

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th July 2021 at
Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

Clare Slater – Chair (CS)
Geoff Wright – Vice Chair (GW)
Helen Howard (HH)
Kindy Mann (KM)
Cllr Philip Twiss – Devon County Council (PT)
Cllr. Alasdair Bruce- East Devon District Council (AB)
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were 4 members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Sandra Money (councillor) and Penny Mear (member of the public)

2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 5th May 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Matters arising (not on agenda)

There were none.

4. Declarations of interest

Clare declared an interest in the payment for summer planting around the war memorial.

Geoff declared an interest in planning application 21/1619/FUL as the applicant is his niece.

5. Public questions

Dave and Delma Bowen attended for item 10 a) on the agenda.

John Stocker attended for item 10 a) on the agenda.

Jo Knight attended for item 9 c) on the agenda

6. Finance

Balance at bank £7284.88 at 1st July 2021.

a) Payments approved -

Clare Slater – summer planting around war memorial.	£91.80	IT
'Proposed by Helen and Seconded by Geoff.'		
Ian Tucker – Clerk's quarterly payment for April to June 2021. Proposed by Clare and seconded by Helen.	£94.18	
Steve Triner – purchase of brushcutter for village maintenance. (Payment approved by email).	£129.99	IT
Steve Triner – Final invoice for 6 hours painting of phone box (Payment previously approved)	£108	
Annual insurance policy renewal for the Parish Council (Approved by email)	£163.26	

- b) Correspondence had been received seeking a financial contribution from the Parish Council towards the "Buckerell Festival" to take place at the end of August and beginning of September. Following discussion it was **AGREED** unanimously that the Council would pay £300 towards the cost of a musician for the week of the Festival, and would also pay for the cost of hire of the Shed for the Buckerell's Got Talent evening.

Phil commented that the events seemed important post covid community activities, and that he would be prepared to underwrite any unexpected minor expenditure from his locality budget.

- c) The donations previously made to TRIP, Hospiscare and Honiton Food Bank were noted by Council.

7. Councillor Philip Twiss – Report

Vaccination Programme

As we approach the 19th of July and the further lifting of restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic I thought that an update on the progress of the vaccination rollout would be helpful to members and whilst we are nowhere near out of the woods just yet as the school holidays are rapidly approaching, bringing with them the anticipated very large influx of visitors and lime all of us I hope that every day brings us closer to a more normal state of affairs for the majority of our population and learning to live with the virus.

- The vaccination programme across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay continues make progress with all adults now being offered the

vaccine. To date over 1.5M doses have been given across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay with 679,000 people having received their second dose. The local NHS delivered the 'Grab a jab' weekend in late June enabling all adult to make walk-in appointments; plans are being developed to repeat this over the summer. There was also a walk-in clinic at the recent Devon County show and DCC Staff were offering lateral flow tests to show visitors.

- Proof of vaccination can now be demonstrated using the NHS COVID Pass service where you can view and share your COVID Pass for event trials and travel abroad.
- Following a central government public consultation, from October 2021 [people working in CQC-registered care homes must have two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine](#), unless they have a medical exemption. It will apply to all workers employed directly by the care home or care home provider, those employed by an agency, volunteers and those coming into care homes to do other work, for example healthcare workers, tradespeople, hairdressers and beauticians, and CQC inspectors. A further consultation will be launched on whether to extend this new requirement to other health and social care settings.

Roads & Footways

Following a recent meeting with DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer I am getting my budget bids in early for 2021/22 where finances are likely to be put under more pressure than usual.

For 2021/22 there will be resurfacing between Buckerell Village Cross and Splatts and a jointly funded project to resurface from Summerhayes Farm to Awliscombe to undertake patching and then re-surfacing.

In 2022/23 Buckerell to Curscombe Cross in Feniton is subject to a resurfacing bid, together with Cabbage Lane.

Despite writing to the owner of land at Crosshills Farm relating to regular flooding on to the Highway I regret I have made no progress on that front but will meet with the County solicitor to see if anything else can be done.

Superfast Broadband

As the digital megabit age is finally reaching our rural areas, (albeit not fast enough in too many cases) it highlights the importance of addressing the challenges our small rural businesses face in gearing up for the opportunities this will bring. The attached recently published paper is a very interesting read on how they might compete with larger, better resourced organisations

Questions were then raised by members of the public about moving the speed limit from it's current position just before Splatthayes to much further up the hill beyond Summerhayes. It was agreed that a site meeting would be the best way to take this forward, and Phil will arrange a date when he

and all interested parties can meet to discuss this issue.

8. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report

Alasdair introduced himself as an experienced councillor. He paid tribute to the handover from Susie Bond, and spoke of the legacy that she has left behind. (Council **AGREED** to send some flowers to Susie as thanks for her support).

CS

9. Planning

- a) 21/0039/FUL Sunningdale – Council noted that the decision from EDDC is expected on 15th July.
- b) 21/1619/FUL Land at Sowton Farm (Temporary dwelling) Clare reported the site visit made and Council **AGREED** unanimously to support the application for agricultural use only.
- c) 21/1654/VAR The Workshops DPF It was noted by Council that this application did not appear to be in accordance with the original plan which was passed with conditions. In particular mention in the plan for use of unit as a gym is contrary to condition 4 as set out in original application which states that units created shall only be used for B1 and/or B8 purposes. Members of the public also expressed concerns about hours of use, noise levels and amount of traffic. Council **AGREED** unanimously **NOT** to support the application.
- d) 21/1490/VAR Sowton Farm (Change of condition to allow use as holiday accommodation and annexe) Council **AGREED** unanimously that there were no comments that they wished to make about the application.
- e) The protocol for dealing with planning applications was endorsed by all and **AGREED** unanimously.

10. Roads Report

This item had been covered in the report by Cllr Twiss at item 7.

11. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

- a) The provision of a new gate on the footpath between Glebe Farmhouse and Splatthayes was noted. This had previously been reported by the Parish Council.
- b) It was **AGREED** that the war memorial needed professional attention

- and that the Clerk would obtain three quotes for cleaning it. IT
- c) Clare would ask Laurence Wayne to quote for the sanding and varnishing of the bench by the war memorial. CS

12. Climate Emergency Plan

Deferred till next meeting.

13. Code of Conduct

The Buckerell Parish Council Code of Conduct was unanimously **AGREED** and accepted by all councillors.

14. Village Maintenance

- a) The Clerk was asked to speak to Steve about the importance of PPE when engaged on Council work. IT
- b) Council **AGREED** not to enter into a formal contract with whoever takes on village maintenance work.

15. Clerk – Appraisal

Clare and Geoff will agree a time in August for an annual appraisal review with Ian. CS
GW

16. Matters for next meeting

- a) Climate Emergency Plan

16. Dates of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday September 15th (Doug's Shed)**.