

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th July 2018 at Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

Wendy Wayne – Chair (WW)
Prue Pinsent - Vice Chair (PP) (Part of meeting – train delayed)
Geoff Wright (GW)
Claire Slater (CS)
Cllr Phil Twiss – County Councillor (PT) (Later part of meeting)
Cllr Susie Bond – East Devon District Council (SB) (First part of meeting)
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Russell Powell, who had also indicated his intention to resign his post due to work commitments. Wendy will write to thank him for his contribution to the work of the Council.

WW

2. Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 23rd May 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd May were agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed accordingly.

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of any personal or pecuniary interest in any of the agenda items.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting which were not on the agenda.

5. Adoption of Model Standing Orders

The Model Standing Orders were adopted by the Council in principle, with any suggestions for amendment to be passed to Wendy as Chair. The **Resolution** was **proposed** by WW and **seconded** by PP.

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6. Police Report

No report received.

7. Public Questions

There were none.

8. Finance

The balance at bank of £5454-97 was noted.

The payment of £20 to Doug Cowan for room hire for the July meeting was **Approved**. **Proposed** by CS and **Seconded** by GW.

The payment of £15 for a gift of flowers to Patricia Craig-Macquaide to acknowledge her contribution in maintaining the planters around the war memorial was **Approved**. **Proposed** by CS and **Seconded** by GW. (Patricia had notified the Council that she would be arranging the planters in October, and then handing over to whoever the Council identified to continue this work. WW agreed to ask for a volunteer by village e-mail) WW

The payment of £30 to the Devon Association of Local Councils for the New Clerk's Course attended by IT was **Approved**. **Proposed** by CS and **Seconded** by GW.

The payment of £293-31 salary to the Clerk in respect of the quarter April 2018 to June 2018 was **Approved**. **Proposed** by CS and **Seconded** by GW.

9. Councillor Phillip Twiss - Report

Phil's report follows –

“As we approach the ‘end of term’ at DCC and the fast approaching summer break there is plenty of activity on the meetings front at County Hall, where I hope to be able to catch up on any backlog in August.

I have been asked to take on a role at DCC by the Leader of the Council that will act as liaison between the Adult Health Scrutiny committee, the CCG, NHS, the DCC cabinet and the commissioning part of DCC, additionally sitting on the Council of Governors of the R,D & E Hospital Trust as the DCC appointed representative.

The role is ‘Scrutiny in a Commissioning Council’ and my work is how to get a more effective and seamless way of working together and understanding how this can work more effectively than currently to benefit residents.

I recently attended an update meeting with the Director of Strategy at the local CCG and the Head of Commissioning and health at DCC to

reflect on the experience of partnership working through the STP in the last two years and an early view on discussions with DCC members at all levels on how this might shape thinking for the future. I attach an update to the STP which members will find of interest in respect of local healthcare services.

Among many topics discussed I asked about rumours concerning hospital closures which Dr Manton, CCG Director of strategy categorically confirmed was not the case for Honiton (and others). There is clearly confusion, certainly on my part at least, about two quite separate pieces of work with the NHS Estate where funding bids relating to buildings has to be with Government by the end of July and the overall Estates strategy which looks at what space they have, what is needed for future service delay etc quite distinct.

I was critical of how this information was not being communicated to the outside world effectively and Dr Manton admitted that the Communications they have might be better! I am meeting with her and the Head of DCC commissioning towards the end of this month to pursue this further.

Roads & Bridges

Repair work undertaken by Skanska on behalf of DCC is finally having positive effect with repairs looking likely to last longer than previously using varying types of repair systems and surfacing materials.

I attended a meeting last Friday with Meg Booth, Head of DCC highways who I have asked to prepare a paper that I can forward to local Councils on the variety of suppliers and systems of repair DCC have to maintain roads where Skanska at approximately 40% of the total spend is not the only provider and one size definitely does not fit all in this rather 'dark art'! I will send on this document when it is to hand

Collapsed drain

You may recall a Buckerell resident raised the issue of a collapsed drain outside his home at the last meeting of the PC and I then undertook a site visit with him to get the 'lay of the land'. I have since discussed this with the local DCC Neighbourhood highways Officer who is investigating further as to why the clearance of the drain has not worked, where the resident is pretty clear this is because the drain has collapsed

Other information

Devon County, West and Teignbridge District Councils, Exeter City Council and the Police, are all working with Crowdfunder, to build opportunities for community groups to bid for finance to help local

projects get off the ground.

The pilot partnership will be called CrowdFund Devon.

Crowdfunding is a way of raising money from people who are happy to donate it to good causes, or it's given in return for some sort of reward later on. It's an idea that has grown in popularity each year, along with other alternative ways of raising cash.

Collectively, Devon's councils already give thousands of pounds each year to support community groups and to help kick-start local projects that make a positive difference for residents. The CrowdFund Devon pilot partnership will enable the County Council, West, Teignbridge and Exeter City Councils and the Police, to explore crowdfunding as an alternative way to support communities and to see if bringing together their funds with those of the public and other funders will make a greater impact; making the things that matter locally a reality for more communities.

Crowdfund Devon is set to launch this month, July 2018, with an event at County Hall, Exeter on Thursday 12 July to which community groups and interested members of the public are invited to find out more about how the crowdfunding scheme will work.

I think this is something to file away for the time being for possible future use."

There were no questions for Phil at the end of his report, but there was some discussion about content –

- a) It was noted that recruitment and retention in the NHS remained a huge problem.
- b) Some increased funding for camera work on road problems was noted.
- c) It was agreed that the Clerk would mail PT with a list of road related issues such as lifted covers, and drains requiring jetting.(CS and GW will compile the list as at agenda item 16)

CS/GW

10. Councillor Susie Bond - Report

Susie informed the meeting about two consultations currently in progress –

- a) EDDC Planning – Community Involvement
- b) DCC – Mobile Library

Links to the consultations would be provided with the minutes of the

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meeting.

Susie also noted the trialling of a separate roadside recycling container for cardboard. There will be further information on this in due course.

11. Planning

It was noted that there are two planning applications awaiting a decision. Some difficulty with using the consultee part of the EDDC planning database was noted. Comments that had been made had not appeared on the system.

12. Superfast Broadband Update

WW reported speaking to the Delivery Manager about using some of the spoil on mud verges down by the sewage farm. This now needs to be chased up.

WW

WW also reported that Gigaclear had offered to recompense the Council for bulbs which had been dug up around road signs.

There are still some on-going issues and concerns following the Gigaclear works, and WW will be in contact with them to suggest a site meeting. CS and GW indicated their willingness to attend any such meeting.

WW

13. Consultation on Polling Station

This consultation had closed on 6th July, but the Clerk was requested to check the final outcome to ensure that Doug's Shed remained the location for the Buckerell polling station.

IT

14. "Silent Soldier"

After discussion it was agreed that as a tribute to Buckerell inhabitants who gave their lives in the WW1 conflict the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council would share the cost of the "Silent Soldier" memorial. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would make a contribution not to exceed £150. **Proposed** by WW and **Seconded** by CS. WW will liaise with the Churchwarden.

WW

15. Village Clean Up

After discussion about the best time to do this, a date of 29th September was **agreed**. Residents will be invited by village e-mail to

assist in clearing verges, and clearing any overhanging branches, etc. WW

16. Roads Report

PT had indicated in his report that he would be happy to receive a list of any issues with roads. CS and GW agreed to compile a list and forward it to the Clerk. CS/GW

17. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

CS will pursue the matter of a possible permissive footpath with Deer Park Hotel in September. CS

18. Village Maintenance

The current schedule of work for maintenance was presented to the meeting. It was noted that this included strimming and road sign clearance, as well as clearance around stiles.

It was noted that the Cullompton junction from Buckerell needs tidying to ensure good visibility.

19. Defibrillator – Big Lottery Funding Bid

CS reported that the Big Lottery had been in touch to clarify one issue, and a final decision is still awaited.

20. Matters for next meeting

- a) PP suggested that a mirror for drivers exiting Orchard Lane would be useful, and will speak to the land owner to explore the possibility. PP
- b) The ditches survey will be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council in September. IT

Dates of Future Meetings

Agreed dates for future meetings as follows:

Weds 12th September 2018 (Venue – Doug's Shed)
Weds 14th November 2018 (Venue – Doug's Shed)
Weds 16th January 2019 (Venue – Doug's Shed)
Weds 13th March 2019 (Venue – TBC)
Weds 22nd May 2019 (Venue – TBC)