

## BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Doug's Shed Splatthayes

### Those Present

Wendy Wayne – Chair (WW)  
Prue Pinsent - Vice Chair (PP)  
Geoff Wright (GW)  
Cllr Susie Bond – East Devon District Council (SB)  
Ron Galling (RG)  
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were 4 members of the public present.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Clare Slater (Cllr), Philip Twiss (Devon County Council) and Darren England (PCSO)

### 2. Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed accordingly.

### 3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of any personal or pecuniary interest in any of the agenda items.

### 4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting. There were some issues arising since the last meeting –

- a) A telephone call had been received asking for information about the Buckerell War Memorial. Ian to reply.
- b) Ian and Susie had attended a meeting in connection with the “Communities Together Fund”. This is a further development of the “Parishes Together Fund” but is competitive and collaborative. Two or more not for profit organisations may submit bids for funding between £400 and £30k. The fund cannot be used for drains and or ditches. Councillors were asked to submit any ideas for possible bids by the **end of September 2018.**
- c) The Devon Association of Local Council's annual report was made available.
- d) It was decided that there was no requirement to take up the

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offer of sandbags from the EDDC.

### **5. Co-option of Mr Ron Galling as Councillor**

Mr Ron Galling was co-opted to the Council. A "Register of Interests" form will need to be completed for submission to EDDC.

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### **6. Police Report**

Apologies had been received from Darren England. A short summary report had been e-mailed showing that since July there had been 3 crimes reported in Buckerell, all relating to a dog. Darren indicated that this was an on-going police matter, and therefore sub-judice, thus preventing any discussion on the incidents at this time.

### **7. Public Questions**

- a) A resident raised the question of whether the coach for King's school needed to be as large as a 56 seater, as it was damaging the hedge on his property. In addition the coach appeared to be stopping and picking up children at the junction outside his house, rather than the designated stop at the War memorial. Wendy indicated that she would contact Devon County Council to discuss the matter.
- b) An e-mail had been received from a resident in connection with an aggressive dog. As this relates to the police matter as mentioned in the Police report above there was no discussion, but Ron commented that people assume that there is a right of way down the track at Deer Park Farm.

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### **8. Finance**

The total balance at bank on 12<sup>th</sup> September was £10,309.11. This amount includes a figure of £3697 which is restricted for use in the defibrillator project (see item 13). The actual figure for general council purposes is therefore £6612.

The Council approved the following payments –

- a) £20 to Doug Cowan for hire of the room for the September meeting
- b) Up to £150 maximum for a contribution to the "Silent Soldier" memorial to be placed at the War Memorial. .

Both payments were **Proposed** by Prue, and **Seconded** by Geoff.

## **9. Councillor Philip Twiss – Report**

As DCC return to business as usual after the informal summer recess there are a couple of things that members may find of interest as detailed below as my brief report this month.

### **Roads & Bridges**

I have previously reported that Meg Booth, Head of DCC Highways was preparing a paper for Local Councils information on the variety of suppliers and systems of repair DCC use to maintain roads where Skansa at approximately 40% of the total spend and are not the only provider.

The total annual spend on Devon Highways is around £34m, depending on other 'one off' grants and winter payments etc from Central Government is and the attached graphic gives you a visual idea and insight in to the complex nature of how and where the money is spent and with which contractor. The size of each block approximates to the percentage value of the £34m annual spend

If you wish to report a pothole, surface defect or any other kind of problem to DCC the simplest and quickest way is to go online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> where uploading a picture of the problem and pinpointing the exact location on the interactive map really does help.

### **DCC annual Public Health report**

The recently published DCC Public Health Annual report for 2017-18 focuses on the Health and Wellbeing of children and whilst quite a weighty read with plenty of stats and graphics Dr Virginia Pearson's report is a very worthwhile, if in parts a slightly sobering read.

## **10 Councillor Susie Bond – Report**

### **Housing**

Currently looking at where more housing can be delivered through the Local Plan review. Northwest quadrant of east Devon to the west of Ottery is currently favoured. Extensions to villages/new towns etc.

Growth deal with Government. Currently 844 houses a year imposed by Government (950 under Local Plan), but this will grow to enable us to take some of Exeter's overspill.

### **Greater Exeter Strategic Plan**

After pushing continuously for an update on the GESP (joint plan with Exeter City Council, East Devon District Council, Mid-Devon District Council, Teignmouth District Council and Devon County Council), a report finally came to Strategic Planning last week. It proposed a consultation exercise (Our New Vision and How We Make It Real) to run for 6 weeks from 5 October. The consultation document had to be approved by all the councils for it to go ahead.

As a committee, we had several concerns, not least the bland nature of the document which would make analysis of the resulting responses almost impossible. The document asks four questions:

1. Do you have any comments to make on the vision?
2. Do you have any comments to make on the key part of the transport strategy?
3. What is the most important issue you would like to see tackled or infrastructure project you would like to see happen in Greater Exeter and why?
4. Do you have any comments to make on the idea of an infrastructure deal with the Government?

The last question refers to the aspiration for a Growth Deal with Government which would provide upfront money for infrastructure in exchange for higher than currently anticipated levels of housing development.

The report was thrown out by the committee with a request that the consultation document should be rewritten to genuinely intend to secure quantifiable results.

### **National Planning Policy Framework**

The new NPPF was published in July 2018 and we're all getting to grips with it. Possibly the most radical is that subdivision of rural properties is now permissible.

## **11. Planning**

- a) Treaslake Farm 18/1571/LBC – It was noted that this had been approved.
- b) Deer Park Hotel 18/0385/FUL – It was noted that this had been approved, although there was some discussion about whether or not this constituted a “factory” on open countryside, and whether it would be “acceptably visible” as claimed by the planners.

## **12. Village Clean Up**

Wendy had e-mailed the village, and received 5 responses so far. It was agreed that those helping would meet at the War Memorial on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Geoff offered to provide a trailer. The areas highlighted as needing attention were around the telephone box, and verges generally. Wendy would place a reminder in the "Bugle".

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## **13. Defibrillator**

Thanks were expressed to Clare for the successful outcome of the funding bid. The money (£3697) had been received as restricted monies in the bank account.

Wendy gave a breakdown of the budget figures (Faculty, training, installation, publicity, etc.), and reported that she and Penny were now pursuing the matter of the faculty with the Church necessary for the works to take place.

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## **14. Superfast Broadband Update**

It was agreed that Ian would request an update from Cllr Twiss. There was discussion about easements and wayleaves.

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## **15. Tree Warden**

The information received from EDDC on the Tree Warden Regional Forum on 27<sup>th</sup> October was noted. Wendy would contact a resident who had previously expressed interest in acting as Tree Warden for Buckerell.

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## **16. Roads Report**

Geoff and Clare were thanked for this comprehensive report. It was agreed to forward a copy to Cllr Twiss for further action.

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## **17. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains**

Clare and Geoff were thanked for the comprehensive Ditches survey, and it was agreed that this would also be forwarded to Cllr Twiss for further action.

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It was agreed that the Parish Council should fund some of the works. Geoff would get some quotes for 2-3 days ditching works. It would be important for public liability insurance to be included in any quotation, as the Council would not be able to authorise work without this. A

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figure of up to £750 was proposed. **Proposed** by Wendy and **Seconded** by Prue.

### **18. Village Maintenance**

The programme of works is on-going. Wendy asked if any areas needed attention, and there was discussion about who had responsibility for managing hedgerows in Tape Lane. It was thought to the landowners on either side.

### **19. Consultations**

Details of 3 consultations had been passed on to councillors. No further action was required.

### **20. Amendments to Standing Orders**

Wendy thanked Prue for suggesting some amendments to Standing Orders. Following discussion, it was agreed to amend the following details –

- a) The time limit for an individual to speak would be 5 minutes, with 15 minutes total time allowed for public questions.
- b) The Standing Orders should be gender neutral and refer to he/she throughout.

Ian will amend the Standing Orders accordingly.

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### **21. Matters for Next Meeting**

Prue asked for the mirror at the end of the lane outside the church to be included on the agenda for the November meeting.

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### **Dates of Future Meetings**

Agreed dates for future meetings as follows:

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (Venue – Doug's Shed)

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Venue – Doug's Shed)

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Venue – TBC)

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 (Venue – TBC)