

BOWLAND FOREST HIGHER DIVISION PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting 12th September 2023, held at Dunsop Bridge Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Whitney - chairman
Cllr S Bennett
Cllr B Powney
Cllr G Williams
Mrs R Carr – clerk
Mr J Pyrah, Duchy of Lancaster

Apologies for absence were received from Ms Laura Airton and Mrs Lara Thompson, Duchy of Lancaster and Cllr Hore, RVBC.

It was noted that Cllr O'Rourke has resigned – the clerk will inform RVBC and display the statutory notice.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th July 2023 were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising:

An update had been received from Mrs Thompson regarding Duchy development works. At Root works are due to start in November 2023 on a 12 month programme. Demolition work at the garage site is suspended due to issues with Electricity North West and there has been a change to the window design which will be uploaded to the website soon.

Mr Pyrah said the cockerels will be rehomed soon. He mentioned that Puddleducks cafe is open 6 days a week and will enquire about post office provision.

Planting in the village was discussed – Mr Pyrah will obtain a quote from Alex West for bulbs and planting. The clerk will try and find out if the best kept village group would like to plant bulbs. Mr Pyrah thought the Duchy would fund bulbs on a match-fund basis with the parish council.

The dog area was discussed and it was agreed to leave this project for now. The clerk is to ask for more dog waste bags.

It was agreed to ask Cllr Swarbrick for another update on Burholme Bridge and to ask about the ownership of the white railings between the cenotaph and Bridge Cottage. Also to point out that some road signs are faded and another has been knocked down.

It was noted that the shed for playing equipment has been installed on the football field. Enquiries into the location of a mains water pipe in the field next to the car park are to be made before the fence can be repaired. It was agreed to have a post and netting fence. Regarding the noticeboard – it was agreed to have this repaired as necessary until the garage site is completed then the noticeboard might be relocated there.

The clerk will follow up enquiries about a possible fund for maintenance of defibrillators

Finance

Reserve account: £3278.69

Current account: £3241.28 – paid lengthsmen £225 and agreed to pay mowing when invoice received

Correspondence

1. Peak and Northern Footpaths Society – decided not to join this or LCC PROW (Public Rights of Way) scheme
2. The clerk will follow up progress on mending the footbridge near Holme Head
3. LCC Parish & Town Council Conference to be held 4th November.
4. Further information regarding the new brown tourism signs has been forwarded.

Remembrance

It was decided to hold a short service of remembrance at the cenotaph on Sunday 12th November from 10.50am followed by refreshments at the village hall and to invite the school to join in. It was agreed to trial putting out cones to temporarily stop the traffic.

AOB

Cllr Williams volunteered to look after the cenotaph garden and Cllr Powney will cut the self-seeded tree on the verge opposite the cenotaph.

It was agreed to stop the lengthsman.

It was reported that a gatepost next to the cattle grid near Holme Head was broken – the clerk to make enquiries about this.

It was agreed to ask RVBC if they can provide Code of Conduct training at an evening session.

Next meeting

This is to be held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 in the village hall

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.