

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 29th April 2020
remotely by video conferencing

Those Present

Clare Slater – Chair (CS)

Geoff Wright – Vice Chair (GW)

Dave Bowen (DB)

Chris Jacob (CJ)

David Wayne (DW) – Chair of Buckerell on Alert sub-committee

Cllr Suzie Bond (SB) - East Devon District Council

Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Phil Twiss and Ron Galling

2. Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 1st April 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st April 2020 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Matters arising (not on agenda)

Ian noted that the action from the minutes of the last meeting to add a page to the website regarding the defibrillator and the VETS scheme had been completed.

4. Report from David Wayne (Chair of the Buckerell On Alert sub-committee of the Council)

David (DW) reported that 22 volunteers had originally signed up as helpers. Of these two had left as they themselves were in the vulnerable category, and one person had left due to infection.

The volunteers are carrying out help such as shopping, getting prescriptions, dog walking, etc.

In addition, David (DW) gets one or two ad-hoc calls each week requesting assistance, and David has a list of half a dozen helpers who can be called upon to respond.

There are some individuals making their own arrangements for assistance outside of the BOA network, and that is seen as a good thing.

All volunteers have been contacted in the last few days, and confirm that arrangements are working well.

To back up the work of BOA Buckerell also has the village email system, the Parish Council website, and a Facebook page at "Buckerell Buzz".

Residents are kept informed about updates on deliveries of food and drink, etc.

Things are a bit quatter at the moment, and David (DW) is intending to pull together some guidance on arrangements for shopping, such as necessary precautions for volunteers and residents.

David Bowen (DB) asked how many residents are on the 12 week isolation programme. David Wayne (DW) gave the number as 19 with BOA being in contact with 12 of these. The other 7 had all been contacted, but were happy to make their own arrangements.

Suzie asked about putting the list together, and David Wayne (DW) confirmed that it was essentially local knowledge.

Suzie mentioned deliveries of prescriptions by "Pharmacy2U" but David pointed out that some of the elderly needy did not have access to the technology, or were not able to manage the technology.

Suzie mentioned grants available through EDDC, and Councillors have been made aware of these.

There was a discussion about money for shopping by volunteers. David (DW) said that this was mostly by bank transfer. Suzie mentioned the payment card scheme now being operated by Sainsburys. Insurance cover against any financial loss was mentioned, and Ian confirmed that the insurance policy covers this for both public liability (Max £10 million) and for loss of money (£50 excess).

David (DB) asked about the number of key workers in the village. David (DW) said that this was less than 6.

David (DW) was thanked for his hard work, and at this point both he and Suzie left the meeting.

5. Public Questions

- a) An email from Jane Halse of Combehayes Farm had previously been circulated to Councillors. This was concerning the "Ice" sign at the road junction adjacent to Avenhayes Cottage. It was agreed that the sign had been placed by Devon County Council as a safeguard when the road through the village was constantly wet due to drainage problems. As the drainage works have now been completed this year, there is no longer any justification for the sign. It was agreed

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that the Clerk would write to Devon County Council requesting removal of the sign. He would also inform Jane of the outcome.

- b) Penny Mear had indicated that the quote for getting a water supply to the Church had been held up in the current crisis. The quote will eventually indicate the cost of a trench across the car park at the war memorial.

6. Payments to be approved

- a) Clerk's pay for the quarter January to March 2020 £128.78
- b) Monthly subscription for Zoom video conference programme £14.39

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Both payments were proposed by Chris and seconded by Geoff and agreed unanimously.

7. Approval of Receipts and Payments Accounts (Year End 31st March 2020)

The accounts were noted by the meeting and agreed as correct unanimously.

8. Approval of AGAR section 2 Accounting Statement 2019-20

The Accounting Statements were noted and agreed as correct unanimously.

9. Approval of Certificate of Exemption

As a body where gross income or expenditure did not exceed £25k for the year ended 31st March 2020 Buckerell Parish Council is able to declare itself exempt from Limited External Review by the external auditor.

The signing of the Certificate was endorsed unanimously by the meeting. It will now be returned to the external auditor.

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10. Matters for next meeting

- a) David Wayne to be invited to next meeting to provide an update

- b) Charities – after discussion about timing and process it was decided **ALL** that Councillors bring ideas for charitable donations to the next meeting in May.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th May at 7pm by video conference.