

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 8th

November 2016 in Buckerell Parish Church

Those Present

Wendy Wayne - Chair (WW)
Vincent Parkes (VP)
Russell Powell (RP)
Clr. Susie Bond (SB)
Richard Reeve - Clerk (RR)

There were 7 members of the public present

1. Definitive Map Review

Nick Steenman-Clark, Public Rights of Way Officer - Devon County Council gave a presentation about the Definitive Map Review. He started by explaining that Definitive Map was the legal record of the existence of public rights of way. This record is made up of a map, a description of the right of way and the status. He then explained the basis on which the current maps were drawn which dated back to a Parish Meeting in 1951. There are currently 5 footpaths within Buckerell plus one B.O.A.T. (Byway open to all traffic) and he provided a number of hard copies of maps showing their locations, details can also be found at the following link;

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/buckerell-definitive-map-review/>

He then went on to talk through the how the review process would work and how members of the public and landowners could get involved. Examples of the Evidence of Use forms to be used were provided.

Details of previous and current issues with PROW were highlighted. Nick concluded his presentation by outlining what needs to happen next which included gathering evidence of use, coming forward with any suggestions to the rights of way network, provide examples of any old village maps. The deadline for any suggestions is 6th January 2017.

A number of questions were raised and it was suggested that the Parish Paths Partnership might be a way of addressing some of these issues. It was agreed to find out more information about this scheme and the resources it could provide.

Wendy Wayne thanked Nick Steenman-Clark for his very informative presentation.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Prue Pinsent (PP), Jo Gillingham (JP), Clr. Claire Wright (CW), PCSO Clive Vickery and PCSO Phil Anning.

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th September

The minutes were agreed at a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was proposed by WW and seconded by VP.

4. Matters Arising

- a) WW and RP would put something together about Dog Fouling to go into The Bugle and out via the Village e-mail by 18th November.

WW/RP

5. Allocation of Portfolios

It was agreed that as two of the councillors were unable to attend the meeting that this would be resolved via e-mail and confirmed at the next meeting.

WW

6. Police Report.

There were no reported crimes between 16/09/16 to 6/11/16.

7. Public Questions

- a) The question of whether anything could be done about a car parked by the style opposite Splatts Cottages. The vehicle has not moved for the 3 months and had meant that the hedge around the style could not be cut. It was suggested that a first step would be to check if the vehicle was taxed and insured. WW agreed to see if anything could be done.
- b) A member of the public had asked if the Parish Council would be contributing to the repair of the church clock face. WW thought that as the clock was an amenity to the whole village rather than just the church, it would be appropriate to make a contribution. She proposed that £100 should be contributed, this was seconded by RP. It was agreed that a cheque should be raised.

WW

RR

8. Finance

- a) RR confirmed that the balance at bank on 22nd October 2016 was £6772.53
- b) The following payments were proposed for approval by WW and seconded by RP.
 - i. DALC - Annual Fee - £54.00
 - ii. Richard Reeve - Reimbursement of purchase of Amazon vouchers - £100.00
 - iii. Patricia-Craig-Macquaide - War Memorial pots - Winter planting - £47.40
 - iv. Buckerell Parish Church - Use of church November - £40.00
 - v. Patricia-Craig-Macquaide - Purchase of pots for under noticeboard and plants/compost - £133.90
 - vi. David Wayne - Plastics - May, July, August & October - £100.00
 - vii. TRIP - annual charity grant - £75.00
 - viii. Citizens Advice Bureau - annual charity grant - £75.00
 - ix. Hospiscare - annual charity grant - £75.00
 - x. Village in Action - annual support grant £75.00

9. Parish Precept - 2017/2018

Details of the proposed precept were handed out at the meeting. WW explained that the amount requested would be the same as for the current year. The council does have money in the bank but this may be required over the next 12 months to fund a couple of projects. The precept was proposed by WW and seconded by RP.

10. Councillor Claire Wright's Report

Nothing to report

11. Councillor Susie Bond's Report

- a) SB confirmed that the new recycling contract to cover cardboard and plastics would not be coming to Buckerell until June next year. The delay was due to problems obtaining the new vehicles required to provide the service.
- b) SB advised that the plans for the new headquarters for EDDC on The Heathpark had now been approved. WW asked if the problems with the

additional cars on the estate had been taken into consideration and it was confirmed that this was included in the planning application.

12. Planning - Sowton Farm - 16/1985/FUL

The council had no problems with this application.

13. Meadowside Cottage (1 Butts Cottages)

WW reported that this property had now been sold and that the new owner had already started working on it. It was agreed that having the property restored and lived in would be beneficial for the whole village.

14. Future Care Consultation

The NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group had on October 7th launched a consultation process about how the elderly and frail people are cared for in the Eastern Locality which includes Buckerell. Full details of the process can be found by clicking on the following link;

<http://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/about-us/your-future-care/102019>

There were a number of proposals included in this consultation process but all of them involved losing beds at Honiton hospital. It was agreed that WW would respond on behalf of the Parish Council and that the details of how individuals could comment should be circulated via the village e-mail.

SB suggested Claire Wright's website was a useful source of information on the issue.

WW/RR

15. Parishes together Fund

RR advised that the last deadline for seeking funds during the current financial year was 8th February, therefore exactly what work was to be done would need to be confirmed by the 1st February. RR would sort out all the paperwork.

It was suggested that the area by The Goyle might be appropriate, WW agreed to have a look at it with John Slater from The Oaks.

RR

WW/JS

16. Superfast Broadband

The green box was due to be installed by the end of November which will hopefully result in an improvement in broadband speeds.

17. Roads report

RR reported that the council has been asked to complete the Devon Highways Survey. He had discussed this with PP before she went on holiday. He would send councillors a copy of the blank survey. There were a number of issues highlighted in the survey such as the Community Road Warden Scheme and it was agreed to find out more about this scheme.

RR

18. Trees, Footpaths, hedgerows and drains

SB suggested contacting Mike Brown at DCC regarding the problems with drains in the roads not being cleared.

WW

19. Village Maintenance

- a) WW advised that an annual schedule of tasks around the village had been prepared and put out to tender but as one of those tendering was her husband, RR would handle the matter. RR advised that 2 quotes had been received and the cheapest quote was from David Wayne. VP suggested that as David was in the village that his quote should be accepted, this was proposed by RP and seconded by VP.
- b) RR had received 2 quotes to tidy up the area under the noticeboard, one for £95 and the second for £250. VP proposed that the lower quote be accepted, this was seconded by RP.
- c) RR advised that the back of the noticeboard was in urgent need of repair and that he has received a price of £60 to replace the back board

and further £180 to treat the exterior of the board. It was agreed that as the noticeboard would have to be taken down to replace the back it would make sense to have the exterior treated at the same time. This was proposed by WW and seconded by VP.

- d) RR advised that the planters to go under the noticeboard had been purchased and planted up. As soon as the area had been prepared they would be put in place.

20. Parish Council Website

A meeting was held to update the website and the information regarding the council was now up to date. It was felt however that more input from the rest of the village was required. It was agreed to put something in the next edition of The Bugle and also on the village e-mail encouraging people to go to the site and suggest items to be included.

VP

21. Clerk's Position

WW advised that due to HMRC regulations the clerk must now be an employee of the council and paid according to nationally agreed pay scales. WW had provided councillors of the details which were proposed by RP and seconded by VP. WW also advised that a payroll company would be used in future to handle payments.

WW

22. Bus Shelter

RP had canvassed parents of children using the school buses about whether a bus shelter was wanted in the village and the overwhelming response was yes but the problem was where one could be situated. It was suggested that the County Surveyor at DCC be contacted to identify potential/suitable locations. SB thought that some funding might be available from DCC and that CW should be contacted. She also suggested contacting the clerks at Feniton and Payhembury where shelters had recently been installed to find out exactly what procedures needed to be followed.

WW

23. Parking around War Memorial

The problem with parking around the War Memorial was discussed, in particular with relation to access to The Old Rectory being blocked on a number of occasions. The problem is unlikely to improve as Meadowside is being renovated and once occupied, will mean even more vehicles.

RP/VP

It was agreed that initially RP & VP would produce a plan of the area showing where parking was permitted. This would be given to local residents and if this didn't work, markings and signs would be considered.

It was agreed that RR would deliver a letter to all the residents near the War Memorial asking them to keep the area clear on Remembrance Sunday to allow the Civic Service to take place.

RR

24. Village Library

WW advised that JG had agreed to look after the library in the telephone box.

JG

25. Venue for meetings

The question of where the Parish Council meetings should be held was discussed. WW suggested that during the winter months it would be better to use Doug's Shed as the church was very difficult to heat adequately. She had spoken to Doug but the shed was only available on a Wednesday. VP stated that the church wasn't really suitable for holding meetings due to its layout and he proposed that all meetings should be switched to Doug's Shed, this was seconded by WW. After a brief discussion this was agreed and the dates of the next three meetings would be put back by one day. WW would confirm the booking of Doug's Shed. It was also agreed to change the start time to

WW

7.00 p.m. SB raised the question of potential clashes of dates with Gittisham and Feniton, RR was asked to find out their meeting dates.

RR

26. Mini Projector

VP proposed that the Parish Council acquires a mini projector that can be linked to a lap top for use at meetings. This was seconded by RP, it was agreed that the maximum budget would be £200. VP was asked to take forward the purchase of the item.

VP

27. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th January at Doug's Shed starting at 7.00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE, VENUE AND START TIME

Meeting Closed 9.50 p.m.