

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

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

There were 2 members of the public present throughout, and one visiting member of the public for item 11 on the agenda.

1. Apologies

No apologies had been received.

2. Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 12th September 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2018 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed accordingly.

Ron had not received the agenda or minutes by e-mail, and Ian agreed to investigate. **IT**

3. Declarations of interest

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

4. Matters arising (not on agenda)

School buses

Wendy had followed up the questions raised by a member of the public at the September meeting. She had corresponded with Devon County Council who indicated that the reason for the temporary re-location of the school bus stop was due to notification received by them of a temporary road closure, which in the event had not taken place. DCC had also agreed to pursue with the private contractor the size of vehicles being used for school transport.

5. Police Report – PCSO Darren England

No report had been received. (**Post meeting note** – an e-mail was received

from Darren with apologies for not attending the meeting due to pressure of work. The following report was also submitted –

Buckerell Parish Council Report

Crimes Reported between 12/09/2018 and 14/11/2018

2 Crimes Reported

1 x THEFT - OTHER - INCLUDING THEFT BY FINDING – Item stolen from room by unknown person

1 x OWNER / PERSON IN CHARGE OF A DOG DANGEROUSLY OUT OF CONTROL - NO INJURY – Crime held by Neighbourhood team and added to ongoing crime investigations

Darren also reports – “I plan on spending more time engaging with the rural community starting next year so I will be at some of the meetings very soon.”

6. Public questions

Wendy had received correspondence from a local resident expressing some concern about a letter received from DCC suggesting that there could still be further action on their objection to the Byway Open To All Traffic formally established in May 2018 between Orchard Lane and Cabbage Lane. It had been assumed by everybody that the matter was closed, but the residents are now being asked by DCC to withdraw their objection or escalate the complaint to Public Enquiry status. It was **AGREED** by Council to await further developments. Wendy will return to the residents who raised the issue.

WW

7.Finance:

Balance at bank £10184.11 at 14/11/18 (-£3697 Restricted a/c defibrillator)

Payments to be approved -

Doug Cowan. Meeting room hire November 2018	£20.00
Clerk – quarterly pay (July-September)	£161.82

IT

Both the above payments were **AGREED**. Proposed by Clare and seconded by Geoff.

8. Councillor Phillip Twiss' Report

Broadband

I am meeting Phil Roberts from CDS this Friday the 16th of November to check the status of the rollout review with Gigaclear. Issues have arisen within the contract, but currently the Awliscombe (including Buckerell) and Beacon (Luppitt) 'packets are proceeding with the 'blowing' of fibre in to the orange network pipes that have been and continue to be installed.

Healthcare

As the DCC appointed Governor on the R, D & E NHS Hospital Trust we considered last Friday the 9th of November the recent detail of the long term (10-year plan) which will have significant impact right across the health and care sector affecting people of all ages.

The plan will have a strong emphasis on getting to a place of financial stability and demonstrating that the large-scale funding recently announced by Government will lead to improvements in NHS performance. In clinical care treatment there will be a focus on the following priorities.

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular and respiratory
- Learning disability and Autism
- Mental Health, particularly Dementia

In terms of the R, D & E there are a number of areas that Governors will need to consider, not least improved performance against defined targets, further efficiency savings or increased productivity, local care systems (including Healthcare hubs) that would provide a more seamless and joined up services via expected integration of the delivery of them.

An example of this working in Honiton is that cancer charity FORCE are now providing chemotherapy treatments at Honiton Hospital, rather than the trek in to Exeter, struggling to get transport or car parking space, treatment and then back to home, adding to the stress of treatment.

Other news

The devil is inevitably in the detail of the recent Budget where numbers quoted are significant but put in to context the £200m nationally to improve rural Broadband connectivity sounds a lot, but considering £90m was spent on CDS phase one our share is going to have to stretch a long way to speed up delivery in communities like Buckerell.

I am naturally keen to see how much of the extra £420m potholes and road damage actually filters down to the Feniton & Honiton County Division as while things are improving, we definitely need a lot more doing.

Having recently been out with social workers to see clients in their Homes and visited care Homes and Mill Water School, (now at Bicton) the extra £410m is desperately needed and again it will be seeing how much filters down to Devon

- An additional £240 million in 2018/19 and £240 million in 2019/20 for adult social care. The Budget provides a further £410 million in 2019/20 for adults and children's social care.
- £420 million for local authorities to tackle potholes, repair damaged roads and invest in keeping bridges open and safe.
- A £675 million Future High Streets Fund.
- A £84 million fund spread over five years for up to 20 local authorities to help more children to stay at home safely with their families.

Geoff asked Phil about drain repairs in Buckerell. Phil stated that unless there was any danger, they would not be a priority. He recommended using the DCC website to report issues with drains, potholes, etc. This seems to be the most effective way of communication with DCC.

Susie asked about the Communities Together funding as Phil is the architect of the scheme. His response was that those projects with the greatest support from communities would have the greatest chance of success.

Ron asked about parking at Weston on the corner up from the Otter Inn. This is in the Awliscombe Parish and it was identified that any report would need to go from Awliscombe Parish Council. It was **AGREED** that Ian should write to the Clerk at Awliscombe pointing out concerns.

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9. Councillor Susie Bond's Report

Car parking charges for the Christmas period 1.11.18 to 31.3.18 in EDDC car parks are £2 for the day and can be transferred between car parks.

Recycling continues to be a success story with over 60% of household rubbish recycled. Despite concern following recent press reports that plastics go to China for recycling, this is not the case in East Devon. Plastics are sent to Warrington to be processed into pellets for re-use. Black plastic is currently not recyclable and has to be pulled out and sent to the waste to energy plant. Separation of cardboard is currently being trialled to avoid roadside collectors having to do this. Over 9000 homes have signed up to the green waste collection since its inception in May this year.

Strategic Planning meeting on 27 November will have a report on future

housing numbers in East Devon. The report should be taking the CPRE report into consideration and I have requested the chairman that a member of CPRE be able to attend the meeting to present their report on housing numbers. I will report at the December meeting. This will have immense implications for the area within the 'Exton to Honiton arc'.

Neighbourhood Plan? Given the above report on the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting, Buckerell PC might consider undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. I am more than happy to help with this and it doesn't have to be an onerous undertaking.

It was noted by Council that building of homes is of course Brexit and Government dependent, and that there could of course be change in demand for home ownership at any time.

10. Parish Council – Ownership of land around the war memorial

The proposed sale of a property behind the War Memorial had raised the question of title to the land formerly known as "The Village Green". Following research, it transpires that in December 1977 the then Commons Commissioner directed Devon County Council to register Buckerell Parish Council as the owner of this land under s.8(3) of the Commons Registration Act 1965. Ian was asked to follow this up with DCC and, if possible, obtain hard copy evidence of title.

IT

In addition to the above Ron pointed out that after 20 years the owners of the properties behind the War Memorial would have established effective legal rights of way. Wendy made it clear that this was not and would not be an issue.

11. Appeal regarding DCC Public Rights of Way Cttee Decision of 9th Nov 2017 (Footpath Proposal No. 3)

Mr. Trevor Vanstone (a resident of Buckerell) attended the meeting to inform Council of the situation regarding an appeal by the Ramblers Association concerning the claimed existence of a footpath from East to West through the estate of Deer Park Hotel. Trevor explained the background to the claim, and the level of proof required for an appeal to be successful. Somewhat unexpectedly he had received an e-mail from the Public Rights of Way Officer (DCC) just prior to the meeting. The e-mail confirmed that the appeal had been dismissed. It seems therefore that is now a closed case.

This was noted by Council, and Wendy thanked Trevor for taking the time to appraise them of the situation.

12. Planning

There had been no planning applications since the last meeting.

13. Village Clean Up – update on progress

The clean-up had been postponed due to the movement of farm vehicles on the chosen date. It was **AGREED** to organise a clean-up even for the morning of Saturday March 30th 2019. If Councillors have any ideas for work that needs tackling on this morning then please let Wendy know. **ALL**

14. Defibrillator – Update on progress

Wendy reported starting an application to the Archdeacon for permission to site the defibrillator at the Church gate (under list B works). This would be passed on to the Churchwarden for action. **WW**

15. Portfolio Assignment for Councillors

The following portfolio assignments were agreed –

- a) Planning – Wendy and Prue
- b) Ditches and Drains – Clare and Geoff
- c) Ron – Roads
- d) Footpaths - Clare
- e) Snow Warden – Wendy

Ron asked that he be given details of the highways contact at Devon County Council. **WW**

16. Roads report

The report had been submitted, and Ian was asked to check on progress with Phil. **IT**

It was noted that the Cullompton Road had been tarred and improved significantly.

17. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

- a) Jetting at Buckerell Cross – update

Wendy had contacted Mike Brown (DCC) and he had attended the site and rodded the drain. He suggests that the drain is clear.

- b) Ditches

- i) It was **AGREED** that ditching work should now go ahead at Buckerell Cross using monies received from the Parishes Together fund for this. The Council to cover any additional money required. Geoff estimated £280 for one days work. **GW**

- ii) It was **AGREED** that a second days work would need to be carried out using Parish Council funds to address the areas identified in the report previously submitted by Clare and Geoff.

Geoff estimated that this work would take place in approximately 10 days' time.

18. Village Maintenance

Wendy noted the ongoing programme of work and invited any suggestions for things that needed attention in the village.

ALL

19. Community Together Fund – update

Ian set out the applications being pursued by Dementia Alliance in Honiton and Ottery St Mary respectively. Council was asked to support both bids as Phil had already indicated that those projects with the widest support would stand the greatest chance of a successful bid (see item 8 above).

Council **AGREED** to support both bids for funding. Proposed by Prue and seconded by Wendy.

20. Devon Community Resilience Forum – Broadclyst 22nd November 2018

It was noted that Wendy and Clare would be attending this event.

21. Matters for next Meeting (16th January 2019)

- a) Neighbourhood Plan (See item 9 above)
- b) Planters at the War Memorial (including a budget)

Dates of Future Meetings

Agreed dates for future meetings as follows:

Weds 16th January 2019 (Venue – Doug's Shed)
Weds 13th March 2019 (Venue – TBC)
Weds 22nd May 2019 (Venue – TBC)