

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st April 2020

Meeting held by video conference

Those Present

Clare Slater – Chair (CS)

Geoff Wright – Vice Chair (GW)

Dave Bowen (DB)

Chris Jacob (CJ)

Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

1. Apologies

Apologies from Ron Galling.

2. Review of Parish Council actions taken since start of Covid 19 crisis

Clare outlined the process of establishing the Buckerell on Alert sub-committee (BOA). She noted that events had overtaken normal formalities due to the Parish Council meeting in the relevant week having to be cancelled. The group had made use of the local knowledge of the doctors on the committee and made a list of people in the village considered to be at high priority of needing assistance. A leaflet drop across the village had identified volunteers who could then be asked to provide appropriate help. There had been a good response.

There followed a general discussion of firms who seemed to be able to offer deliveries of food to the village. Clare noted that Tesco had been supplied with details of those people who had been identified by government as needing to stay isolated for 12 weeks due to underlying health conditions. Tesco would prioritise deliveries to those on this list.

3. Discussion of any actions proposed as crisis continues

Clare asked that the VETS arrangements for the defibrillator be included on the Parish Council website. **IT**

The annual accounts were discussed, and Ian referred to the instruction received from the external auditor PKF Littlejohn to suspend preparation of accounts until more information received from Government. Ian also mentioned that Roy Williams has agreed to carry out the internal audit of the accounts in due course.

4. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £8005.07 at 1st April 2020. It was noted that the large balance was in part due to the cancelled Parish Council meeting in March when charitable payments would have been made.

It was also noted that the first part payment of the precept for this year had been received in the sum of £1585.

a) Payments approved -

Annual affiliation to DALC (Devon Association of Local Councils) £60.98 IT

5. Other Matters

There was a discussion about how the Parish Council reaches decisions with regard to planning matters. This will be re-visited once the Covid 19 crisis is over.

Geoff asked about the letter to Mr Parks regarding the poorly maintained drainage ditches in the field opposite Westcroft. Ian said that no response had been received to his letter, and would write again once the current crisis is over. IT

6 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held by video conference on **Wednesday 29th April at 7pm.**