

**Minutes of the meeting of Buckerell Parish Council held at Buckerell
Church on Tuesday 26th November 2013**

Those Present

Mr Steve Stone (Chair)
Mrs Wendy Wayne
Mr Stuart Bader
Mrs Jenny Palfrey
Heloise Marlow – Clerk
Susie Bond – Councillor
Claire Wright - Councillor

There were four members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Ryan Knight, Clive Vickery

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2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 24th September 2013 were agreed and signed

3. Matters arising

Wendy Wayne confirming that David Wayne had agreed to clean the War Memorial with his pressure washer – does the Parish Council need a quote from him to do this? He will do it at the same rates as before. His instruction was agreed by the Council and Steve Stone will ask Richard and Patricia from Amoury Cottage for use of water and power. **SS**

4. Nomination and appointment of Vice-Chair

Stuart Bader was nominated by Wendy Wayne and seconded by Jenny Palfrey – Stuart Bader duly voted in as Vice-Chair.

5. Police Report

Heloise Marlow confirming that she had not heard from the police with their report. (Heloise subsequently receiving a telephone message confirming that there had been nil recorded crime in Buckerell since the last meeting).

6. Public Questions

A member of the public had the following question:

- a) Should EDDC relocate from Knowle in Sidmouth as is being discussed, where will services such as the Register Office be sited if the East Devon Business Centre closes as reported in the Express and Echo on Thursday 14th November 2013?

Councillor Claire Wright confirmed that her understanding was that if EDDC relocate to Honiton these services would be incorporated into the new building. If EDDC relocates elsewhere such as Cranbrook or Clyst St Mary, this was unknown. Wendy Wayne confirming that having spoken to staff at the EDB Centre it was understood

that they would continue somewhere on Heathpark even if the current building was sold.

Councillor Claire Wright confirming that she would make some enquiries – more clarity is expected next month when a decision is likely to be made on which is the preferred site.

- b) Jenny Palfrey raising the following on behalf of three residents of Buckerell who wished to remain anonymous:

It is felt that the approach into the village from Honiton is becoming unsightly due to the presence of caravans and sheds near the road – do these require planning permission? Steve Stone advising that whilst these concerns should be minuted, it was unlikely that the PC could do much about it. The residents in question could approach the land owners and ask if they would remove the sheds/caravans but if the request was refused there was little more which could be done. Heloise Marlow advising that the shed/caravans were unlikely to require planning permission – whilst people may have concerns the landowner was entitled to have a shed/store a caravan on their land.

Stuart Bader confirming that one of the caravans in question is his – it is stored in his parents' garden – he does intend to erect fencing which will shield it from the road – Jenny Palfrey thanking him and confirming that it already looks much better with the green cover.

7. Finance

- a) The balance at the bank is £3867.48. Steve Stone advising that with the proposed cuts the parish lengthsmen availability will be affected. He has spoken to John Stocker who is recovering – the Parish Council agreed to ask Mr Stocker to do some work around the village which the Council will pay for. In addition at the next meeting it is intended to discuss future projects for the village which will require funding. In this respect Jenny Palfrey confirming that she has recently met and spoken with Martin Rich, Community Projects Officer about proposed projects such as a bus shelter or a play area. Steve Stone will contact Martin Rich with a view to asking him to attend one of the next meetings to develop the ideas further.

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As regards the previously discussed bus shelter the main issue remains where to site it. The land near the War Memorial is not favoured by the immediate neighbours and the field near the Notice Board may have a restrictive covenant. The matter has been raised by Ryan Knight who is unable to attend tonight's meeting – as such it was agreed that it would be deferred to the next meeting and in the meantime it was agreed that the village would be asked for suggestions as to a possible site.

- b) The following payments for approval were proposed by Steve Stone and seconded by Jenny Palfrey

- i. David Wayne – Plastics Run August - £20.00
- ii. Heloise Marlow – Clerks fees and expenses £150.00
- iii. Buckerell Parish Church – Hire November - £30.00.
- iv. Patricia Craig-Macquaide – Bulbs and Plants for the War Memorial Pots - £33.43

Wendy Wayne asking for funds to plant more bulbs around the village – she will buy them and plant them – Agreed £50.00 budget for this.

HM

8. Councillor Wright's Report

Councillor Wright confirming that she had been asked by the Woodland Trust to be their tree champion in Devon which she has accepted. She has tried very hard lately to protect trees in West Hill from developers. Until mid January she is promoting a scheme for community tree packs for the planting of new trees. If Buckerell would like a pack then she can provide one. This is important because across Europe England is behind other countries in respect of wooded areas – the rest of Europe has about 40% of wooded land – England only has 15%.

Libraries – it is proposed for financial reasons to reduce the mobile library service in Buckerell from fortnightly to monthly – if the residents of Buckerell wish to comment on this they must do so by the end of the month.

Highways – further cuts are proposed – again any comments need to be made by the 13th December – the email with details will be sent around via the village email.

Councillor Wright is also involved in a wildflower verge pilot – this is to address complaints of untidy verges and to enhance them – 3 pilot sites have been chosen – Tipton St John, Ottery St Mary and West Hill – the verges have been seeded and will now be monitored.

Buckerell Parish Council expressing interest in taking part in the future and CW will keep the Council informed.

The housing development in Feniton is now going to a Triple Enquiry in January – the Head of The Kings School Faith Jarrett has provided a statement of evidence re the effect the development will have on The Kings School – Devon County Council believe they have a solution which Faith Jarrett disagrees with. Devon County Council's solution is that Kings can build up or expand on site – Faith Jarrett disagrees. Currently there are about 1100 children at the school – this will affect future Year 7 children living in outlying areas such as Buckerell as they may find it difficult to get a place – Claire Wright cannot guarantee that the criteria will remain the same or the catchment area will remain the same.

Buckerell PC can help by writing into the enquiry and/or attending on the 7th January 2014.

9. Councillor Susie Bond's Report

The triple enquiry starting on the 7th January is due to last 2 weeks and will be held at the Bowling Club. The proposals are for 235 new homes – any concerns must be submitted to the Enquiry. Devon County Council believes Feniton Primary school can expand – perhaps into the Social Club – this is owned by one of the developers who has agreed to sell it to the school at cost if he obtains planning permission for the houses applied for.

As regards the 5 year land supply EDDC now has houses equating to 5.19 years but because of historic under delivery they need a 20% buffer which means they need a 6 year land supply.

In the past Wendy Wayne has suggested that Buckerell needs affordable housing- Susie Bond advising that Gittisham were also looking at this – the issue is that there is no land allocated to housing and there would also be the sustainability argument against a development. Wendy Wayne thinks 5 starter homes in the village would be good but Steve Stone expressed his concerns about an open door consequence.

Susie Bond confirming that Buckerell would struggle to get planning permission for any new development due to EDDC policies – Buckerell would need to show that the community is behind any new development.

10. Planning

a) Proposed private gypsy and travellers caravan site – land south west of Trafalgar Bridge, Weston

Heloise Marlow confirming that this application has been refused – however the Delegated Officer's report gives the reason for refusal as issues with flooding – whereas the Decision Notice gives sustainability as the reason – as such the two are at odds with another – Susie Bond saying that she would look into it.

b) Retention of agricultural implement shed – Fishing Lodge, Deer Park, Weston

Heloise Marlow confirming that this was still pending – Susie Bond advising that the planners were intending to do a site visit before making a decision.

c) Proposed solar panels – Guys Pen – Stuart Badber confirming that he had seen the application pack – Jenny Palfrey had not and Steve Stone and Wendy Wayne had seen it online – Jenny Palfrey suggesting a site visit – Mrs Marie Andrews from the Clock House putting forward their objections to the proposal – see attached. Other objectors including Ron Galling – as yet there have been no comments from the Consultees – it was agreed that Steve Stone and Jenny Palfrey would do a site visit – Heloise Marlow to arrange.

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d) Residential development for up to 147 homes at land at Heathfield (Land east of Hayne Lane) Gittisham

Susie Bond advising that this application had now gone in – if the residents of Buckerell have any objections they must contact the Council – if the application succeeds it will impact on Feniton School and the Kings School as it is in the Gittisham catchment area for schools.

e) Wellbeck site – Honiton – 300 homes

This application has yet to go in but is likely to go in before Christmas.

Wendy Wayne handing in a letter which the PC had written in 2010 objecting to the development and asking for this to be taken into account. One member of the public present had gone to the Wellbeck presentation and they had given out forms for the public to comment – at the presentation they could not confirm which school catchment area or doctor's surgery the development would fall into.

Susie Bond confirming that the site is in the AONB – once the application is in it is better to object to it by contacting the Council rather than the developer. Claire Wright confirming that the site had been a reserve site but the developer has decided to make the application early due to concerns that other sites may get developed which would make this one redundant. She also confirmed that if the development goes ahead it would fall within Honiton's catchment area for schools and doctors surgeries.

11. Roads

Stuart Bader confirming that most of the verges are now clear – there is a lot of mud on the roads but hopefully this will go with some rain. He had reported again the various potholes to DCC but has yet to get a reply – Claire Wright asking him to let her have a copy of his report and she will chase it up.

12. Trees, hedgerows and drains

There is nothing to report re trees, footpaths or hedgerows. The recent report confirmed that styles are likely to become the responsibility of the landowner due to cutbacks. John Stocker is on top of the drains. Wendy Wayne asking Claire Wright if Buckerell could take part in the wildflower verge scheme – if necessary BPC would fund it – Claire Wright confirming that she would let the Council know if DCC decide to roll out the programme further – whilst some funding may be available from the Council, volunteers would be needed to do the ground work. Likely timescale – next summer.

13. Telephone Box

Wendy Wayne has spoken to Mike Curran who advised that it is not the right time of year to paint the telephone box and if BPC want the top and side painted it would be difficult to match the existing paint – it would be best to do the whole thing – it was agreed to put this back to the spring when the whole telephone box will be painted.

Jenny Palfrey asking for funds to replace 2 plastic boxes – agreed £20.00.

14. AOB

It was agreed that the minutes would be emailed around the village via the village email as well as placed on the notice board.

Item for the next meeting – Village projects.

15. Date of next meeting -

Tuesday 28th January 2014 at Buckerell Parish Church.

Meeting closed 08.50 p.m.

Signed: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____