

**Minutes of the meeting of Buckerell Parish Council held at Doug's Shed,  
Splatthayes on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012.**

**Those Present**

Mr Steve Stone – Chairman  
Mrs Jenny Palfrey  
Mrs Kate Pratt  
Mrs Wendy Wayne  
Councillor Graham Brown  
PC Phil Anning  
Mr Richard Reeve – Clerk

**ACTION**

**Apologies**

Councillor Roger Giles (Holidays)

**1. Police Report**

- a) There had been no crimes since the last meeting.
- b) PC Anning reminded people about using the 101 number which was proving to be very effective. Mr Stone advised that he had already had occasion to use it.
- c) PC Anning asked people to be on the look out for scrap dealers who were known to be active in the area.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were agreed and signed.

**3. Matters arising**

- a) *Ref. 3* The vacancy for a councillor is yet to be filled, councillors were encouraged to approach potential candidates.
- b) *Ref. 7 ii. a)* The full policy schedule has now been received.
- c) *Ref. 7 ii. c) & d)* Letters of thanks had been received from T.R.I.P. and Hospiscare
- d) *Ref. 7 iii.* The four councillors were now authorised signatories to the council's bank account.
- e) *Ref. 7 iv.* Mr Reeve handed out copies of the account's spreadsheet plus details of how the current year's precept had been calculated.
- f) *Ref. 8 i.* The council's response to the local plan had been e-mailed to EDDC on 10<sup>th</sup> June.
- g) *Ref. 10 iii.* Councillor Giles had advised that DCC has received £5million to repair C class roads during this financial year. One of the schemes to benefit will be the road between Sowton Farm and Avenhayes, where there has been a surface water problem, and deteriorating road surface. The scheme will comprise drainage, provision of concrete channel, and resurfacing. The section of road is slightly nearer to Sowton Farm; the section of road that runs more or less south to north. Scheme Ref 2395100.

**ALL**

**4. Public Questions**

There were no members of the public present

**5. Councillor Brown's Report**

- a) Councillor Brown apologised for his recent lack of attendance at meetings.
- b) He advised that a meeting had been held the previous day to discuss the East Devon Local Plan. The main outcome being that the land at Heathfield Manor had been removed from the plan and the land at Hayne Lane would be used only as a

reserve. This was positive news and a 6 week public consultation would be starting in August. This would be followed by a Public Enquiry next February.

- c) There was a brief discussion about the new houses on Feniton. Councillor Brown advised that he thought that one scheme at Acland Park would go through.
- d) Councillor Brown was asked about a rumour that 500 houses at Cranbrook were being sold to councils in Liverpool/Manchester to allow them to relocate some of their council tenants. He told the meeting that this was completely untrue and that he would ask the Deputy Chief Executive to confirm this to the council in writing.

**ACTION**

## **6. Butts Cottages**

Mr Reeve reported that he had received a phone call from Hilary Hardwicke at EDDC regarding 2 Butts Cottages. Due to some communications breakdown regarding papers between EDDC and the court, the planned court hearing on 8<sup>th</sup> June did not take place. This has now been rescheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> September.

## **7. Planning**

- a) The Oaks – both applications, the new property and the replacement of the existing one were discussed. Councillor Brown was made aware of the council's dissatisfaction with the way the application for the new property was handled by EDDC Planning Department, in particular the fact that the owner carried out the Wildlife Assessment after the site had been cleared. It was agreed that there were no objections to the existing property being replaced with a new one. Mr Reeve to advise EDDC
- b) Crosshill Farm – Councillor Brown confirmed that he had not received details of this application and would look into what had happened.

**RR**

## **8. Finance**

- a) The balance at the bank on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012 was £1722.58
- b) The following payments for approval were proposed by Mrs Pratt and seconded by Mrs Palfrey:
  - i. BCA – Jubilee Mugs - £100.00
  - ii. Richard Reeve – Clerk's Cost and Expenses - £155.90
  - iii. David Wayne – Plastics Runs May & July - £30.00

## **9. Code of Conduct**

Mr Reeve advised the councillors that one of the effects of the Localism Bill was that each Parish Council was required to have its own Code of Conduct and Register of Member's Interests and that they had to be in place by the end of July. Mr Reeve had prepared two documents for approval by councillors. Mrs Wayne pointed out that they would need time to consider both documents. Mr Reeve handed out copies of both documents and it was agreed that all councillors would respond by 25th July.

**ALL**

## **10. Roads**

- a) Potholes – Mrs Pratt reported that after she had contacted DCC potholes by Avenhayes and Broadlands had now been repaired, however the repair at Avenhayes had not been very successful. Mrs Pratt will raise this with John Hopkins at DCC.
- b) Flooding – After the heavy rain on 6<sup>th</sup> July the road at the Orchard's Farm junction was not as badly affected as on previous occasions. Whilst there was a short term build up of water, this quickly drained away.
- c) 30 m.p.h. speed limit – no update on the introduction of the speed limit was available.

**KP**

## **11. Parking at 4 Hillside**

This was no longer deemed as an issue as the new residents were parking on the grass.

## **12. Trees, Hedgerows and Drains**

- a) It was agreed that Footpaths would be added to this section and it would be included as a standard agenda item.
- b) There was a general discussion about what the Parish Lengthsman's role involved. Mr Stone advised that these were clearly laid down on the DCC web site.
- c) The question of hedgerows, styles, footpaths and trees was discussed. It was pointed out that farmers had certain legal requirements to meet regarding these areas and it was agreed to find out exactly what these were. It was also important to find out who was ultimately responsible for implementation and enforcement.
- d) Mrs Pratt raised the issue of dog owners allowing their pets to foul fields and then not clearing up afterwards. She pointed out that this was causing problems to farmers who were unable to use the crops for food because of the contamination and potential spread of diseases. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to all households pointing out that it is an offence punishable by a fine not to clear up after their pets. Mrs Pratt would provide the letter for the council to approve.

**KP**

## **13. War Memorial Pots**

It was agreed that the pots should be replaced next March. Mrs Palfrey will discuss the details with Mrs Craig-Macquaide.

**JP**

## **14. Devon Waste Plan**

Mr Reeve agreed to circulate the information again.

**RR**

## **15. Winter Services Review**

It was agreed that Mr Stone, in his capacity as Snow Warden would complete and return the questionnaire and let Mr Reeve have a copy.

**SS**

## **16. EDDC Chairman's**

It was agreed that the available tickets should be offered to Mr and Mrs John Bishop and to Mrs Mear. Mr Stone would speak to them.

**SS**

**17. King's Centre – Foodbank**

Mr Reeve gave brief details of this project and advised that a collecting point had been set up in church. Details would be circulated via the village e-mail system.

**18. Church**

- a) Mr Reeve reported, in his capacity as secretary to the Parochial Church Council, that the repair to the wall surrounding the Parish Pump has now been given the go ahead. Mr Gallantree will be carrying out the work.
- b) The church is planting an oak tree to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, this is to complement the yew tree planted for the Golden Jubilee. This will be planted in October.

**19. Village Appearance**

A brief discussion was held regarding how to improve the appearance of the village, it was noted that Mr Wayne when he was chairman had planted numerous daffodil bulbs. Mrs Palfrey suggested replacing the bench by the War Memorial – Mr Reeve was asked to obtain 3 quotes in time for the next meeting. It was agreed to discuss the matter in more depth at the next meeting.

**RR**

**20. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 p.m. at Splatthayes

Meeting closed 9.45 p.m.

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

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

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