

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 28th March 2018
at Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

Wendy Wayne – Chair (WW)
Prue Pinsent - Vice Chair (PP)
Clare Slater (CS)
Russell Powell (RP)
Cllr Phil Twiss – County Councillor (PT)
Cllr Susie Bond – East Devon District Council (SB)
Geoff Wright (GW)
Ian Tucker – Minutes (IT)

There were 3 members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from PCSO Darren England with a short e-mailed report.

2. Parish Clerk Vacancy

WW reported that Ian Tucker had been offered the Parish Clerk post, and would start in April 2018.

3. Co-opting of new councillor

WW **proposed** that GW be co-opted as a councillor to fill the current vacancy. GW indicated that he was happy to act, and there were no objections. WW undertook to arrange for him to sign the necessary Declaration and the Register of Interests.

WW/GW

There was a short discussion about Standing Orders for the Council and it was agreed that these would be made available for Councillors.

WW/IT

4. Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 31st January 2018

These were accepted as a true record and signed by WW as **proposed** by PP and **seconded** by CS.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising other than items already on the agenda.

6. Police Report

PCSO Darren England had submitted a short e-mail report indicating that there was no crime reported in the Parish for the period from 30 January to 27 March.

WW reported that she would be contacting Darren regarding a Vehicle speedcheck for some point in the future.

WW

7. Questions from the Public

There were none.

8 Finance

- a) The balance at bank on 21st March was £3773.33.
- b) Payment of £20 to Doug Cowan for hire of the meeting room was **approved. Proposed** by CS and **seconded** by RP
- c) Payment of £20 to Martin Glaeser for the removal and disposal of the old noticeboard was **approved. Proposed** by RP and **seconded** by PP.

9. Report from Cllr Phillip Twiss DCC

- a) Drains -PT reported the re-sitting of the drain cover opposite Broadlands had been delayed due to Devon Highways confusion over the location. The repair of this defect would now be taken forward as a matter of urgency.
- b) Potholes -There was discussion about the state of some of the roads, and PT suggested compiling a “wish list” of priorities for repair that he could use. It was noted that potholes could be reported on the Devon County Council website. WW mentioned the reference number that might be of use ENQ181084454 which relates to various holes on The Lodge to Cullompton Road junction lane. Councillors and public were urged to go on the site and report the problem as increased numbers meant the problem would be escalated. However, it is thought a more drastic repair of this area was needed rather than remedial patching. PT explained the changing nature of the way in which Devon County Council worked, becoming a “facilitator” of chapter 8 trained volunteers who could make cost effective repairs at £15 a time.
- c) Highways – PT wished to comment on the fantastic response in the recent bad weather.
- d) Hospitals – reported as all going well.
- e) PT was pleased to report that in addition to his £10k locality budget he now had an additional £10k budget from the “Invest in Devon Fund”. He invited bids for capital projects, giving the examples of footpaths or kitchens in community buildings.
- f) PT reported that the Buckerell drains and ditches application to the New Homes Panel (Parishes Together Fund) had been approved. Formal

ALL

notification would follow in due course.

g) It was noted that Carillion had been one of the main contractors for the Gigaclear broadband project. This meant some slippage in their programme of work. The contractor taking over the work would be McNicholas who were rated as good by PT.

h) PT explained that he will be continuing to represent Devon County Council at Buckerell Parish Council meetings, but would in fact be working away from East Devon for some time.

10. Report from Cllr Susie Bond EDCC

a) SB reminded the meeting about signing up for the new green waste collection.

b) EDDC training re Planning Applications is available for councillors, and WW and PP noted that they would be attending. WW/PP

c) SB drew the attention of the meeting to the proposed slackening of planning law to enable and encourage more house building. There is currently a consultation and EDDC will be responding, but responses are also sought from individuals and parish councils should they wish to comment. CS agreed to speak with John Slater about the consultation in his professional experience. ALL

11. Planning

a) Jenirens Farm 17/2852/FUL

The meeting was informed that this had already been approved.

b) The Old Rectory. Old Sunday School Building 18/0237/FUL and 18/0238/LBC

The application for change to holiday accommodation had not been approved as this is a listed building. An amended application has been submitted and is on-going.

c) Deer Park Hotel 18/0385/FUL

A sub group from the Council had visited the hotel to discuss the application for a cider barn with on-site sales and reported no objections to the plan. CS

12. Village Clean Up

It was agreed that the Churchyard clean up and the village clean up should be separate events. WW would gauge interest in the village for a community day to clear verges, banks, etc. WW

13. New General Data Protection Regulations

The date for ensuring compliance is 25th May, and it was agreed that WW and IT would audit compliance by this date and report back to Council at the next meeting. WW/IT

14. Superfast Broadband

- a) PT had already reported on probable slippage in the Gigaclear programme (item 9g above). Landowners in the village had been approached by Gigaclear for wayleave arrangements.
- b) The action by WW and PP to approach BT about the possible spur from Deer Park Hotel was noted as on-going.

WW/PP

15. Roads Report

- a) Road Sign – This had not been pursued between meetings and is on-going. WW and RP will pursue.

WW/RP

16. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

It was agreed that CS and GW would work together on the issue of Ditches and Drains in future.

a) Ditch outside Splatthayes

Doug Cowan spoke to the Council about the problems caused by the ditch outside his property, and the unhelpful stance taken by Devon Highways which effectively left ownership of the ditch in question. In particular no acknowledgement had been received to Doug's latest complaint to Highways, and he was encouraged to let PT know about this, so that the matter could be expedited.

b) Permissive Path at Deer Park Hotel

The possibility of a permissive path through the hotel grounds had been raised, and CS and PP agreed to make contact with the manager at the hotel to explore this further. Penny Mear offered to join any consultative committee as a member of the public.

CS/PP

17. Village Maintenance

Two issues noted –

- a) Road signs need cleaning
- b) At the Buckerell Cross / Fenny Bridges junction the shrubs need clearing from the sign to stop it being obscured.

WW agreed to make contact by phone.

WW

18. Defibrillator Big Lottery Fund Bid / Locality Budget

A bid had been submitted for the full cost of the machine, installation and 2 training sessions. WW thanked CS for her work on the submission. The lead time for hearing a response to the bid is 12 weeks.

19. Matters for Next Meeting

- a) It was agreed to discuss a potential ditch maintenance fund at the next meeting.

b) The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 23rd May 2018. The venue will be the Church at 7pm (any changes to this will be notified prior to the meeting).

c) Proposed dates for future meetings:

Wed 23rd May 2018 AGM

Weds 11th July 2018

Weds 12th September 2018

Weds 14th November 2018

Weds 16th January 2019

Weds 13th March 2019

Weds 22nd May 2019