

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th May 2020 by video conference

Those Present

Clare Slater – Chair (CS)
Geoff Wright – Vice Chair (GW)
Dave Bowen (DB)
Chris Jacob (CJ)
Cllr Suzie Bond - East Devon District Council (SB)
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Cllr Philip Twiss – Devon County Council (PT)
Ron Galling (RG)

2. Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 29th April 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29th April 2020 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Matters arising (not on agenda)

No matters arising not on agenda

4. BOA Update – David Wayne (Chair of BOA sub-committee)

David reported little change since the last Parish Council meeting in April. There were few calls, but it was noted that the lifting of lockdown restrictions might cause some problems. This will need to be monitored.

There had been discussion with Jamie Buckley about the EDDC Community Hub and “Priority Delivery slots”. This Service can get vulnerable people signed up for deliveries from either Tesco or Iceland. This is people outside the “shielded group”. Default is over 70 and disabled - but actually anyone with a relevant pre-existing condition can apply (lungs, heart, cancer)

Phone the Hub on 01395 571500 to register for this service. If accepted you will get a code for Iceland or Tesco who will ring you to arrange a slot. You do not need to have had an account with them before.

There followed a discussion on track and trace arrangements which are due to come into force. David Bowen pointed out that some elderly will be excluded by virtue of not owning a smartphone.

5. Public questions

A question had been raised with Councillors about a site in Buckerell which has become something of an eyesore. After discussion it was agreed that as this is private property it is not a proper matter for the Parish Council to deal with. If any planning enforcement action is required, it will fall to the District Council to process. (Post meeting note – Suzie Bond offered at the meeting to make a report as District Councillor and that offer has now been accepted).

SB

6. Annual Insurance Premium – Discuss and agree terms

Councillors **AGREED** that the insurance policy meets the needs of the Parish Council. It was **AGREED** that the insurance premium should be paid at discounted rate of £166.22. This is a 3 year term.

IT

7, “Doing What Matters” – Devon County Council Highways initiative.

It was **AGREED** that Dave Bowen, Geoff Wright and Ian Tucker would meet with Mike Brown (Highways Devon) by video conference. The preferred date for the meeting is Tuesday 2nd June at 11am or 12 noon. Ian will liaise with Mike and let Councillors know the outcome.

IT

8 a). Councillor Philip Twiss – Report

Household waste recycling centre (not EDDC home collections)

This is proving something of a challenge but still working well, restricting vehicles to cars only for the first couple of weeks at least, to help with flow through the site, where there will be a one out one in system and social distancing will be adhered to. There have been long queues at times as we have all been having a good clear out, hence the advice is to please only visit if it is essential.

Please think about whether they feel the trip is essential at this time, capacity will be reduced. It may well be worth considering putting off that exciting trip to the recycling centre until things calm down a bit. There will be no resale shops open, all payments will be contactless and we will have security on the sites.

The last weekend that they were open, which was before the lockdown, the staff were subjected to abuse, including staff being coughed on to pass on the Covid-19 infection, there was no adherence to social distancing and queues on the highway were forming, we had to shut some of them then just to control the situation. DCC will have no hesitation in doing this again, the

safety of our residents and the staff at the sites is paramount.

Once we have got over the initial surge, we can then have larger vehicles and trailers on the site, but to give everyone a fair chance of accessing, the cars only restriction will be in place for a few more, unless in the unlikely event that there are no queues.

DCC Highways

Highways teams are continuing to work, but a combination of safe working practices, staff sickness and limited access to relevant equipment and supplies is severely restricting activities, which it is hoped will ramp up in coming weeks, with an anticipated and controlled lifting of some lock down restrictions. Emergency service call outs and repairs are being treated as priorities.

I managed the cycle the main routes in Gittisham, Feniton and Buckerell last week (Hembury Fort was 'fun' in strong winds!) and have noted what I think are key areas of concern for pothole action funding in 2020/21

Update from the R, D & E issued 23rd May 2020 (DCC appointed Governor)

There are now only 6 Covid-19 patients in Wonford and none in the Community hospitals. Based on the last statistics I have seen, we have had no deaths for 12+ days (it remains static at 42 in total) and have discharged a total of 170 patients who were suffering from the disease. But to keep emphasising there are likely to be further peaks and in my view most likely at least one larger one. In terms of preparedness the build works on the Nightingale continue at some speed in Exeter the R, D & E NHS Trust is pushing for extended use of the Nuffield (the current use was negotiated as part of a national contract).

The logistics and availability of PPE does appear a lot more robust which is important for when the next peak happens and progress on the availability of testing (both antigen and now antibody) has been good. The strategy both regional and countrywide for testing is positive as Devon has been chosen as one of the pioneers for the new track and trace strategy.

8 b). Councillor Susie Bond – Report

As we are still in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, work at EDDC has been devoted to supporting communities and businesses across the district.

We have started holding meetings via Zoom which have been reasonably successful as long as everyone adheres to basic rules of muting microphones and not interrupting others. So far, a planning meeting has been held, as well as a Scrutiny committee meeting where the Chief Executive updated councillors on the work of the Council through this crisis. East Devon, in partnership with other local district councils under the banner

of 'Team Devon' has been awarded Beacon Council status and will lead and share good practice regarding the development of Local Outbreak Delivery Plans. EDDC will receive a share of the £300million pot to establish the delivery plan through management of infection control, setting up tracking and tracing and local testing arrangements.

At the same time as we have been working hard to keep council services running during a time of national crisis, others have been playing politics. A group of 31 councillors (made up of LibDems, Independents and Greens) have formed an alliance and, at a meeting of full council tomorrow will seek to elect a new administration. On a personal level, our administration always had a very tenuous hold, but despite that we have been doing some great work and planning towards climate change.

9. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £7795.91 at 18th May 2020

a) Payments approved by unanimous vote-

Annual Insurance Premium	£166.22	
Ian Tucker (Website Renewal – Wordpress)	£36	IT
Ian Tucker (Zoom renewal)	14.39£	
Devon Freewheelers	£100	
Buckerell Church	£100	
Hospiscare	£100	
Buckerell Bugle	£100	

10.Charitable Donations

There was a discussion about which local charities should be supported by means of the annual charitable donations from the Parish Council. After voting it was decided and AGREED that £100 should be given to each of the following charities – 1) Freewheelers (Blood Bikes) 2) Buckerell Church 3) Hospiscare. IT

It was also noted that the Parish Council supported the production costs of the "Buckerell Bugle" and it was **AGREED** that £100 should go to them.

11. Consultations

The Devon County Council “Roadspace” consultation was noted by Council.

12. Planning

There are currently no planning applications.

13. Matters for next meeting

It was **AGREED** that David Wayne would again be asked to update the Council at the next meeting.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Buckerell Parish Council will be on **Wednesday July 22nd** by video conference at **7pm**.