

## **BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Doug's Shed, Splatthayes, Buckerell**

#### **Those Present**

Wendy Wayne - Chair (WW)  
Prue Pinsent - Vice Chair (PP)  
Russell Powell (RP)  
Jo Gillingham (JG)  
Councillor Susie Bond (SB)  
Councillor Phil Twiss (PT)  
PCSO Phil Anning (PA)  
Richard Reeve - Clerk (RR)

There were 5 members of the public present.

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Clare Slater (CS)

#### **2. Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was proposed by RP and seconded by PP.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

- a) Ref 3b) WW had received a reply from Mike Brown at Devon Highways advising that it was unlikely that a 20mph speed limit could be introduced in the village because there was no school in the village and there were no budgets available. WW was awaiting details of how much it would cost for the parish council to fund. RR
- b) Ref 5a) RR had not yet spoken the owners of the trees involved.
- c) Ref 11) The work has now been carried out on ditches below Avenhayes, WW thanked Geoff Wright and CS for all their help in completing the project.

#### **4. Police Report**

PSCO Anning advised 2 crimes had been reported between 13<sup>th</sup> August and 10<sup>th</sup> October - criminal damage to a vehicle and an incident with a dog where a fix penalty notice had been issued to the owner by EDDC under the new Public Spaces regulations. RR advised that the crime statistics could be accessed from the National Police website [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) and looking for our area. He had done so and found another crime, PSCO Anning agreed to investigate and report back. PA

RR highlighted a web site which people could sign up to receive alerts from the police - <http://alerts.dc.police.uk>. It was agreed that details of this web site should be circulated using the village e-mail. RR

PSCO Anning highlighted the need for property owners to be careful with their outbuildings and machinery as there were gangs targeting areas nearby.

#### **5. Public Questions**

A number of questions had been raised regarding speeding and parking around The War Memorial, it was agreed that as both subjects appeared a separate items on the agenda they would be covered later in the meeting.

#### **6. Finance**

- a) RR confirmed that the balance at bank on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 was £5502.52

b) RR advised that the precept for 2108/19 would need to be agreed at the next meeting and handed councillors a detailed breakdown of this year's precept. WW asked councillors to come to the next meeting prepared to discuss next year's precept.

c) The following payments were proposed and seconded as indicated:

ALL

- i. £20.00 - Doug Cowan - use of shed for October meeting-  
Proposed -WW, Seconded - RP.
- ii. £100.00 - Doug Cowan - contribution to village BBQ - Proposed - WW, Seconded - JG.
- iii. £291.12 - C Plant Services - Digger Hire and ditch clearing-  
Proposed - RP, Seconded - JG .
- iv. £30.00 - Martin Glaeser - erection of Parking Sign - Proposed - JG , Seconded - WW .
- v. £79.41 - Patricia Craig-Macquaide - Winter Plants for Pots-  
Proposed -JG , Seconded -RP .

## **7. Councillor Twiss' Report**

- a) PT advised that the Parishes Together Fund might be ending this year and that this should be considered when setting next year's precept.
- b) PT also advise that a successor to Villages in Action has been set up, RR advised that someone from Buckerell had attended the initial meeting.
- c) He reported that a motion regarding speeding had been raised at the DCC full council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October and this was going to the DCC cabinet for consideration. In the meantime, he suggested looking at the following websites for more local solutions; [csc.roads@Devon.gov.uk](mailto:csc.roads@Devon.gov.uk) , <http://www.devon.gov.uk/speedwatch> and <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/on-the-road/speed-watch/>
- d) He advised that he would be attending the Public Rights of Way committee at County Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> November to speak in support of the council's comments on proposals 2 and 3. He asked for a briefing note from the council in advance of the meeting, it was agreed that RR would provide. He also advised that the proceeds of the meeting could be viewed on line. He suggested that it would be advisable for someone from the council to be present.
- e) PT provided an update on what had happened since the last meeting. With respect to Avenhayes, the easiest solution would be for them to contact a company like Exmoor Technology and ask them to provide a quote for a wireless solution. With respect to the properties served by the Honiton Exchange, he had held a meeting yesterday with WW, Openreach and Mark Godfrey of The Deer Park Hotel, to discuss piggybacking on to the cable they had funded as a possible solution. Laurent Boon from Openreach had agreed to meet with the Parish Council to progress the matter further. PT advised the initial discussions could take up to three months. The question of Orchard's Farm was also discussed but it is unlikely that a solution will be found before the end of 2019.
- f) PT confirmed that the beds had now gone from Honiton Hospital. He hoped that the problems with the Maternity Unit could be resolved in the near future but that one of the issues was finding enough staff to cover the unit. He also advised the he was on a Standing Committee whose purpose was to scrutinise the new Care Model to ensure it was

working. He reiterated his view that the original decision regarding the beds had not been handled correctly.

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

- a) The new recycling arrangements appear to be working after some initial hiccups. SB stressed that if any problems were experienced they should be reported to the EDDC Recycling team on 01395-571515 or go to the web site; <http://eastdevon.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/>
- b) Garden Waste - SB confirmed that this will start to be collected from the middle of next year. Suez will be providing a fortnightly service to each household that opts into the service. There will be a small annual fee for the service.
- c) SB reported that South Western Railway has embarked on a major review of the train timetable. The new timetable is to take effect in December 2018 and, according to South Western Railway, will address the concerns of the many customers who have requested more trains at peak times and more Sunday services. The consultation documentation is available at [www.southwesternrailway.com/contact-and-help/timetable-consultation](http://www.southwesternrailway.com/contact-and-help/timetable-consultation). The timetable which relates to Fenton is 'Table 160 West of England'. Comments on the proposed changes should be emailed to [timetable.feedback@swrailway.com](mailto:timetable.feedback@swrailway.com)
- d) There was a short discussion about how the Parishes Together Fund money could be used. Following the meeting it was clarified that it could still be used for ditch work providing it was to solve a flooding issue.

## **9. Planning**

- a) Summerhayes Farm 17/1459/MFUL - Agricultural Livestock building - A revised application had been received which included an underground slurry pit. As this application had been supported at the previous meeting, it was agreed that due to the stringent regulations involved with slurry pits, the council would not change its views on the application.

## **10. Parishes Together Fund**

It was agreed that as the money can still be used for ditch works that a survey be carried out on all ditches and presented at the next meeting. JG agreed to undertake the survey and would call on assistance when required, particularly regarding ownership. It is planned to make an application for funds in February.

RR

## **11. Superfast Broadband**

Whilst this subject was covered earlier in the meeting, WW asked that it be included in the minutes that the cooperation of Mark Godfrey at the Deer Park Hotel was greatly appreciated.

## **12. Roads Report**

- a) RP reported that the road up to Hembury Fort was deteriorating again and it was essential that for people to report any problems relating to roads on the DCC website <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>
- b) RR highlighted that it does work - after the last meeting he reported that the 30mph signs were covered with vegetation and within 3 working days they had been cleared.

### **13. Definitive Map Review**

RR advised he had received a letter today regarding the next stage of the review process which will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Proposals 2 and 3 will be discussed at the Public Rights of Way Committee, starting at 2.15 in the Committee Suite at County Hall, Topsham, Exeter. It was agreed that the details should be sent out via the village e-mail and included on the Parish Council's website.

RR

### **14. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and drains**

- a) CS had advised of a problem with a culvert on the road down past Avenhayes, it was agreed that councillors should report it via the website ALL
- b) The question of a Tree Warden for the parish was discussed. It was noted that the warden does not have to be a member of the Parish Council. It was agreed to send out details of the National Tree Warden Scheme via the village e-mail asking if anyone would be interested. RR
- c) WW had received details from EDDC regarding trees with protection orders within the Parish, currently there are only three which are beech trees within the grounds of The Coach House. She pointed out that it is quite difficult to obtain a protection order as these are normally only issued when there is a perceived threat. It was suggested that people with the parish should be asked to identify which trees they believed should be protected and give the reasons why. An article would be written to go in the next issue of The Bugle, on the website and be sent out via the village e-mail. WW/RR
- d) The question of the ditch outside Splatthayes was discussed as there is a dispute over its ownership. It was agreed that it would be included in the survey of all ditches which was going to be undertaken. WW would also talk to the owners of Splatthayes about the situation and try to mediate between them and DCC to find a solution. WW
- e) RR provided details regarding the responsibilities for the maintenance of stiles.

### **15. Village Maintenance**

- a) David Wayne had been continuing with the maintenance schedule, it was agreed that the schedule would be reviewed at the next meeting.
- b) RR advised that the War Memorial Pots had now been planted up with pansies, irises, daffodils and tulips, the pots under the noticeboard will be done in the near future. It was agreed last year that the area by the newly painted fence past Avenhayes would be planted up with bulbs once the ditch work had been completed. RR advised that he had a sack of bulbs to be planted in the area. JG agreed that she would carry out the planting. JG

### **16. War Memorial Parking**

WW advised that the sign had now been erected and the problems appeared to have settled down. She had been thanked by one of the owners of The Old Rectory for all the efforts made to resolve the situation. WW reported that she had received an e-mail from a resident raising concerns about the lack of consultation regarding the erection of the sign outlining the parking arrangements, worries that the sign would encourage people to park in the area and queries about the allocation of a particular parking area. The question of having designated spaces made available was also raised. WW had responded advising that letters or e-mails were sent to all affected residents, the subject had been extensively discussed at a number of previous meetings, the minutes of which were on the noticeboard, on the Parish Council's website and circulated via the Village e-mail. The ownership of the space allocated as 'Private' has been investigated and is proving costly to establish due to the

historical nature of the property and associated records. Accordingly, the sign has been amended to reflect this. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the way people park around the War Memorial, but after a brief discussion, decided the concept of having designated parking spaces allocated to residents would be too complicated to set up and maintain.

### **17. Remembrance Sunday**

WW proposed and PP seconded, having a wreath from the Parish Council laid at the service at The War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. This was agreed. WW to progress.

WW

### **18. Speeding in the Village**

A number of people have raised the issue of people speeding in the village, areas affected are down past Hillside, from the telephone box to Yew Tree Cottage, Mandolin Winds to Butts Cottages and Meadowside to Treaslake. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, it is unlikely that a 20 mph limit will be introduced and it was pointed out that people currently ignore the existing 30mph limit, therefore other options need to be looked at. It was agreed to explore a number of possibilities including;

RP

- a) New sign - "Beware Children" - RP to investigate
- b) Mobile Speed sign which could be used in conjunction with other parishes.
- c) Asking Neighbourhood Policing team to carry out random speed checks.
- d) Looking at the initiatives highlighted in Councillor Twiss' report.

### **19. Defibrillator**

WW presented details of the various options available and advised that it is recommended that there is a power source for the defibrillator. This drastically reduced the number of possible locations to three which were the telephone box, by the lychgate or the North Gate in the churchyard. Penny Mear, the churchwarden, advised the meeting that she would have to investigate a number of issues including Listed Building consent and permission from the Diocese. As the cost would be in the regions of £2000 plus Vat inclusive of a four year maintenance contract, it was suggested that the parish should be consulted before such a significant investment was made.

WW

### **24. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at **8.00 p.m.** at Doug's Shed. Please note later start time.

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Date</b>	