

**Minutes of the meeting of Buckerell Parish Council held at Buckerell  
Church on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013.**

**Those Present**

Mr Steve Stone – Chairman  
Mrs Wendy Wayne  
Mrs Kate Pratt  
Mr Ryan Knight  
Mr Stuart Bader  
Heloise Marlow – Clerk  
Susie Bond – Councillor  
Claire Wright - Councillor

There were two members of the public present.

**1. Apologies**

Jenny Palfrey and PC Clive Vickery

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were agreed and signed with one amendment – namely that Councillor Roger Giles retired rather than resigned.

**ACTION**

**3. Matters arising**

None.

**4. Police Report**

Heloise Marlow confirming that PC Vickery had telephoned her to confirm that there had been no crimes committed in Buckerell recently.

**5. Public Questions**

A member of the public had two questions/issues to raise:

- a) He is very concerned about the speed of a tractor through the village with a tanker behind – it goes too fast and recently he was walking his dog and it was so fast that he nearly reported it for dangerous driving. The driver is Lewis who works for Martin Pratt – Steve Stone agreed to speak to Lewis with regards to this.
- b) Some of his neighbours are concerned about the speed of the traffic through the village coming from Hembury Fort – many are apparently Buckerell residents – Jeff however could not provide any further details as he had not himself witnessed the speeding. Steve Stone suggested that we could ask PC Anning to return to the village with his speedometer. Claire Wright suggesting that the matter be raised with DCC Highways. SS asking Jeff to request that his neighbours provide identification details for the speeding drivers and he will talk to them.

**SS**

**6. Finance**

- a) The balance at the bank is £2705.32.
- b) The following payments for approval were proposed by Steve Stone and seconded by Kate Pratt.

- i. David Wayne – Plastics Run July - £20.00
- ii. Heloise Marlow – Clerks fees and expenses £157.84.

Wendy Wayne advising that she would be speaking to David Wayne with regards to changing the plastics run day to a Saturday. This might make it easier for him to obtain help on the day – she will confirm the position to HM in due course. All agreed that there were no objections to this being done.

**HM**

### **7. Councillor Wright's Report**

Councillor Wright confirming that she had met with the Primary School heads in the area and the Head of King's School. Their main issue by far was the level of proposed development in the area and the impact this would have on school admissions in the future. This would affect Feniton and Ottery schools especially – She also met with Simon Nye at DCC who is in charge of the education element of the S106 contributions – she is now looking at taking the matter to a higher level but DCC are unable to do very much to stop the developments taking place as EDDC still has not 5 year land supply. Susie Bond advising that in her view there was no joined up thinking between development and education – King's school cannot expand further neither can Ottery Primary – but DCC are asking them to do so. As regards school catchment area for the moment Buckereil should not be affected but this could change.

### **8. Councillor Susie Bond's Report**

Councillor Bond confirmed that at the moment there were 3 / 4 appeals going through re development around Feniton. EDDC/ Planning Appeals Committee are considering a public enquiry to deal with the matter which would be a big media event – at the moment the appeals are in relation to 283 houses but there are 2 more landowners on the edges of Feniton who would want to sell their land for development also. EDDC only have a 4.7 land supply and are behind with the Local Plan which should be ready soon to go to an examination in public and then to the Planning Inspectorate ready to be submitted next year. However at the moment it appears as though developers can build where they want as long as it is sustainable – however this is a very widely defined requirement so makes is relatively easy to argue. EDDC are currently about 1500 houses short of what they need. When the local plan is adopted hopefully next year this will make the villages safer from development but until then the National Planning Framework appears to put economic growth first – the developers profit and a growing economy trumps all – it is easier to build on greenbelt land than brown field land.

Steve Stone asking how the BPC can help? Unfortunately the time limit for commenting on the appeals has closed- but if there is a public enquiry if someone could read out a statement opposing the development that would help – Steve Stone confirming that he would be happy to do this.

Councillor Bond confirming that there was still no news about Graham Brown – the matter is still being investigated.

Rock Salt is on the agenda at item 15 – but she confirmed that she had contacted Gittisham Parish Council who had confirmed that they had no need for any – Feniton do want some – it is just a question of arranging to collect it from Ron Galling – he is liaising directly with Feniton with regards to this.

**SS**

## **9. Planning**

a) Fishing Lodge – Deer Park, Weston – Heloise Marlow confirming that this was still pending consideration – Mrs Marshall a neighbour had contacted Heloise Marlow to object and has objected formally on the planning portal – Heloise Marlow has confirmed on behalf of the Parish Council that the Parish Council has no objections in principle as long as the building is used for agricultural purposes only as stated on the application.

## **10. Roads**

Stuart Bader confirming that there are no current potholes which need action. The forthcoming road closures have been advertised but there are no further details as yet. Kate Pratt advising that previous road markings for repair purposes had recently been erased and then marked out again by a team of 8 men – she queried the cost and need for this – Stuart Bader will do a letter to Highways querying this. Also the road from Buckerell to Hembury Fort is collapsing in parts – some parts have been repaired but not all – again Stuart Bader will write to Highways about this – Claire Wright asking to be copied into the correspondence.

**SB**

## **11. Butts Cottage**

Heloise Marlow confirming the cottage was on the market – but no further news was available as this time.

## **12. Trees, hedgerows and drains**

Stuart Bader confirming that the drains had been cleared and a lot of debris removed. Wendy Wayne advising that the bank past Butts Cottage needs cutting back – Stuart Bader will contact Highways about this (cc CW).

**SB**

## **13. War Memorial Pots**

These have been replaced and replanted.

## **14. Feedback from the Buckerell Fete**

Ryan Knight and Stuart Bader manned a stall for the Parish Council at the Buckerell fete – Steve Stone thanking them for their efforts. Ryan Knight confirming that they had had good feedback and had raised £18/19 for the church. The feedback from the questionnaire was varied – about 20 people completed it. Ryan Knight confirming that he would email the questionnaire to Heloise Marlow.

The most important issues highlighted were:

Recreation area

War Memorial

Planning

Drainage

Maintenance of footpaths

Signposting

Litter – Ryan Knight confirming that whilst litter for some was an important issue due to the wording of the question he does not know whether residents felt that litter was in fact an issue in that Buckerell had a litter problem or not – the Councillors agreed that there did not appear to be much litter in the village.

Parking – had some very high responses and some very low, similarly the question about a bus shelter.

Steve Stone advising that he is very keen to get something done – the bus shelter is the obvious choice as everything else is in hand more or less – the Parish Council does own some of the land around the war memorial – that is the obvious place to put the bus shelter – Steve Stone will speak to the owner of the Rectory adjoining the land about the proposal.

Claire Wright confirming that she does have some funding which could be made available - Steve Stone will investigate types of bus shelters and Heloise Marlow will find out what is listed around the area and whether a bus shelter would be allowed in principle.

As regards recreation land – there was some available land at the back of Butts Cottage – the landowner had previously indicated that he would give some land to the village for a recreation ground but this was subject to being allowed to build on the land also – Claire Wright saying that this would not be allowed as Buckerell is deemed to be in the open countryside – it is also possible that as the offer was not taken up when it was made some years ago – the offer may have lapsed! It was agreed that someone should speak to the landowner to see if the land would still be available. An alternative is the land behind Splatthayes – it would be necessary to sort out access via the footpath which runs from the telephone box to Treslake – Wendy Wayne, and Steve Stone will meet to discuss this further before approaching the landowner – Wendy Wayne suggested that she also ask Jenny Palfrey to attend this sub meeting which was agreed.

Wendy Wayne querying the amount or lack of affordable housing in Buckerell - there is nothing which a young couple wanting a starter home could afford. Councillor Bond confirming that she could look into this – however it was agreed that the Councillors would need to discuss the matter further before taking any action and this would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**RK/HM/SS**  
**WW/JP**

**15. Rock Salt**

See above

**16. Village Website**

This has launched – with some traffic coming to it – Ryan Knight needs authors to put on more content – he asked for volunteers – this is to be advertised in the Bugle and via the village email. More content will mean more traffic – if you have subscribed to the website you will get an email each time something new is posted on it. **RK**

**17. Audit**

Heloise Marlow confirming the audit had been submitted. As yet Heloise Marlow had not received any response but would update the Councillors as and when she had. **HM**

**18. Telephone box**

Wendy Wayne has spoken to Mike Carron – his estimate for repainting the roof which needs rubbing down, a coat of uni bond, undercoat and then new paint — 1 day @ £100 plus paint. The Parish Council would have to buy the paint but Mike Carron will supply the unibond and the undercoat. He will also need power – Agreed Mike Carron could go ahead - Steve Stone will ask house owners adjacent to the telephone box for power. **SS/WW**

**19. AOB**

None

**20. Date of next meeting -**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013, 7.30 p.m. – Venue to be confirmed

Meeting closed 08.50 p.m.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_