

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th September 2019 at Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

Clare Slater – Chair (CS)
Geoff Wright – Vice Chair (GW)
Dave Bowen (DB)
Chris Jacob (CJ)
Cllr Philip Twiss – Devon County Council (PT)
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were three members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Suzie Bond, Ron Galling and Darren England.

2. Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 17th July 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2019 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed accordingly.

3 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Signed by Chris at the meeting

4. Register of Interest Form

Taken by Chris to be completed and returned to Ian.

CJ

5. Matters arising (not on agenda)

- a) Phil reported the termination of the Gigaclear contract. It is not clear at present who now owns the infrastructure that has been put in place. "Jurassic Fibre" are reported to be a possible successor company. There was discussion about Voneus as another possible broadband provider.

- b) Dave has the agreed removal of the "ICE" sign in hand.

DB

6. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary or personal interest.

7. Police Report – PCSO Darren England

The report from Darren was read out. There were no questions.

8. Public questions

There were no questions from the three members of the public.

9. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £7140.95 at 2nd September 2019 (-£247 Restricted a/c defibrillator) leaving a balance of £6893.95

- a) Payments approved (Proposed by Clare, Seconded by Dave and carried unanimously) -

Automated External Defibrillator AED (Restricted budget)	£2100
AED Annual Support costs (Restricted budget)	£198
AED Training – Hire of Hall (Restricted Budget)	£60
AED Electrical work at church (Restricted Budget)	£486
AED Support Costs (Restricted Budget)	£396
AED Cardiac Arrest response seminar (Restricted Budget)	£210
AED Installation costs – Martin Glaeser (Restricted Budget)	£240
Payment to Geoff Wright for fencing materials	£14.16
Payment to Doug Cowan – Room Hire September	£20

- b) The receipt of the part Precept payment of £1585 from EDDC was noted.

10. Councillor Philip Twiss – Report

Village survival guide

Possibly a little bit of re-inventing the wheel but I found the recently published village survival guide published by The Princes Countryside fund at <https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/research/read-vsg> a fascinating and helpful read where much of what it details our local communities are already doing in terms of community resilience and long term sustainability; a really good reference tool where one of more things might resonate in terms of improving quality of life, but clearly one size won't fit all.

R, D & E NHS Hospital Trust

The provision of healthcare is a highly complex and challenging environment this year there has been little difference for the R, D & E between winter pressures demand and any other time of year where e.g. June was a highly challenging month with what is called Operational Pressure escalation Level (OPEL) being declared on all 30 days of the month due to capacity issues.

There was high demand for emergency cardiology procedures and an increase in the number of patients in acute hospital beds waiting for transfer to psychiatric units adding to pressures on bed capacity. Due to a highly challenging environment in the domiciliary and home markets, 'Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) for patients who were 'green to go' contributed to the pressure on hospital beds.

Parking remains a major issue at the R, D & E with new dedicated Park and Ride being made available to staff at Digby, and a further one for patients and visitors at Sowton. In my view all the more reason for more treatment taking place locally in mothballed 'fit for purpose' hospital buildings. A review of the R, D & E requirements of what space is needed going forward is currently taking place and due for completion towards the end of the year.

What is certain is that demand for services is only going to go up and the new 'MyCare' and EPIC IT platform due to go live in July 2020 (currently on time) can only improve working efficiencies for everyone's benefit

Schools funding

Whilst the devil will clearly be in the detail the recent news from Government of £7bn pounds over the next three years towards the funding of schools is clearly welcome

Climate Emergency update

Devon County Council takes its responsibilities to addressing the climate

Emergency very seriously and attached is a briefing for members issue on the 2nd of September 2019 and attached for your information, where DCC is part of a much larger task force with multiple partners and stakeholders which include local authorities, Parish Councils and individuals. You may also find this link useful

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/energyandclimatechange/devon-climate-emergency> and where I also met with Doug Eltham the climate change Officer at DCC on the 5th of September to discuss the impact DCC has in terms of carbon reduction and climate change. In round figures DCC is responsible for 1% of carbon that goes in to the atmosphere using government guidelines to measure the impact of its activity. 40% of DCC's output is from School Transport and 40% from Highways activity where clearly changes to vehicles currently used with the investment required won't happen overnight and similarly there must be a balance between work on roads and carbon output where change must happen over time.

Arguably the biggest conundrum is with agricultural activity which accounts for around 40% of the total carbon output in Devon where clearly we need our Farmers to keep producing food, but perhaps need to look at different systems and types of agricultural activity, where again this is unlikely to change in the very short term

I have been asked by people as to what they can do at an individual level to make a direct and immediate impact and a really good example of where to begin is to measure your own carbon footprint by taking the WWF carbon measure at <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/> as the beginning of what you can do today to reduce it. Clearly this is intended at an individual level, rather than industrial but it really does make you think!

I am also now using a web browser called Ecosia, see <https://www.ecosia.org/> where 80% of profits are used to plant trees and as I write 67,000,000 have been planted since 2009 and this number is rising rapidly

Phil also mentioned the Police Advocacy report which will be circulated to Councillors with the minutes.

Following a question from Dave, Phil reported that a review is currently taking place into hospital beds at Honiton.

11. Councillor Susie Bond – Report

At EDDC, we are currently in the period of service plans and budget setting, and this is the first year in which there is no funding coming from Central Government, so there are significant challenges.

A great deal of work is being done by officers to address the Climate Change emergency and how we, as a Council, can reduce our carbon

footprint. The aim is to become carbon neutral by 2040 and we have linked up with Devon County Council, which has instigated the Net-Zero Task Force, led by an Exeter academic, who will deliver Devon's Carbon Plan.

12.Planning

There were no current planning applications.

13. Roads Report

- a) In Ron's absence the agenda item on "Parking at Weston" was deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- b) A question from Dave prompted a discussion about extending the 30 mph limit at the North East end of the village. This was picked up at item 17 under Councillor's portfolios, and under item 19 Matters for next meeting.

14. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

There was nothing to report.

15. Defibrillator Update

The AED had been installed. It was noted that there had been one objection to the siting of the machine. The AED will now be registered with the ambulance service.

CS

There are two training sessions for the village on 23rd September and 10th October respectively. Councillors were asked to assist with teas and coffees at these events.

ALL

It was agreed that a sign for the AED would be placed on the Council noticeboard, and it was noted that the location of the machine could be found on the internet.

16. Village Maintenance

A short report from David Wayne was read out, and Councillors asked that thanks be conveyed to him for the work carried out so far this year.

17 Councillor Portfolios

The following portfolios were agreed –

Planning – Clare and Ron

Snow Warden – Clare
Roads – Dave
Ditches, Hedgerows, Drains, etc – Geoff
Footpaths – Chris
Police Advocacy – Chris

It was agreed to attach copies of the Parish Boundaries to the minutes.

18 Feedback from Crowdfunding Presentation

Ian reported back on the crowdfunding presentation. In summary there are four pots of money available for small projects – the four sources being Devon County Council, East Devon District Council, Devon and Cornwall Police, and the public. Small projects can register on the crowdfunding website and attempt to fund their project. The Councils do liaise with each other to decide whether or not projects are worth supporting, and if so how much each should offer towards the project.

19. Matters for next meeting

- a) Parking at Weston
- b) Extending the speed limit at NE of village. Dave will speak to Phil Twiss on the subject. **DB**
- c) Tarmac around war memorial.
- d) The Council approved the repair of telephone box (Proposed by Clare and Seconded by Geoff). Ian to speak to Martin Glaeser. **IT**
- e) Clare is preparing an article for the Bugle. **CS**

16. Dates of Future Meetings

Agreed dates for future meetings as follows:

Wednesday 13th November 2019 (Venue – Doug’s Shed)

Wednesday 15th January 2020 (Venue – Doug’s Shed)

Wednesday 18th March 2020 (Venue – Doug’s Shed)

Wednesday 13th May 2020 (Venue – Doug’s Shed)