide.

**54. Telecoms work**

Spectrum asked for permission to conduct works on the verges in the village, to install super fast fibre, and complete any non connected homes. The Clerk replied, to ask what permission they needed from the PC, and for reassurance that they would make good the verges.

Extra Utilities concerns - Cllr Cleary raised the issue that the utility companies conduct their works incorrectly, they obtain a permit but sometimes do not do the work, or close the road unnecessarily or leave the Closed Roads signs after completion.

**55. Councillors responsibilities**

Review of Councillor roles, Cllr Fargher arranges grass verge cutting. Cllr Cleary to liaise with Community Speed Watch

**56. Planning Applications**

- ZE25/00936/HOUSE - April Cottage - Erection of two storey - no objections
- ZE25/01062/FUL - 2 Wandale Cottage - Erection of a single storey rear - no objections

**57. Village Noticeboard and Telephone**

The clerk has asked a contractor to quote to repaint the telephone Box, Cllr Goodricke will increase the grant to £1000 to repaint the Telephone box and notice board repair. The clerk to liaise with Cllr Goodricke to initiate a locality budget grant.

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**58. Parish Council Assets to Sell**

Clerk has been asked if we would donate the projector to air cadets charity, Councillors would like to keep hold of it until after Christmas to see if it sells and, if not, will then be happy to donate it.

**59. Defibrillator and VETS telephone service**

Leaflets posted through residents doors, and a CPR training day has been arranged 20th Nov at the village hall for VETS volunteers, Clerk to source BHF training videos for the evening.

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Clerk to delivery leaflets to outlying farms asap.

**60. Community Speed Watch / Village Traffic**

Cllr Goodricke, suggests rumble strips would provide a good census to vehicles passing through the village. Parked cars work well to slow down vehicles. It is thought that the CSW have had a rumble strip traffic survey already conducted, they can be repeated every three years. Clerk to contact CSW to ask if this is the case and if so request the report.

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**61. Tree Maintenance**

Cllr Fargher to cut the branch outside Saltwick when he can. Cllr MacIntosh has noticed that the tree on the Ganthorpe turning is splitting, Cllr Fargher to contact Castle Howard to report it.

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**62. Dog Fouling Signage**

Cllr Cleary has been sent posters to put up after a dog incident, they have been taken down. Cllr Cleary will send copies to the Clerk to print, laminate and put up.

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**63. AOB**

Clerk to write a letter to thank a resident for planting up the Bulmer sign at the East end of the village

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Police action notice on the noticeboard, it was mentioned to be inappropriate. The PC agreed to take it down. It is not PC business to get involved in Police affairs.

**Future Meetings**

26th Jan, 27th April Annual Meeting, 27th July, 2nd Nov

Meeting end 20 35

Signed

Chair Bulmer Parish Council