

## BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at  
Doug's Shed Splatthayes

### **Those Present**

Wendy Wayne – Chair (Agenda Items 1 to 6) (WW)  
Prue Pinsent - Vice Chair (Agenda Items 1 to 6) (PP)  
Clare Slater – Chair (Agenda Items 7 – 20) (CS)  
Geoff Wright – Vice Chair (Agenda Items 7 – 20) (GW)  
Ron Galling (RG)  
Cllr Philip Twiss – Devon County Council (PT)  
Dave Bowen (DB) (Co-opted to the Council at Agenda Item 6)  
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were two members of the public present following the co-option of Mr Bowen. (Penny Mear had indicated that she would not be able to attend this meeting and asked that her apologies were noted).

(Note – the agenda was taken out of sequence to allow the meeting to be quorate throughout. Items 4-6 were considered at the start of the meeting, then Items 1-3, and lastly Items 7-20. Wendy and Prue resigned from post following Item 3)

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr Susie Bond – East Devon District Council (SB)

### **2. Election of Officers**

- a) Clare was **proposed** as Chairman by Wendy and **seconded** by Ron. She was duly elected with a unanimous show of hands.
- b) Geoff was **proposed** as Vice Chairman by Wendy and **seconded** by Prue. He was duly elected by a unanimous show of hands.

The Clerk will now arrange for bank signatories to be updated.

IT

### **3. Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

Councillors signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office which will be held by the Clerk.

### **4. Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting Held 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting and signed accordingly.

## **5. Declarations of interest**

Geoff indicated his personal interest in Item 7 on the agenda.

## **6. Matters arising (not on agenda)**

a) Co-option of Mr David Bowen

Mr David Bowen indicated his willingness to serve as a Parish Councillor and was duly co-opted. **Proposed** by Wendy and **Seconded** by Geoff.

**Approved** by a unanimous show of hands.

a) Grit Bin - update

The grit bin had been ordered, but had not yet been delivered. Clerk agreed to chase the order, and Geoff and Dave kindly agreed to install the bin when it arrived. It was noted that any monies not used would need to be returned.

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GW  
DB

b) Meeting with Police and Crime Commissioner – update

This will not now take place.

c) Village Clean Up - review

This was noted to be a great event, and Clare was thanked for organising it. The cost of flyers was noted to be £1-99 due to Roy Williams. This not to be paid immediately but added to any future printing costs.

d) ICE signs in village – update

This is an on-going issue. Councillor Twiss agreed to follow up.

PT

## **7. Correspondence Received**

Correspondence had been received from Mr Philip Callard, but following advice from the Clerk the Chairman ruled that it was not a matter for the Parish Council. The Clerk will write to Mr Callard and suggest that this is proper to Devon County Council, and that Councillor Twiss may be able to assist in ensuring that Mr Callard gets in touch with the right department.

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PT

## **8. Police Report – PCSO Darren England**



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**Crimes Recorded - 01/04/2019 to 30/04/2019 - KH2N**

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/04/2019 to 30/04/2019	Recorded Crime 01/04/2018 to 30/04/2018
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<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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#### Incidents Recorded - 01/04/2019 to 30/04/2019 - KH2N

Incident Closing Category	Incidents 01/04/2019 to 30/04/2019	Incidents 01/04/2018 to 30/04/2018
Public Safety	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

#### 9. Public questions

There were no questions from the public.

## **10.Finance and Governance (AGAR):**

The Clerk presented the audited Annual Accounts and Annual Governance and Accountability Return. This was **Approved** and signed off by the Chairman. The return will now be displayed on the noticeboard and website. IT

## **11. Finance and Governance**

Balance at bank £9905.38 as at 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019 (-£3697 Restricted a/c defibrillator) leaving a balance of £6208.38

Payments approved -

Doug Cowan. Meeting room hire May 2019	£20.00	
Clerk – Pay from January to March 2019	£198.09	
Devon Association of Local Councils	£60.95	IT
Insurance Renewal (including defibrillator)	£184.17	
Ian Tucker – Website Renewal	£36.00	
Ian Tucker – Reimbursement for leaving gift of flowers	£25	

All the above payments were approved and **AGREED. Proposed** by Clare and seconded by Geoff.

## **12. Councillor Philip Twiss – Report**

Phil congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair, before referencing his previously submitted report below –

Cllr Stuart Hughes the DCC Portfolio holder for Highways has kindly prepared the report below for me, where the link to capital works projects is particularly useful in terms of questions you may be asked.

### Works Programmes

I am sure you read the capital and revenue highways reports, last month with interest. The additional capital funding from government is most welcome and is allowing a far greater programme than normal. Locations of

most of the various capital works coming up this year can be found at  
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/activeschemes-map/>

There are still some gaps where the works have yet to be confirmed, but at least it gives you an idea of the detail, particularly patching, drainage and footway sites.

### Doing What Matters - potholes

The Doing What Matters work continues in highways. You will have read the Scrutiny report regarding the work that is progressing on potholes, but if not here is the link.

<https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/documents/s24553/Maintenance%20for%20Communities.pdf>

The trial has now expanded and is covering most of the County, although some of the inspectors are still in the training and learning stage. Work has also progressed on the live reporting of pothole data, and this can be found at

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiNzg2ZDBkYmltYWM0MC00OTA3LWFN2ItODAxYTQ2NGQxNmViliwidCI6IjhkYTEzNzgzLWNiNjgtNDQzZi1iYjRiLTk5N2Y3N2ZkNWJmYilsImMiOjh9>

The link to the Pothole repair data shows the work that has been completed and the scheduled work that is coming up in the various areas, and it is this data that helps Skanska plan the number of gangs needed in the coming weeks. The reporting is updated automatically overnight, and can be filtered down to electoral division. PIP stands for the public information portal (publicly reported potholes).

### Public Health

The Director of Public Health has a statutory duty to write an annual report. This enables the Director of Public Health to make an independent judgement about the state of health of the local population and ensures that the report will be published and in the public domain. Attached to this report is a copy of the 2018-19 report where this time is the mental health and wellbeing of the population.

The key recommendations from the report are as set out below.

- Communities in Devon to adopt a positive approach to mental health, recognising how common mental health issues are among the population.
- Promotion of mental health and wellbeing in schools and educational settings.
- Wider recognition of, and action to address, the inequality that exists for people with serious mental health issues in terms of physical health, employment and housing.
- Recognition of, and action to address the mental ill-health risks associated with poverty, poor housing and lack of decent employment.
- Ensuring that a ‘Health in all policies’ approach embraces mental health as well as physical health.
- Action to prevent, recognise and treat the symptoms of trauma (including as a result of adverse childhood experiences) to prevent inappropriate and/or ineffective use of resources, whether they be health, social care or criminal justice.
- Sufficient expert support available within community settings to complement national and local developments in home-based and community-based care.
- Recognition of the importance of formal and informal caring responsibilities at all ages and information and practical support for carers, particularly in the light of the potential impact of caring on carers’ own mental health and wellbeing.
- Implementation of the recommendations of the fifth annual MBRRACE-UK ('Mothers and Babies: Reducing Risk through Audits and Confidential Enquiries') report, particularly those concerning maternal mental health and women from vulnerable groups.
- The Devon Health and Wellbeing Board continues to have mental health as one of its top priorities and to work, as a partnership, to achieve both measurable improvements in outcomes and also improvement in local authority comparator group rankings over the next five years.

## R, D & E

The Care Quality Commission carried out a routine announced inspection at the RD&E carried out in January and February this year. The Hospital has retained an overall CQC rating of '**Good**'. As the DCC appointed R,D & E

Governor I think this is a fantastic achievement and reflects well on the quality of the services provided to people and communities in East Devon considering increased pressures on the NHS as a whole.

The report notes areas where there could be improvements but overall this is a tremendous result and a tribute to the hard work and dedication of every member of the RD&E team across all four corners of the Trust.

Some of the highlights in the report include:

- Renal services achieved an Outstanding rating on its first ever inspection. In other areas that were inspected for the first time we also did well:
  - Community Health Services (first inspection since RD&E started managing the services in 2016) – Good
  - Community Adults and Inpatients – Good
  - Honiton Hospital Minor Injuries Unit (first inspection since RD&E started managing the unit in 2016) – Good**
  - Castle Place GP Practice, Tiverton (first inspection since the practice joined the RD&E in 2018) – Good
  - Use of Resources (first inspection under the new inspection regime) – Good
- Outpatients and Mardon Neuro-rehabilitation Centre were two areas that were re-inspected and they moved from Requires Improvement ratings in 2015 to Good thanks to the excellence of care, leadership and commitment of staff. In all the areas re-inspected, the CQC team rated these higher than in 2015:
  - Medicine – Good (although rated overall as Good in 2015, improvement in the safety domain from Requires Improvement in 2015 to Good now).

Community End of Life Care was one of the areas inspected for the first time under RD&E management and this was rated as Requires Improvement.

The CQC inspected the following services: Medicine; Renal; Outpatients; Community Health Services for Adults, Inpatients and End of Life Care; Urgent and Emergency Care; **Honiton Hospital Minor Injuries Unit**; Castle Place GP Practice in Tiverton; and Mardon Neuro-Rehabilitation Centre. Surgery.

## **Beavers**

The DCC Feniton & Honiton Division covers part of the River Otter catchment, where the River Otter Beaver Trail, led by the Devon Wildlife Trust, is now in its fifth and final year. Here is a brief update.

- The beavers are currently thriving, with this winter's survey having identified activity hotspots throughout the river, with at least 7 or 8 family groups present.
- The well-established presence of these beavers in various locations has enabled a significant programme of scientific monitoring to be undertaken through the University of Exeter and others. The results of this will be written-up as a full research report later this year.
- This beaver activity has given rise to some localised issues (i.e. a few cases of trees being damaged in gardens, plus one or two spots where dams have created waterlogging in adjoining fields) but, in virtually every case, the Project Team has ensured that such issues have been quickly dealt with.

The Trial is due to end next spring. Preparations are now well advanced for providing the required information to Defra to enable a government decision to be reached on whether the beavers will be allowed to remain on the River. Critically, this includes a Beaver Management Strategy Framework, which outlines a series of principles and recommended approaches which should be adopted if the beavers are to remain. The intention is to ensure a managed approach to balancing the societal benefits and the localised problems, which will result from the presence of this species within the catchment.

Phil also mentioned that his Locality Budget of £10k is now open for business.

Dave asked about Gigaclear snagging works, and Phil stated that all work is halted at the moment. Areas where the fibre is already in place, including Buckerell, will eventually be finished, but there is no timescale for this at present.

Clare asked about areas of Buckerell road requiring concrete gullies, and Phil referred to the capital projects programme highlighted in his report.

## **13. Councillor Susie Bond – Report**

I do apologise for my absence on Wednesday evening, but we are in the midst of a programme of training at EDDC which clashes with Buckerell's meeting.

Here's my report:

Following the elections on 2 May, there will be wholesale change at EDDC. The results are:

Independent Group – 20

Conservative Group – 19

Independent East Devon Alliance – 11

LibDems – 8

Green Party – 2

There are 26 new councillors (out of a total of 60), so we have embarked on an extensive training and mentoring process to get everyone up to speed.

Talks are under way between the groups to form an administration ahead of full Council on 22 May.

## **14. Planning**

- a) 19/0388/LBC – Deer Park Hotel

It was noted that the original application had been revised, and details circulated to Councillors. No further comments had been made on this revision.

## **15. Roads Report - Update**

Ron stated that there was nothing regarding Roads to report.

## **16. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains**

- a) Gully clearing outside Avenhayes – an update

A temporary repair has been attempted, but this is an on-going issue which may take up to two years to be finally completed.

- b) Ditch opposite Westcroft – an update

It was noted that Devon Highways had responded to a request by Phil, and suggested that there was no problem. A picture of the road in flood may help to change minds, but in the interim Ron agreed to check with the Land Registry to see who in fact owns the field.

RG

## **17. Village Maintenance**

An invitation to tender for the maintenance work around the village had been displayed on the noticeboard and on the website. There had been no response.

## **18. Defibrillator Update**

A faculty had now been approved, and an order was about to be placed. Clare suggested a small working group now take this project forward consisting of Clare, Wendy and Ian. This was agreed.

**CS**

## **19. Dates of Future Meetings**

Agreed dates for future meetings as follows:

Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (Venue – Doug's Shed)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Venue – Doug's Shed)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (Venue – Doug's Shed)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (Venue – Doug's Shed)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (Venue – Doug's Shed)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (Venue – Doug's Shed)

## **20. Matters for Next Meeting**

- a) Update on Gigaclear from Connecting Devon and Somerset
- b) Tarmac around War Memorial