

**Minutes of the meeting of Buckerell Parish Council held at Buckerell  
Church on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Those Present**

Mrs Wendy Wayne  
Mrs Kate Pratt  
Mr Stuart Bader  
Mrs Jenny Palfrey  
Heloise Marlow – Clerk  
Susie Bond – Councillor

There were three members of the public present.

**1. Apologies**

Steve Stone, Ryan Knight, Councillor Claire Wright and PC Clive Vickery

**ACTION**

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> July were agreed and signed

**3. Matters arising**

None.

**4. Police Report**

Heloise Marlow confirming that PC Vickery had emailed her to confirm that there had been no crimes committed in Buckerell recently.

**5. Public Questions**

A member of the public had two questions/issues to raise:

- a) Following the last meeting he wanted to thank the Council for their efforts as speeding in the village he feels is much improved with regards to tractors.
- b) Would it be possible to clean the War Memorial?

It was agreed that this would be done in the spring and details would be finalised in the next Parish Meeting. The recent appearance of noughts and crosses on the Memorial was discussed – the author is not known and it is hoped that the drawings will go in time. It may be possible to pressure wash them off and Wendy Wayne confirming that her husband has a pressure washer. A water supply however will need to be established.

**6. Finance**

- a) The balance at the bank is £2705.32 plus the precept just received. As Steve Stone is away Heloise does not have the latest bank statement to confirm. Heloise to prepare another letter for the bank to enable the bank statements to be sent directly to her.
- b) The following payments for approval were proposed by Wendy Wayne and seconded by Jenny Palfrey
  - i. David Wayne – Plastics Run August - £20.00
  - ii. Heloise Marlow – Clerks fees and expenses £100.00

iii. Buckerell Parish Church – Hire July and September - £30.00.

**HM**

## **7. Councillor Wright's Report**

No report submitted.

## **8. Councillor Susie Bond's Report**

Councillor Diviani is coordinating a petition against the cuts in rural funding – she asked for the Councillors present to sign this which they did. The Feniton telephone exchange is to be upgraded next year. This is being coordinated by Councillor Ian Thomas and soon green boxes will appear in the village. This should improve the service. The local plan has been submitted and returned to the Council. The Examination in Public is due early 2014. The current planning applications in Feniton are due to go to a super enquiry early 2014 and possibly unfortunately before the Examination in Public of the Local Plan. The development behind Louvigny Close is due to start next week.

## **9. Planning**

a) Proposed private gypsy and travellers caravan site – land south west of Trafalgar Bridge, Weston

Susie Bond confirming that the Gypsy Liaison Officer supports this application. East Devon District Council is behind in its target for allocated sites. It was confirmed that previously the site had been used for storage. Heloise Marlow confirming that there have been several objections to the application, most refer to access, increased traffic, flooding issues and the potential for additional caravans being sited on the site. Following discussions it was agreed that Buckerell Parish Council who have not been asked to formally comment will make no comment. If any individual councillor or resident of Buckerell wishes to comment then they can do so on an individual basis.

b) Hembury Fort House, Broadhembury

This is a new Listed Building application – details of which will be passed round to the Councillors for comment.

## **10. Roads**

Stuart Bader has spoken with Mike Brown from Highways who has confirmed that the road repairs have been identified and marked. As regards the sign at Feniton Cross, Highways cannot do very much with it due to the road and height of the hedge and passing vehicles. It is currently the right way round. The budget for Highways is getting smaller and so they will do what they can with the verges and gullies before winter.

## **11. Butts Cottage**

Following the recent appearance of the previous owner Heloise Marlow contacted EDDC who confirmed that they had a possession order and an offer to purchase. However the offer was less than the guide price set by the Court and so they have had to go back to Court to get it amended. As yet EDDC are waiting for a hearing date but hopefully the sale will go through shortly.

## **12. Trees, hedgerows and drains**

There are no current issues with trees or footpaths in Buckerell. Access across stiles has been improved due to hedgerows being cut. It was discussed whether the Council should employ someone to clear the gullies before winter – it was agreed that John Stocker would be approached and the Council would ask Steve Stone to speak with him.

**SS**

## **13. Audit**

This has been returned with one issue – is the Notice Board an asset of the Councils? If so then next year it will have to be listed on the Assets Register. Also does the Council's insurance cover any damage to the Notice Board? HM to enquire.

**HM**

## **14. Winter Service Review**

Rock salt – Susie Bond confirming that Feniton Parish Council still want some of the rock salt stored at Deer Park Farm – the Feniton Parish Council is liaising with Ron Galling with regards to collecting it – Mr Butler the Headmaster at Feniton Primary School has also expressed an interest in having some – again he has been given Ron Galling's details to contact him direct and arrange collection – there is still some left and HM will put a notice on the board reminding residents of Buckerell that if they would like some rock salt that they should collect it – once it is gone it is gone!

**HM**

## **15. Telephone Box**

The work has not yet been done – Wendy Wayne saying that she thinks there may have been some confusion as to who was buying the paint – also the side of the telephone box now needs doing in addition to the roof – it was agreed that a cost limit of £300.00 would be set – Wendy has authority to negotiate the work to that limit.

Jenny Palfrey advising that she felt the telephone box was becoming a bit of a dumping ground for old books rather than a book exchange which is what it was meant to be. A notice will be put in the telephone box to remind users and HM will look into the cost of a stamp saying Buckerell Library to enable books to be stamped and monitored.

## **16. AOB**

Kate Pratt handing in her resignation from the Council – she explained that having

been a councillor for four years she now wanted to devote her time to her family. In addition with Ryan and Stuart now on board the Parish Council would be able to continue without her resignation causing any detriment. All councillors present asked that Kate be thanked for all her hard work and commitment over the last four years. Her contribution to the Council would be missed and her resignation was accepted with regret but with thanks and full understanding.

**17. Date of next meeting -**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> November – (HM to confirm once all councillors had checked their availability )– at Buckerell Parish Church.

Meeting closed 08.50 p.m.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_