



Balne Parish Council

Balne Parish Council Meeting Minutes No 231

Date: Tuesday 10th September 2024 7.30pm in the Parish Room

Attendance: Cllr Andrews, Louise Holliday, Cllr Kealey, Cllr Faulkner, Cllr Wood

Apologies: Cllr Lewis

1. Minutes from meeting no 230 have been circulated prior to this meeting.
Approved by Cllr Wood, Seconded by Cllr Kealey
2. Matters Arising – not listed in the main meeting
 - a. West End/Balne Moor Junction – Cllr Andrews has met with Highways; the vegetation has been cut down as agreed. Although this is not satisfactory it has sorted the issue for the time being, but this will re-occur each year and will have to be dealt with on a year-by-year basis. – **Completed**
 - b. West End Lane verge damage – **Completed**
 - c. Whole Council Training – **Completed**
 - d. HGV signage – Cllr Andrews was under the impression that this was going ahead but nothing has happened yet. - Ongoing
 - e. New Parish Clerk – Louise has agreed to take on the role. Cllr Andrews will follow up with the paperwork. – Ongoing
 - f. Parish Precept – As we now have extra expenses we will need to increase our precept; it was suggested that we wait until the November meeting to make the final decision. – Ongoing
 - g. Business deposit card - Ongoing
 - h. Website update – Cllr Faulkner has started to redevelop the website - Ongoing
 - i. Trees on West End Lane – The tree which came down in the recent high winds has been trimmed and is now safe and not causing issues on the highway. - **Completed**
3. Correspondence: Any received has been forwarded to Councillors for consideration
 - a. The insurance rebuild form has been accepted by Allied Westminster, this needs to be completed every five years.
 - b. There has been several 'Let's talk' active survey emails sent round
 - c. Quickline communications has started to get fibre into the village, we need to contact them for a meeting. It has been suggested Tuesday 1st October 6-7pm – Clerk to arrange
4. Finance: £6141.95 in the bank. The VAT has not applied for as the Government Gateway needs to be applied for. This will be added to the next meeting
5. Planning:
None received
6. General:

7. Events:

- a. Coffee mornings – It has been suggested that the Parish Room is open when the library van comes once a month for teas/coffee. Proposed by Cllr Andrews. Seconded by Cllr Wood.

8. AOB: Items may be discussed briefly but decisions to be deferred to next meeting, when the item may be discussed in greater detail.

- a. Water leak in the Parish Room – We need to employ a plumber; Cllr Kealey will speak to Mark Kealey and ask him to contact Cllr Andrews.
- b. There are various items which need to be sorted e.g. standing orders, asset register etc.
- c. We will need a staffing committee once we employ someone, a quorum of 3 is required. Cllr Wood, Cllr Kealey & the Chair volunteered to join this meeting.

9. Date of next meeting:

- a. Tuesday 12th November 7.30pm in the Parish Room

10. The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed: _____ Dated: _____