

# BULMER PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

of Bulmer Parish Council  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 commencing at 6.30pm in Bulmer Village Hall

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

7 resident(s) of the village

Action

1. **Election of Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office**  
Cllr Cleary proposes Cllr Elice as Chairman seconded by Cllr Wood
2. **Election of Vice Chairman**  
Cllr Wood proposes Cllr Cleary as Vice Chairman seconded by Cllr Elice
3. **Apologies** Cllr Goodricke
4. **Minutes of the last meeting 28th October 2024** - None
5. **Matters Arising** - None
6. **Chairman's Report** - See attached
7. **Visiting Speaker - Duncan Leckie - Castle Howard Woodland Projects**
8. **Refreshment break**
9. **Public Participation Session** - none
10. **Declarations of Interest**  
The Clerk asked North Yorks Council for further information on how to Cllrs make any declarations of interest. North York. Council raised questions around the process of how Cllr Foster resigned last year and to whether proper procedures were taken before Co-opting Cllr Cleary. The Clerk sent a full breakdown of events to North Yorks. To show compliance, to which they suggested we check with YLCA that the co-option is unlawful. The Parish Council are certain that there is nothing has happened that is untowards.
11. **Financial Update, End of Year Accounts, Exemption Certificate & Approval of Payments**  
The Clerk will prepare the AGAR form 2 for tax year 25/26, the certificate of exemption has been agreed and signed by the Chairman.

| DATE             | PAID BY | INCOME    | ORGANISATION        | PARTICULARS                    | OUTGOINGS |
|------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 30.01.26         | TW/WH   | £42.00    | W J Heyes           | Sold Assets - projector screen |           |
| 03.03.26         | TW/WH   | £1,500.00 | North Yorks Council | Locality Budget grant          |           |
| 31.03.26         | TW/WH   |           | W J Heyes           | Clerk's Wages 2026 Q4          | £252.00   |
| 31.03.26         | TW/WH   |           | HMRC Shipley        | Clerk's Wages 2026 Q4          | £63.00    |
| NEW Account Year |         |           |                     |                                |           |
| 15.04.26         | TW/WH   |           | Bulmer Parish Hall  | Hire of Hall                   | £25.00    |

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| 15.04.26 | TW/WH |  | YLCA | Membership renewal | £79.00 |
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**12. Current Bank Balance - £5,338.95**

**13. 2024/2025 Precept** - The new precept of £2,900 has been applied for and accepted. I is expected to be received at the end of April

**14. Village Hall Report** - The Village Hall Chairman's report received, attached. There is also a letter about installing an events notice board outside the front of the building, the Parish council have no objection to this being carried out. The Village Hall Committee would also like to install a new heater in the Hall to which the Parish Council are happy to claim the VAT for that purchase as per the SLA in the new constitution.

**15. Neighbourhood Plan** - All Cllrs have received and read the final draft of the plan. The Council is happy to move ahead to the next phase.

£500 of North Yorkshire Council's locality grant will contribute to paying the final invoice.

**16. Assertion 10** - Cllr Elice has set all councillors up with official bulmer-pc emails, some councillors still need to register for the new email to activate them. This needs to be completed before 31st July to comply with AGAR rules. All

**17. Village Noticeboard and Telephone** - A quote from Lime Contractors has been accepted. The contractor is able to start on 18th May to begin painting the telephone box. The Clerk will notify the contractor to begin the work. Part of North Yorkshire Council's locality grant will be used on this project. The remaining funds of the grant will go towards fixing the noticeboard.

**18. Community Speed Watch and Village Traffic**

Highways say they will paint SLOW on the road either end of the 'S bend', the PC would prefer them to do it in the entrance to the village; The clerk will clarify this with Highways. The pot holes that have been reported have already surveyed Wandale's Lane. WH

**19. Tree maintenance**

The tree opposite Saltwick that was considered deceased seems to be ok, it is suspected that a resident of the village has cut affected branches off themselves.

The trees along the Welburn road need a trim back as there are plenty of loose and broken branches that could be hazardous to traffic. Cllr Fargher will investigate this. BF

**20. Grass Verges**

The Clerk has communicated verbally with the resident who had concerns about the cost of disposing of village grass trimming. This will be followed up with a formal letter to record the communication. WH

The Parish Council agree that normal grass cutting to be done by local contracting farmers using the Urban Grass cutting funding that is expected to be received in Spring.

**21. Dog Fouling Signage**

The Clerk has printed signage supplied to Cllr Cleary by the Police to put up to to dissuade dog fouling in and around the village. WH

The Clerk has reached out to North Yorks. Council to put up extra dog poo bins but has not received a reply. The Clerk will follow up the query. WH

**AOB**

Howardian Hills Letter - received from HHNL asking for ways that communities can engage with the public and invited to community meetings. Cllr Cleary will liaise with Cllr Goodricke to be aware of what's on in our area.

Footpath Maintenance at Corner House - a resident has commented that the footpath around the 'S bend' needs to be resurfaced as it is narrow and cracked. The Clerk will make a request to Highways to take a look.

Parking on the S bend - a resident has complained that residents that park on the 'S bend' have caused a few near misses as traffic swerves to avoid the parked vehicles. The Council will advise residents to park beyond on the bend. The Clerk will write a short letter to residents on the bend.

Insurance Renewal - There is an option in the renewal to cover less contents with reduced monthly charge. The Clerk will communicate with Zurich to confirm the figures before renewing on June 1st.

### **Future Meetings**

July 27th, Nov 2nd

Meeting ended 20 12

Signed

Chair Bulmer Parish Council