

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 23rd May
2018 at Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

Wendy Wayne – Chair (WW)
Prue Pinsent - Vice Chair (PP)
Geoff Wright (GW)
Cllr Phil Twiss – County Councillor (PT)
Cllr Susie Bond – East Devon District Council (SB)
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were 5 members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Clare Slater and Russell Powell.
Belated apologies were also received from PCSO Darren England
who missed the meeting due to other commitments.

2. Election of Officers

a) Chair: Wendy Wayne was **proposed** as Chair by PP and
seconded by GW. WW duly elected.

b) Vice Chair: Prue Pinsent was **proposed** as Vice Chair by GW
and **seconded** by WW. PP duly elected.

3. Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office

The forms were signed by the elected officers and witnessed and
countersigned by the clerk.

4. Signing of minutes of last meeting on 24th March 2018

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising which were not already on the agenda.

6. Adoption of Model Standing Orders

In the absence of several councillors it was decided to defer this item
till the next meeting.

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7. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

8. Police Report

It was suggested that the Chairman and the Clerk sign up to the Devon & Cornwall Alert website to ensure the village has up to date information re current policing issues. Post meeting note: Apologies were received from Darren England about missing the meeting. We agreed that he would compile a longer report for the next meeting.

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9. Questions from the Public

a) A question was put to PT about a pothole and drain collapse in the road through the village. The questioner wanted to see some positive action and PT agreed to view the problem with the questioner on leaving the meeting.

b) A letter from the Churchwarden asked about the possibility of support for the Royal British Legion "Silent Soldier" remembrance display in November 2018. PT raised the possibility of using crowd-funding as a means of generating income for the project. It was agreed that WW would speak to the churchwarden to see if the Parish Council can assist.

WW

11 Finance

a) The balance at bank on 23rd May was £5318.33.

b) Payment of £20 to Doug Cowan for hire of the meeting room in March 2018 was **approved. Proposed** by PP and **seconded** by GW

c) Payment of £30 to the clerk for the renewal of the website subscription was **approved. Proposed** by PP and **seconded** by GW.

d) Payment of £59.76 to Devon Association of Local Councils was **approved. Proposed** by PP and **seconded** by GW.

12. Report from Cllr Phillip Twiss DCC Annual report (Circulated prior to meeting)

My first year as County Division member for Buckerell has passed in the blink of an eye and it has been a similar, but different experience to that of being a District Councillor. Day to day issues in the County Division are taken up by Highways and education matters, with other committee responsibilities eating up a large part of my DCC work as well. A significant part of my time has been involved with training and sitting on the DCC Health scrutiny, which has presented its own challenges during a period of change for the NHS on how care is

provided to people.

I have been asked by the Leader of DCC to become the Councils representative on the R, D & E Council of Governors from the annual meeting of the Council and look forward to this role very much.

I am grateful for the support I have received from Buckerell PC and will continue to do my best for the Parish in the coming and subsequent years where budgetary constraints, particularly impacting on roads maintenance and reductions to social care services are a great concern.

I hope that one standing item on the Buckerell PC agenda being that of Broadband can be removed from this time next year as we have clarity and hopefully delivery of 100% Superfast Broadband to all those in the parish who want it

Roads update

In addition to regular works and the pothole fund I have been allocated £70,755.77 from the Government resilience fund (helping to address winter damage) and have recently met with the NHO to look at key points across the Division to identify and prioritise best use of the money. I am assured by him that the assessment of most need will be measured in the same way in Honiton as well as Buckerell (Gittisham and Feniton being my other rural villages in the Feniton & Honiton Division).

Cllr Stuart Hughes, DCC Portfolio holder for Highways has been kind enough to let me have a plain English version of some of the work DCC Highways undertake which might be of interest to you.

Until December '17 there were 15 "pothole" gangs operating throughout the County. Last week there were 38, so a significant increase in resources.

In December we had a total of just under 9000 potholes reported in the County – by February this was up to 16,000 and March dropping to 15,000 (equivalents for March 2017 was 9000). DCC are now filling more than those being reported, but still catching up.

Priority is given to repairing safety defects on the A and B Road network, due to the potential severity of the consequences of an incident and likelihood.

A Number of initiatives being pursued at the moment include;

- 1 For the May inspections on the A and B road network, the safety inspectors are not only identifying safety defects but also potholes which are likely to become safety defects (serviceability

defects) in the next few months (for them to be filled of course, but not necessarily as quickly). We're also piloting a project in part of East Devon, similar to the above, where an inspector triages publicly reported potholes on the A and B network, to identify whether they are a safety defect warranting immediate attention, or a serviceability defect to be dealt with within the month. (The latter is historically what we haven't done, if it wasn't a safety defect it was not filled). **We are hopeful that if this is successful that we can then roll out to the classified and even maybe the unclassified network**, identifying what changes will be needed to the IT systems and Webpages before a larger scale County wide roll out. The concept that we need to prove is that by filling in the holes (even if they are not a safety defect) is a cost saving as this reduces the repeat calls, officer involvement in dealing with unhappy and dissatisfied customers and contractor costs in either abortive visits or less material.

At present the situation is not perfect, and DCC Highways are trying to change, in an informed way. "We are equally not trying to jump to solutions, but understand what the real problem is we are trying to address from the customers perspective, before firming up on a solution".

With an increasing workload we are looking at the resources we have available to deliver the works orders to our various contractors. This has been partially successful, but there is more we need in the short term. The service is still exploring various options to not only deliver the expanded programme for this year, but to try and get a bit further ahead so advance programming can be looked at for future years, to reflect the feedback that members and the public have fed back to the service as to what information is needed.

We are still awaiting details from the DfT on what the challenge fund might be about for the coming year, however all indications point to it being about bridges rather than roads.

In addition PT reported that where white markings appear on the roads this is now an indication that work will shortly follow.

PT talked about the issues with the Gigaclear rollout in the background, and how this is being monitored. He will also attempt to co-ordinate the work on ditches, drains and roads to ensure that a logical sequence is followed where possible, and try to ensure the most effective solutions.

The funding for an Admiral Nurse to support the families of dementia

sufferers from Honiton Hospital was seen as an important initiative.

13. Report from Cllr Susie Bond EDDC

Future leadership As from the Council's annual meeting at the end of May, the Leader, Cllr Paul Diviani will step down. Following an election within the Conservative Party, the new Leader will be Cllr Ian Thomas (Trinity ward [Axmouth]). This is a popular appointment and there are already indications that the work of the council will be much more collaborative. His Deputy will be Cllr Phil Skinner (Tale Vale ward).

GESP The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan is still causing considerable concern. The GESP is a joint plan looking at sites for housing and economic development across East Devon, Mid-Devon, Teignmouth, Devon County Council and Exeter City Council to enable cross-border collaboration and bring forward Government funding for infrastructure in the region. The initial work has been going on since January 2017 with no report to Strategic Planning Committee thus far. The Plan will run to 2040 and sit above the Local Plan, which is why it is crucial that it is adequately scrutinised by the many and not being led by the few.

Neighbourhood Plan Feniton Neighbourhood Plan referendum took place on 17 May and the results were in - 462 voted Yes and 30 voted No (32% turnout).

Polling station Consultation into suitability of polling stations being undertaken by EDDC with a closing date of 6 July

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11. Planning

a) The Old Rectory. Old Sunday School Building 18/0237/FUL and 18/0238/LBC

The application for change to holiday accommodation had not originally been approved as this is a listed building. An amended application has now been submitted and approved.

b) Deer Park Hotel 18/0385/FUL

It was noted that there had been some letters of objection, and a decision is awaited.

c) Glebe House 18/0773/FUL

The main application has already been approved, but has gone back to planning for a decision on extra ridge height. It was agreed that there was no objection from the Parish Council, and the clerk was asked to add this to the planning consultation.

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d) Planning Proposal re. Splatthayes (Awaiting submission)

The applicant explained the background to requesting the lifting of a restriction on what is currently holiday accommodation so that it can be used as a residential dwelling. There is no intention of selling the property currently used as holiday accommodation. It is intended to raise a charge on it so that the applicants can in fact stay on at Splatthayes. Failure to do so will result in Splatthayes being put on the market as the charge needs to be raised before Jan 2019 .

15. Village Clean Up

After discussion it was agreed to defer this item until after the Gigaclear rollout, and the consequent disturbance to verges and ditches.

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16. Fireworks at Deer Park Hotel

It was agreed to monitor the situation as although there had been improvement in noise levels and prior notice given, some displays are still late at night midweek, with the possibility of disturbing children in particular.

17. New General Data Protection Regulations

The content of the proposed Privacy Notice to be included on the Parish Council website was discussed. It was **approved** as **proposed** by PP and **seconded** by GW.

IT

18. Superfast Broadband

There was discussion about whether a meeting with Gigaclear managers would serve any purpose. It was agreed not to pursue this at this stage, and WW would ask for a village email to go out with this information.

WW

19. Roads Report

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

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20. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

a) Ditch outside Splatthayes

Doug reported no progress and reported that he would be re-lining

the ditch.

b) Permissive Path at Deer Park Hotel

A Sub committee has been formed and has walked part of the land to view what possible routes could be proposed. Clare Slater has been in touch with Mark Godfrey of Deer Park Hotel and will be meeting with him shortly.

c) Ditch survey

Thanks were voiced to GW and CS for their work in completing the survey. Following discussion it was agreed that it would make sense to wait for Gigaclear to complete their operations before approaching PT to access any unspent funds. Following this the Parish Council could then make a decision on using it's own funds for at least some of the works.

GW/CS

The representative from C Plant stated that he would be happy to act as an adviser to GW and CS, and would be able to quote for any proposed works.

21. Village Maintenance

WW reported that the scheduled work for May had been completed, mostly strimming at various places, and the removal of brambles from around noticeboards.

22 TRIP – Community Transport Consultation

This consultation has now closed but IT was asked to check if representations can still be made.

23. Defibrillator Big Lottery Fund Bid / Locality Budget

The bid had been withdrawn from the current round due to changes in the correspondence details on the bank account still being worked through. Big Lottery require the bank statements to specifically be addressed to the responsible officer. As soon as the statements are showing the correct address for correspondence the application will be re-submitted.

24. Fireworks at Deer Park Hotel

This was an error of duplication on the agenda. Please see item 16.

25. Dates of Future Meetings

Agreed dates for future meetings as follows:

Weds 11th July 2018 (Venue – Doug’s Shed)
Weds 12th September 2018 (Venue – Doug’s Shed)
Weds 14th November 2018 (Venue – Doug’s Shed)
Weds 16th January 2019 (Venue – Doug’s Shed)
Weds 13th March 2019 (Venue – TBC)
Weds 22nd May 2019 (Venue – TBC)

26. Matters for Next Meeting on Wednesday 11th July (Doug’s Shed)

In addition to action items shown above, items 6, 15 and 19 above were deferred till the next meeting.