

Minutes of the meeting of Buckerell Parish Council held at Buckerell Church on Tuesday 14th April 2015

Those Present

Mrs Wendy Wayne – Vice-Chair
Mr Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford
Mr Donovan Galling
Councillor Susie Bond
PC Phillip Anning
Heloise Marlow – Clerk

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. Apologies

Councillor Claire Wright, Mr Stuart Bader, Mr Ryan Knight

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on the 24th February 2014 were agreed and signed following an amendment to item 10 as follows:

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*"The Parish Council has received a letter **from the Parochial Church Council** on behalf of Buckerell Church advising that a member of the public tripped on the tarmac around the War Memorial due to the tarmac wearing away."*

3. Matters arising

Wendy Wayne advising that having spoken to several villagers about the purchase of a hand-held grit spreader, it was clear the majority view was that this would be a waste of money and as such she has not pursued the matter further.

4. Police Report

PC Anning advising that there had been no reported crimes between 24th February 2015 and 13th April 2015. However should anyone see anything suspicious they should not hesitate to ring 101 or 999.

5. Public Questions

The issue of the partly demolished wall opposite Meadowside (the white cottage on the corner) was raised. It was agreed that the Parish Council could not repair the wall as this would then set a precedent. However Heloise Marlow confirming that she would ring EDDC to see what was happening with Meadowside as whoever subsequently takes ownership of the property should be approached to repair the wall.

Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford confirming that he has spoken to the new owners of 3 Butts Cottages. Unfortunately the property is in a much worse condition than previously thought. It is going to be a lengthy and expensive process to remedy the defects but the new owner is working on the property.

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6. Finance

- a) The balance at the bank is £3,876.51

b) The following payments for approval were unanimously agreed by the Councillors:

- i. GG Locke Ltd - £690.00
- ii. Heloise Marlow – Balance of Clerks expenses - £62.00

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7. Councillor Claire Wright's report

Heloise Marlow advising that in Councillors Wright's absence no report had been received.

8. Councillor Susie Bond's report

Local plan. SHMA (strategic housing market assessment) report is out. Report undertaken jointly by several district councils to identify the numbers of houses needed for the local plan period to 2031. Very complex set of scenarios to work out how many houses should be built and the decision came down to 950 per year for the next 18 years.

While this is a huge number of houses for East Devon to take given that two-thirds of the district is taken up with two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), it means that East Devon can currently demonstrate a 5-year land supply and that the Built-Up Area Boundaries are reinstated. Any development outside the BUABs is now against policy.

The findings of the SHMA and other minor amendments have been sent to the Planning Inspector, who is overseeing the Local Plan, for his comments. The Plan is currently out for public consultation and it's important for Buckerell Parish Council to comment if they have concerns, for example about education infrastructure etc. Consultation period runs to mid-June. Further hearing sessions with the Planning Inspector and finally the adoption of the Local Plan at the end of the year, or possibly beginning of 2016.

The current risk is that the figures will be challenged at appeal by developers and that the current house-building frenzy could stall if we drop back into recession. If houses aren't built at the current rate for the next 18 years, we could end up in the same position we have been in recently.

Headquarters relocation. Relocation to Honiton and Exmouth was passed overwhelmingly at full Council and East Devon is now set to sell the Knowle building to a developer to raise funds for the move, which is scheduled to be complete in 2017.

9. Roads report

In Stuart Bader's absence Heloise Marlow confirming that she had no roads report.

10. Trees, footpaths, hedgerows and drains

Wendy Wayne reporting that there were no current problems with the drains or flooding. It was noted that the culvert between Ancroft and Treslake had been cleared and the Parish Council wished to thank whoever was responsible.

11. AOB

Planning application 15/0814/CPE received after the Agenda had been drafted was discussed and the works were noted.

12. Date of next meeting –

The next meeting will be after the elections on the 7th May and is to be arranged.

Meeting closed 8.45 p.m.

Signed: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____